

No. 759,206.

PATENTED MAY 3, 1904.

A. WOLFGANG.

CAP.

APPLICATION FILED OCT. 5, 1903.

NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

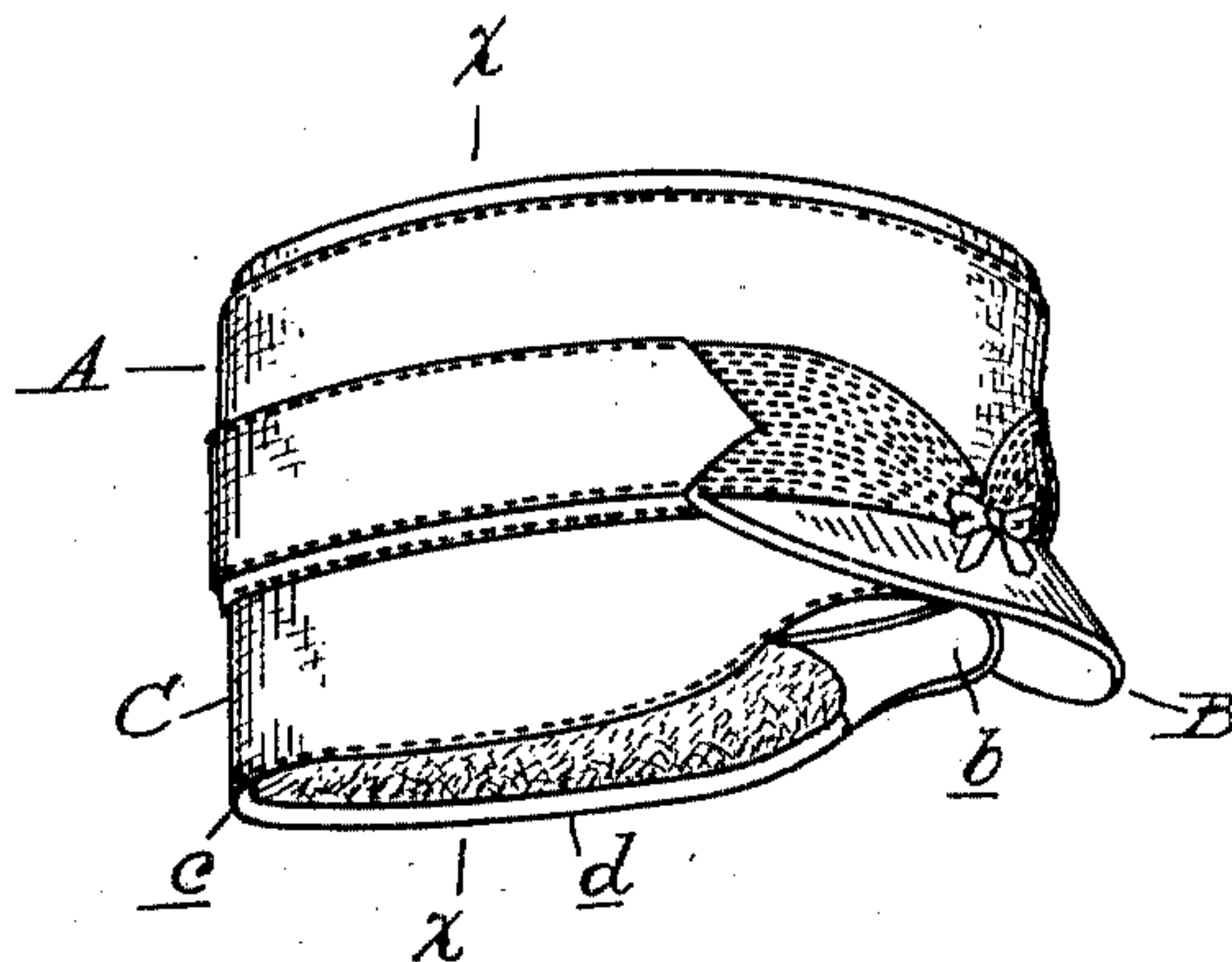


Fig. 3.

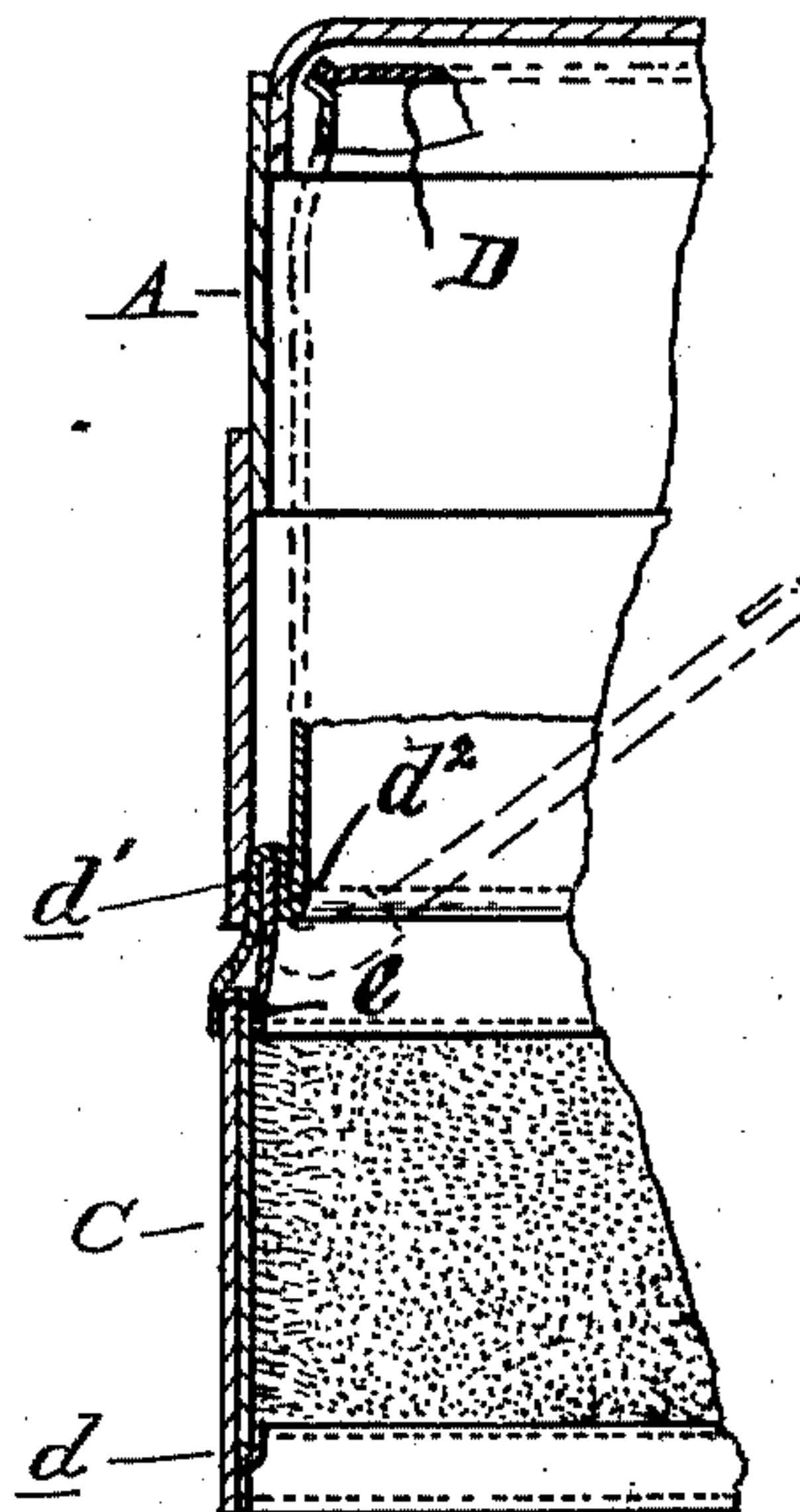
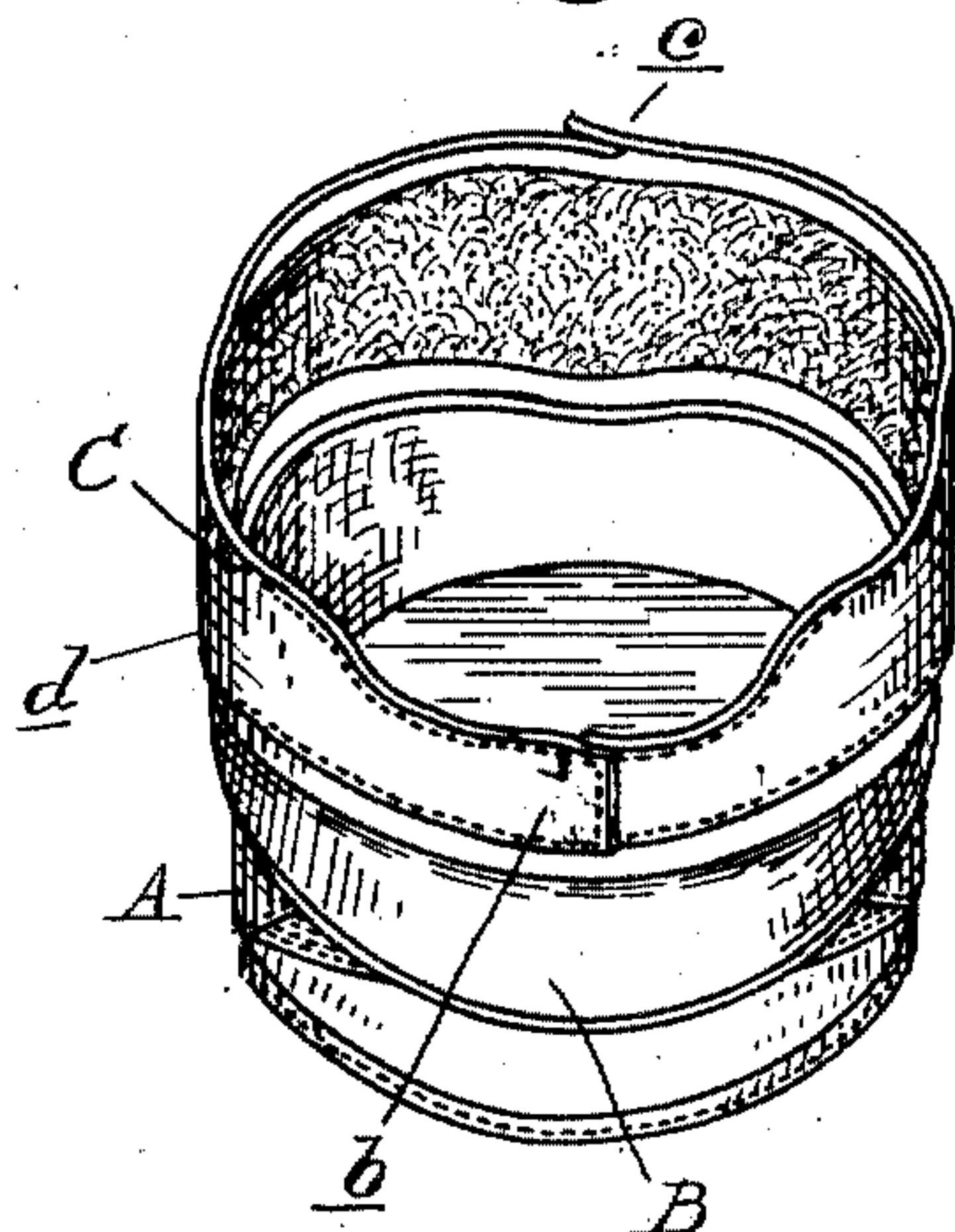


Fig. 2.



Witnesses  
Jas. P. Barry

Inventor  
Adolph Wolfgang  
By James Whittemore  
att'y.



# UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

ADOLPH WOLFGANG, OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN, ASSIGNOR TO DETROIT CAP MANUFACTURING COMPANY, OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN, A PARTNERSHIP.

## CAP.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 759,206, dated May 3, 1904.

Application filed October 5, 1903. Serial No. 175,865. (No model.)

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ADOLPH WOLFGANG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Caps, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The invention relates to caps of the type in which an inwardly-folding flap is provided adapted when turned outward to extend down and form a protection for the ears of the wearer. Heretofore in caps of this type the folding flap has been extended only partially around the body of the cap, usually terminating at the sides slightly in front of the position of the ears. An objection to such a construction is that there is nothing to hold the forward edges of the flap tightly against the head of the wearer, and the result is that the flap will gap open, so as not to afford full protection for the ears. In the construction forming the subject-matter of the present invention this difficulty is overcome by forming the flap in the form of an annular band to extend completely around the lower edge of the cap-body and making the front part of said annular band of less width than the rear portion, so that when the flap is drawn down it extends only slightly downward over the head of the wearer.

The invention further consists in the particular manner of securing the annular flaps to the cap-body herein described, and set forth in the appended claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the cap with the flap drawn down. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the cap in inverted position; and Fig. 3 is a cross-section thereof on line *x x*, Fig. 1.

A is the body portion of the cap, and B is the vizor, of any ordinary construction.

The body A of the cap is provided with the lining D, the side portion of said lining be-

ing slightly wider than the side portion of the cap. The projecting edge of the lining is folded upon itself to form the doubled portion  $d^2$  and the portion  $d'$ , said portion  $d'$  being arranged to lie against the inside of the cap-body and project a short distance beyond the edge thereof. An annular strip  $e$  is interposed between the portion  $d'$  and the doubled portion  $d^2$ , and the parts are then stitched to side of the cap-body. The annular strip  $e$  is arranged to project about the same distance beyond the cap-body as does the portion  $d'$  of the lining and the strip  $e$ , said projecting portion  $d'$  and strip  $e$  serving as a hinge to permit of the flap C being folded inward, as is shown in dotted lines in Fig. 3.

As has been stated, it is common to terminate the flap upon opposite sides of the cap and at points slightly forward of the ears. In the present construction the flap C extends completely around the lower edge of the cap-body, and thus forms an annular band. The forward portion  $b$  of this band is of less width than the rear portion  $c$  and the side portions  $d$ . Thus when the flap C is drawn downward the portion  $b$  will extend only slightly downward over the forehead of the wearer, while the portions  $c$  and  $d$  are sufficiently extended to give the desired protection.

With the construction described in normal position the annular flap C is turned inward and assumes the position of the sweat-band in the ordinary cap. When the flap is turned down, the forward portion  $b$  will operate to draw the forward ends of the portion  $d$  tightly against the head. Thus the ears of the wearer are better protected than with constructions heretofore produced.

What I claim as my invention is—

A cap, consisting of a body, a lining in said body, the lower edge of the lining being folded upon itself to form the doubled portion  $d^2$  and the portion  $d'$  arranged to lie along the inside of the cap-body and project beyond the

edge thereof, an annular strip  $e$  having its upper edge interposed between the portion  $d'$  and the doubled portion  $d''$ , means for securing the portions  $d'$  and  $d''$  and the interposed strip  $e$  to the cap-body, and an annular flap C having its upper edge secured between the lower projecting edges of the portion  $d'$  and the strip  $e$ , the front portion of said flap being of less

width than the side and rear portions of the same.

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

ADOLPH WOLFGANG.

Witnesses:

JAMES P. BARRY,  
H. C. SMITH.