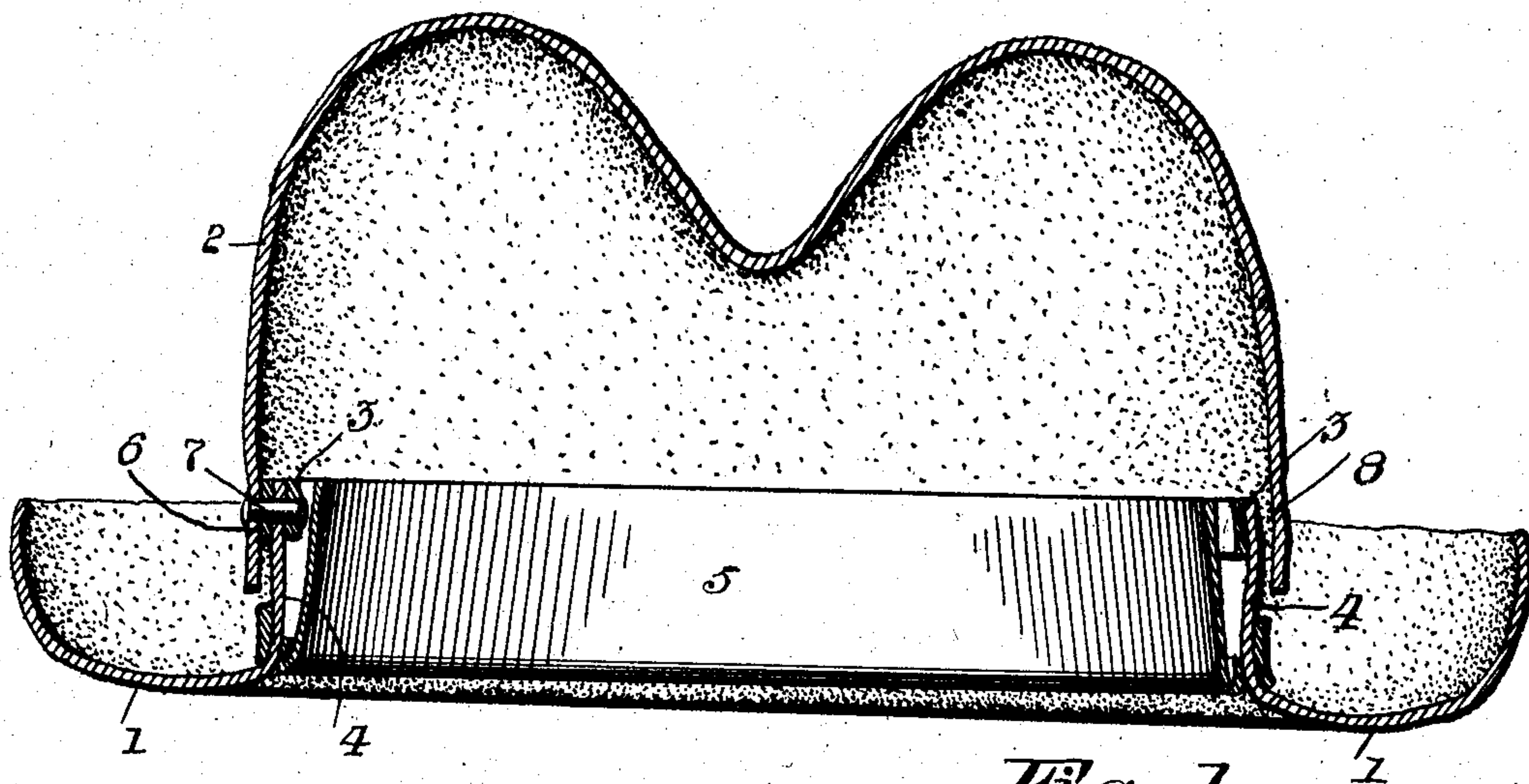


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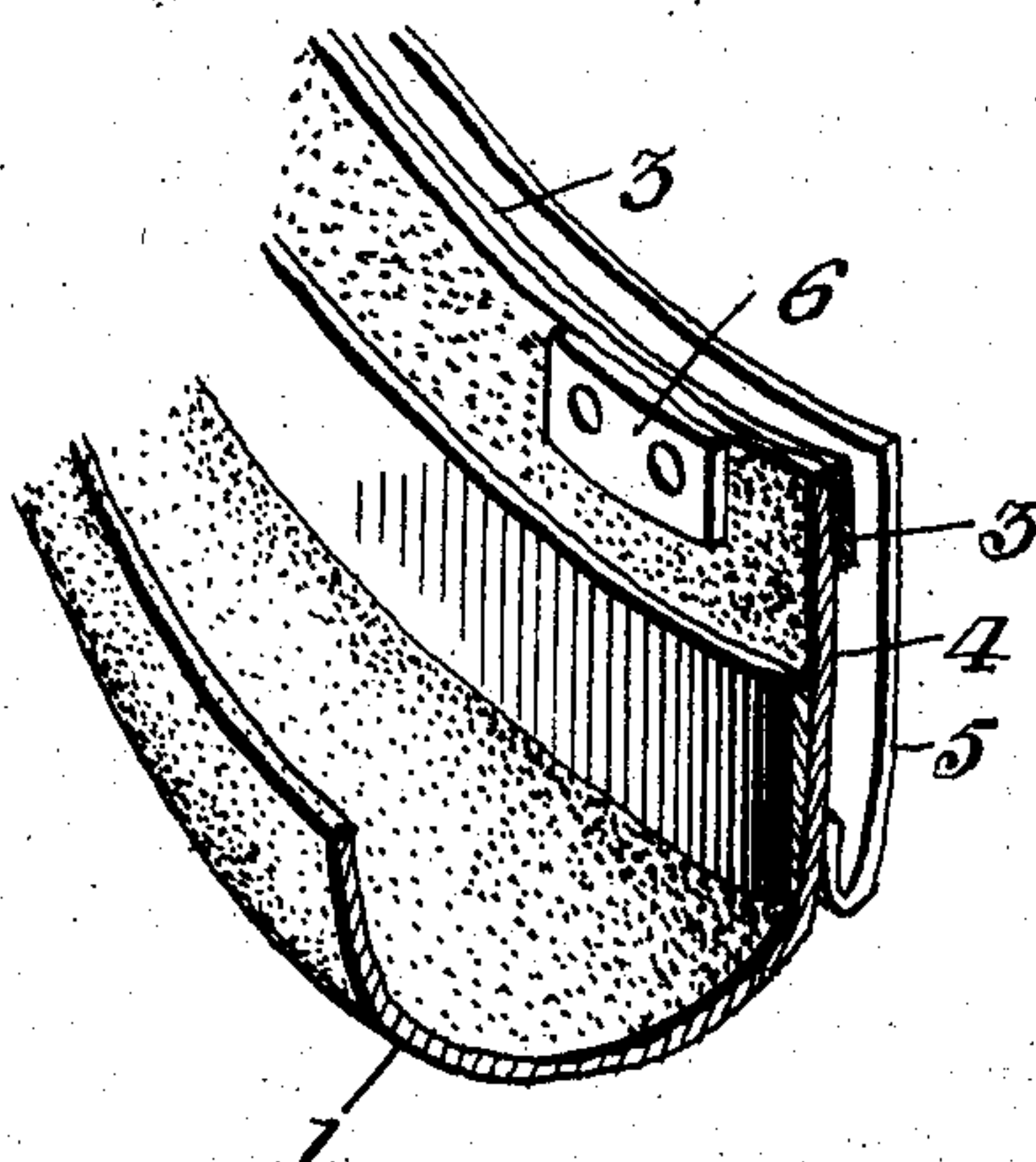
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*

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## HAT.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CORNELIUS B. LAU, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at North Braddock, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hats, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention has relation to certain new and useful improvements in hats, and has for its object to provide a hat of a novel construction wherein a perfect ventilation will be effected when the hat is being used.

15 Another object of my invention is to construct a hat which, while affording protection, will at the same time secure a thorough ventilation, permitting the air to circulate in the same while it is being worn; and a further object resides in the construction of a hat whereby the appearance of the same will not be disfigured, the construction employed presenting a strong, light, and durable hat.

20 Briefly described, my improvement consists of forming the crown of the hat in two sections, one of said sections carrying the rim of the hat, and to this section is secured the crown forming the other section. Around the rim-section of the crown I secure a plurality of spacing-blocks, to which the crown of the hat is riveted, providing a ventilating-space between the spacing-blocks whereby the air may pass into the crown of the hat and circulate therein, keeping the head of the wearer in a cool condition.

25 The above construction will be hereinafter more fully described in detail, and, referring to the drawings accompanying this application, like numerals of reference indicate like parts throughout both views, in which—

30 Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view of my improved hat, and Fig. 2 is a detail perspective view of a portion of the rim-section of my improved hat.

35 In the accompanying drawings I have shown my improvement applied to a soft felt hat,

and I wish it to be understood that the same may be readily constructed in connection with silk hats, derbies, and the like, and, referring to the drawings accompanying this application, the reference-numeral 1 indicates the rim-section of my improved hat, upon which is adapted to be secured the crown-section 2. The rim-section is provided upon its inner top edge with a metallic band 3, which is preferably made of aluminium, spring metal, or like material, this band being employed to hold the vertical portion 4 of the rim-section of the hat in shape, and upon the lower edge of the vertical portion 4 adjacent to the rim of the hat I secure the sweat-band 5. Upon the top outer edge of the vertical portion 4 of the rim-section I secure a plurality of spacing-blocks 6, against which is adapted to be secured the lower edge of the crown-section 2, this crown-section, the spacing-blocks 6, the upper edge of the rim-section, and the metallic band 3 being secured together by a rivet or eyelet 7. It will thus be seen by this construction that a space 8 exists between the inner sides of the crown-section and the outer side of the rim-section, this space being constructed by interposing the spacing-blocks 6 around the hat within the crown-section and the rim-section, and it is through this space that air passes into the crown of the hat and a perfect circulation of the air is provided.

While I have herein shown a rivet for securing the sections together, it is obvious that any means may be employed for securing the crown-section of the hat in engagement with the rim-section, and I may employ any means for securing the spacing-blocks and metallic band upon the upper edge or vertical portion of the rim-section, the construction shown being my preferred form; yet I do not care to limit myself to the exact construction shown, but may vary the same as will be permissible by the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is—

In a hat, the combination of a rim-section having a vertical portion, a plurality of spac-

ing-blocks secured at the top outer edge of  
said vertical portion, a metallic band arranged  
on the inner side at the upper edge of the ver-  
tical portion of the rim-section, a crown-sec-  
tion, and rivets passing through said metallic  
5 band, the vertical portion of the rim-section,  
the spacing-blocks and the crown-section.

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

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