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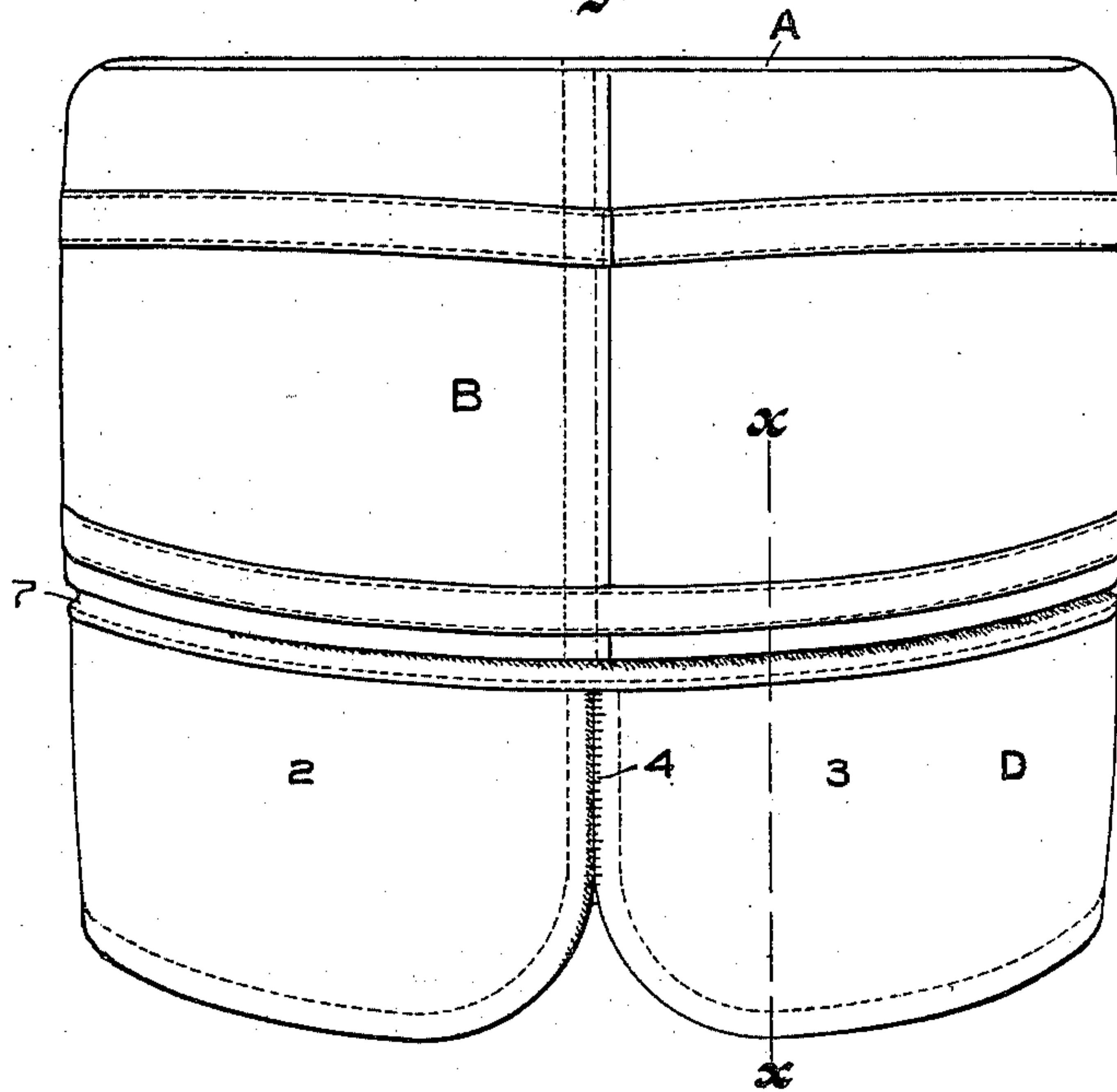
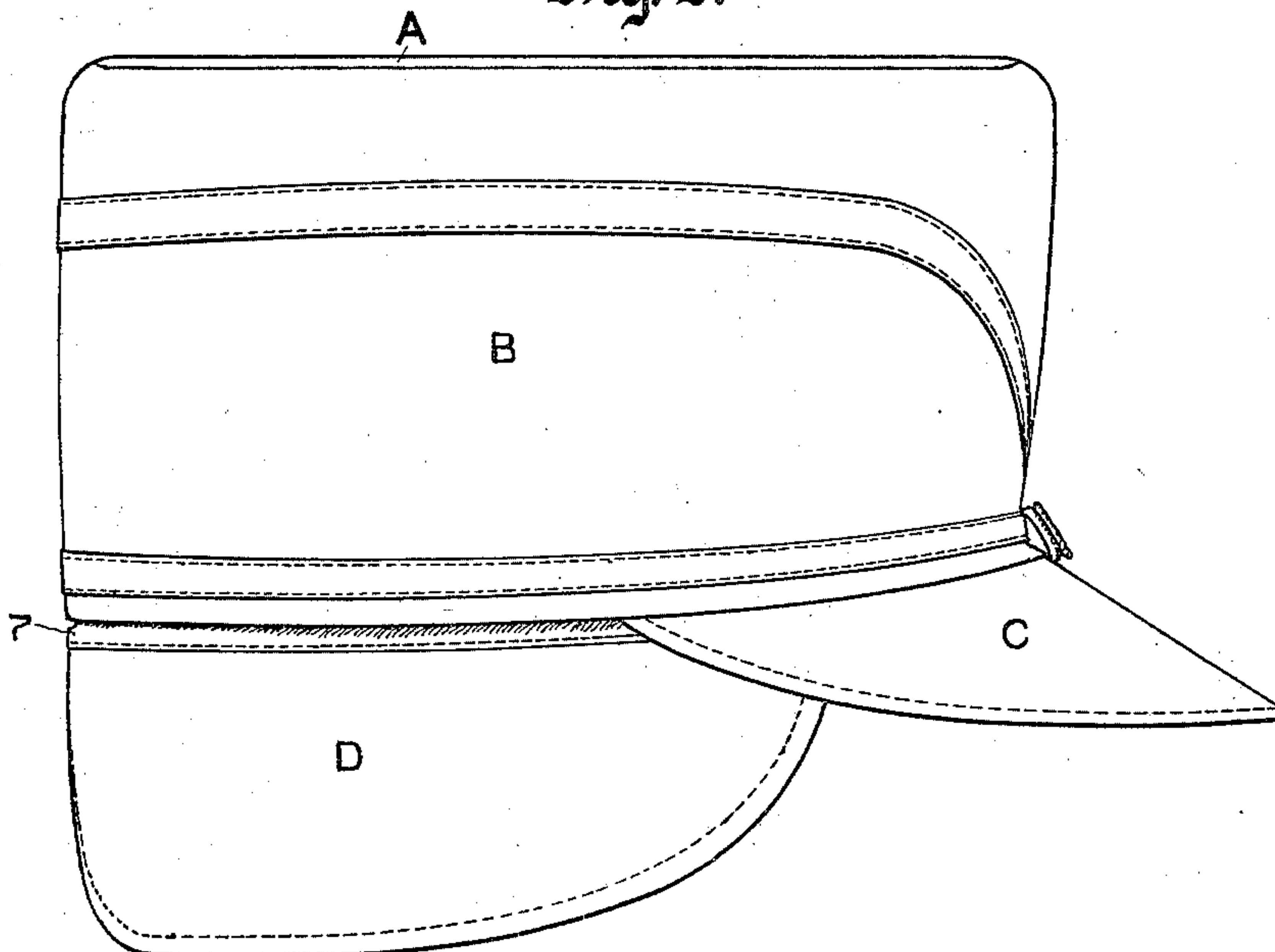


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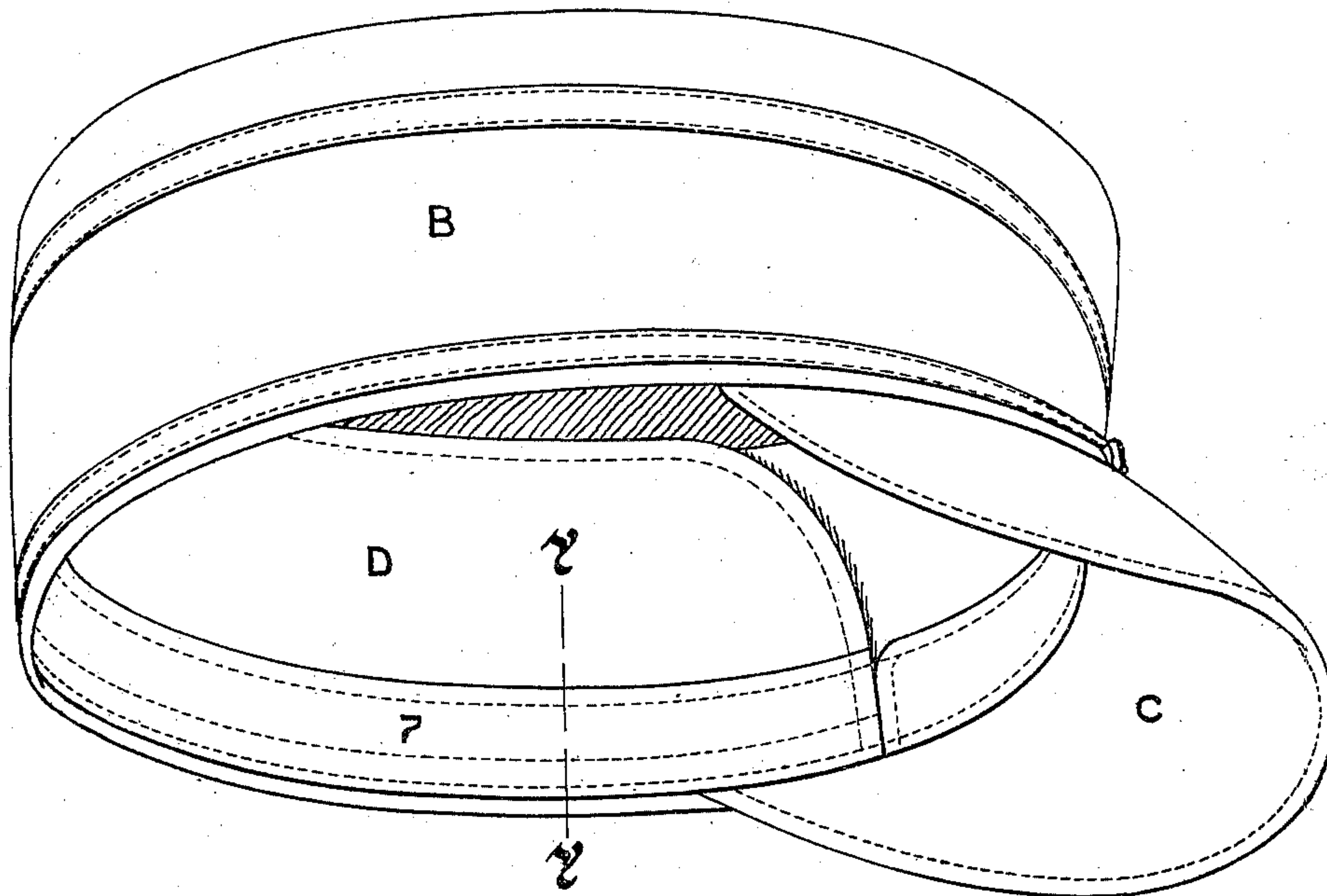


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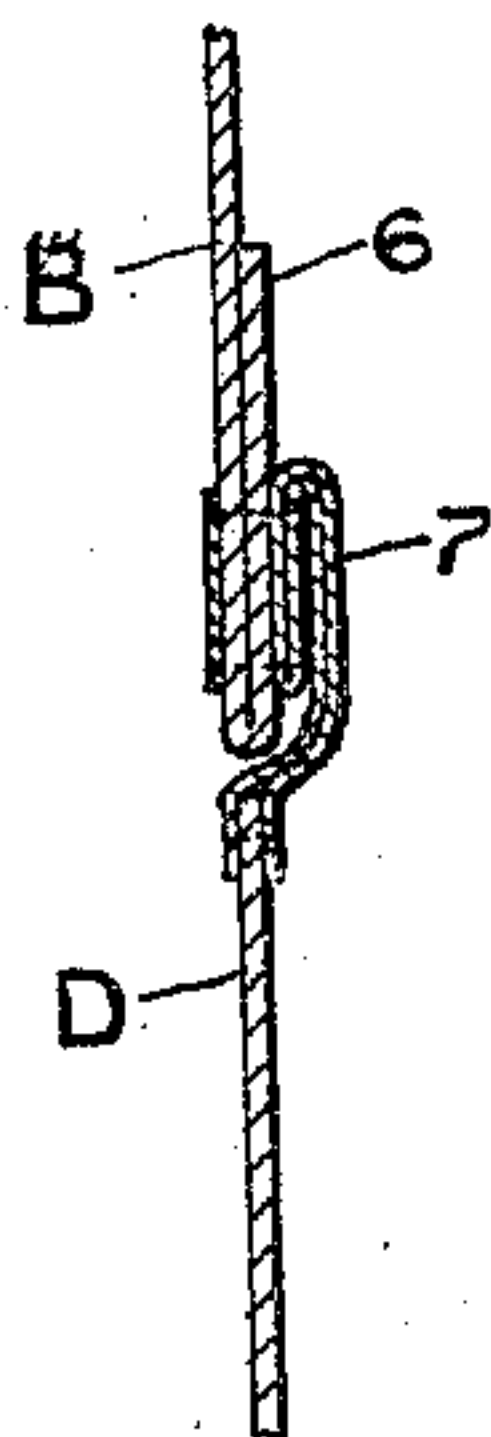


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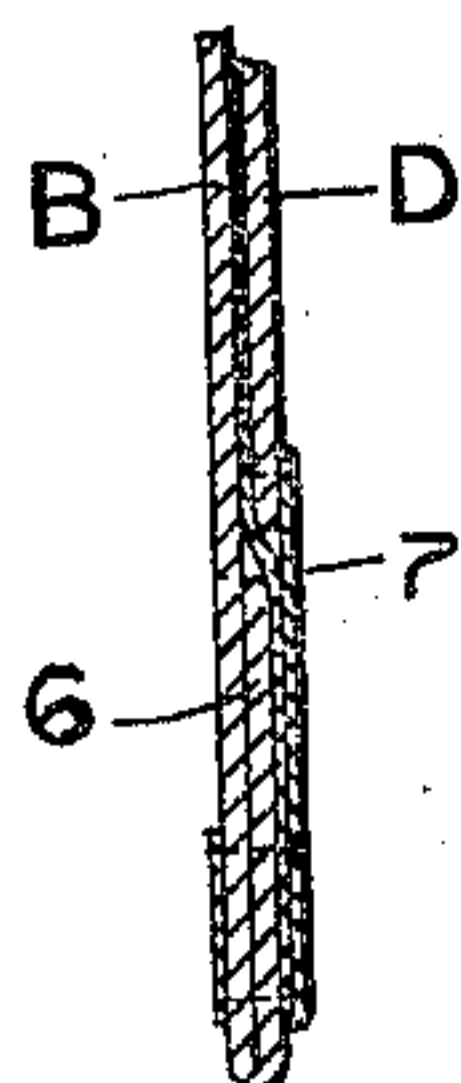
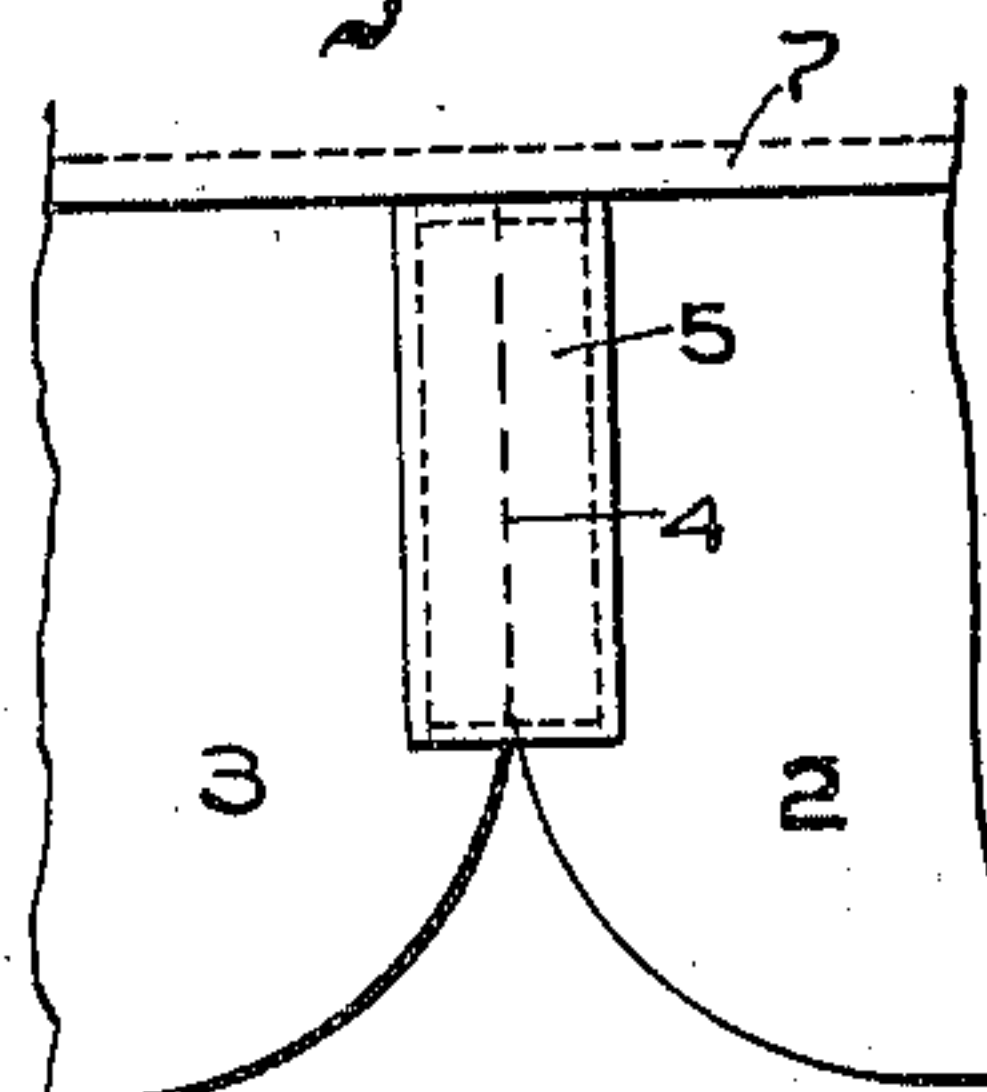


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. GORDON, a citizen of the United States, residing at St. Paul, in the county of Ramsey and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Apparel-Caps, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in apparel-caps, its object being to provide a cap with an infolding head-protector so constructed and arranged and so secured to the hat-body that it will fit closely to the back and sides of the head and avoid the objectionable stretching of the fabric and will not appreciably diminish the size of the cap where it fits about the head.

A further object is to secure the protector to the cap-body so that it will have no exposed or projecting edges at the point of union with the sweat-band and so that the sweat-band will always be in contact with the head when the cap is in use, whether the protector is folded up within the cap or turned down.

To this end my invention consists in the features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts hereinafter described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a rear view of my improved cap with the head-protector in downturned position. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the interior of the cap with the protector folded up within the cap. Fig. 4 is a detail in section, taken on line *xx* of Fig. 1, with the protector in downturned position, showing the method of its attachment to the cap-body. Fig. 5 is a similar detail in section, taken on line *yy* of Fig. 3, showing the protector in infolded position, and Fig. 6 is a detail showing a method of uniting the meeting ends of the two-part protector at the rear.

In the drawings, A represents the top of the cap-body, B the side wall, C the vizor, and D my improved head-protector, made of flexible material and foldably secured to the inside of the cap-body in the manner hereinafter described. The protector is made in two parts 2 and 3, respectively, with their forward ends extending forwardly past the rear ends of the vizor and their rear ends

meeting. The upper parts of the meeting edges are stitched together or otherwise united for a part of the distance from the cap-body, so as to form a flush joint 4 with each other, the lower part of the meeting ends being left free and unconnected and preferably divergent or cut away, as shown in Figs. 1 and 6. A convenient means of uniting the head-protector parts is by a strip 5, as shown in Fig. 6, secured to the inside of the parts at their meeting ends. By having the meeting ends of the head-protector parts flexibly connected at their upper part and free at the bottom they will have some independence of movement relatively to each other, facilitating the folding of them into the cap and avoiding the stretching of the fabric, which would occur if the two parts were made in a single continuous piece.

At the bottom the fabric of the side wall B of the cap is turned inwardly and folded up on itself and the infolded portion 6 suitably secured to the side wall. The sweat-band 7 is made of some thin flexible material and extends continuously around the inside of the cap from one end of the head-protector to the other. It is made of two plies of fabric secured to the infolded portion 6 from near the lower edge of such infolded portion up about half the distance to its upper edge. Above the middle of the infolded portion the two plies of the sweat-band are free and unsecured, and between their ends is secured the upper edge of the head-protector D, as shown in Figs. 4 and 5. The sweat-band is made, preferably, of a single piece of material folded at the middle to make the two plies, the folded end being secured to the side wall, as described. The sweat-band is made of such width and is so secured to the infolded portion 6 that when the head-protector is turned down, as shown in Fig. 4, the protector will swing out of the cap-body and into alinement with the side wall B, while when the protector is folded up within the cap it will stand above and in alinement with the infolded portion 6. Thus whether the protector is turned down or folded up there will be no appreciable diminution of the size of the cap where it fits about the head.

It will be observed that by my construction

the sweat-band 7 will always stand next to the wearer's head whether the protector be turned up or down.

It is obvious that various modifications may be made without departing from the principle of my invention, the scope of which is defined in the claims.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A cap of the class described, comprising a cap-body and its side wall, a flexible sweat-band formed of two plies of material having a lower part secured to the inside of the side wall and extending substantially to the lower edge thereof, and an unsecured upper part, and a head-protector extending around the sides and rear of the cap and secured along one edge to the unsecured edge of the sweat-band, and between the plies thereof, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with the side wall of a cap formed with an infolded lower portion 6, of a flexible sweat-band formed of two plies of material and secured to the infolded portion between the upper and lower edges thereof, and a head-protector secured to the free edge of the sweat-band and between the plies thereof, the free portion of the sweat-band being of sufficient width to allow the head-protector to stand in alinement with the side wall of the cap when turned down, and to stand in alinement with the infolded portion 6 when folded into the cap.

3. A cap of the class described, comprising

a cap-body and a two-part head-protector foldably secured to the inside of the cap-body, the head-protector parts extending forwardly to the front of the cap-body and substantially meeting at their rear ends, the rear ends being flexibly connected along their adjacent edges and nearly to the bottom thereof so as to stand flush with each other, and having their lower parts below such point of union free and unconnected, substantially as and for the purpose described.

4. A cap comprising a cap-body and its side wall, the lower part of the side wall being turned inwardly and up on itself to form an infolded portion 6, a flexible sweat-band formed of two plies of material secured to said infolded portion from the lower edge thereof to approximately the middle point thereof, and having an unsecured portion of greater width than the secured portion, and a head-protector secured along one edge to the unsecured edge of the sweat-band and between the plies thereof, whereby the protector, when folded within the cap, will stand substantially in alinement with the infolded portion 6, and when turned down will swing out of the cap-body into alinement with the outer part of the side wall, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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