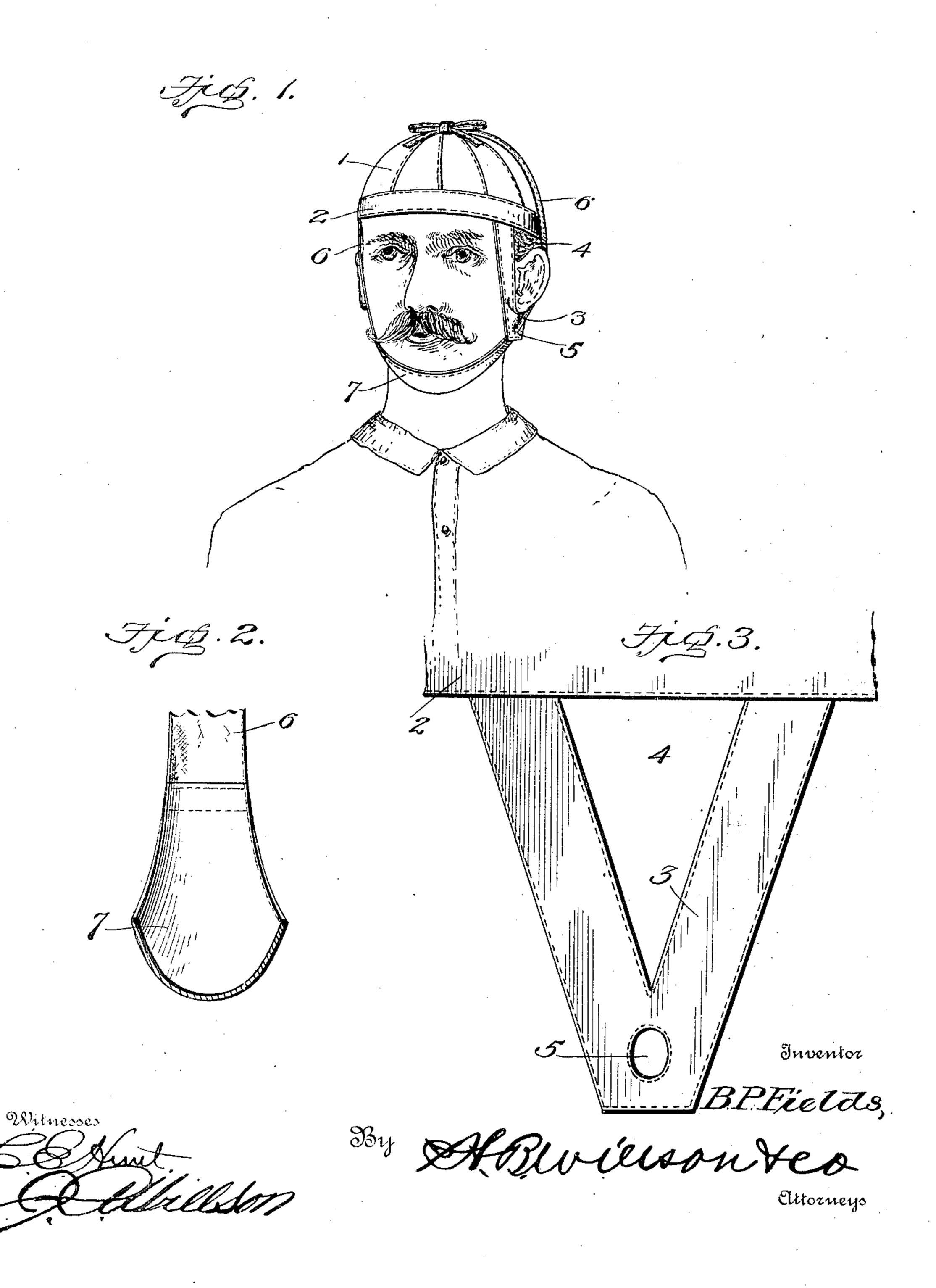
## B. P. FIELDS. HEAD BANDAGE.

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## HEAD-BANDAGE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Bettle Plummer Fields, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mason, in the county of Tipton and State of Tennessee, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Head-Bandages; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The invention relates to improvements in

head-bandages.

The object of the invention is, primarily, to provide a head-bandage which will break the wearer of the disagreeable habit of snoring, and thereby assist in curing the several diseases claimed to be caused by snoring.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 illustrates the invention in use. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view through the chin-piece, and Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the cheek-

piece.

In the drawings, 1 denotes the head-bandage, which may be of any well-known or approved construction, shown in the present instance as a skull-cap; and it preferably consists of a piece of thin muslin having a band or hem 2 at its lower edge. Secured to this band or hem at diametrically opposite points are two cheek-pieces 3, having large openings 4 for the protrusion of the ears, and at the ends of the said cheek-pieces are

40 small openings 5 to receive the strings 6 of a chin-piece 7.

In use the head-bandage, which is in the form of a cap, is put upon the head with the ears projecting through the large openings in the cheek-pieces. The chin-piece is placed

under the chin and the strings at the ends of the chin-pieces are passed through the openings at the lower ends of the cheek-pieces and then drawn tightly around the head and tied. The strings should be drawn so tight 50 as to hold the lower jaw against movement, so that when the mouth is closed the string is so tightly tied that it will be impossible for the wearer to breathe through the mouth, thus preventing snoring.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, mode of operation, and advantages of my invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended 60

explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and details of construction may be made within the scope of the invention without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of 65 the advantages thereof.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Pat-

ent, is—

1. A cap provided with cheek-pieces hav- 70 ing ear - openings, in combination with a chin-piece, and strings connected to the ends of the chin-piece and having a sliding engagement with the cheek-pieces and adapted to be tied across the head of the wearer, sub- 75 stantially as set forth.

2. A cap having cheek - pieces provided with ear-openings and string-openings, and a chin-piece provided with strings adapted to pass through the string-openings in said 80 cheek-pieces and to be tied about the head of the wearer for the purpose of holding up the lower jaw, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing wit- 85

nesses.

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