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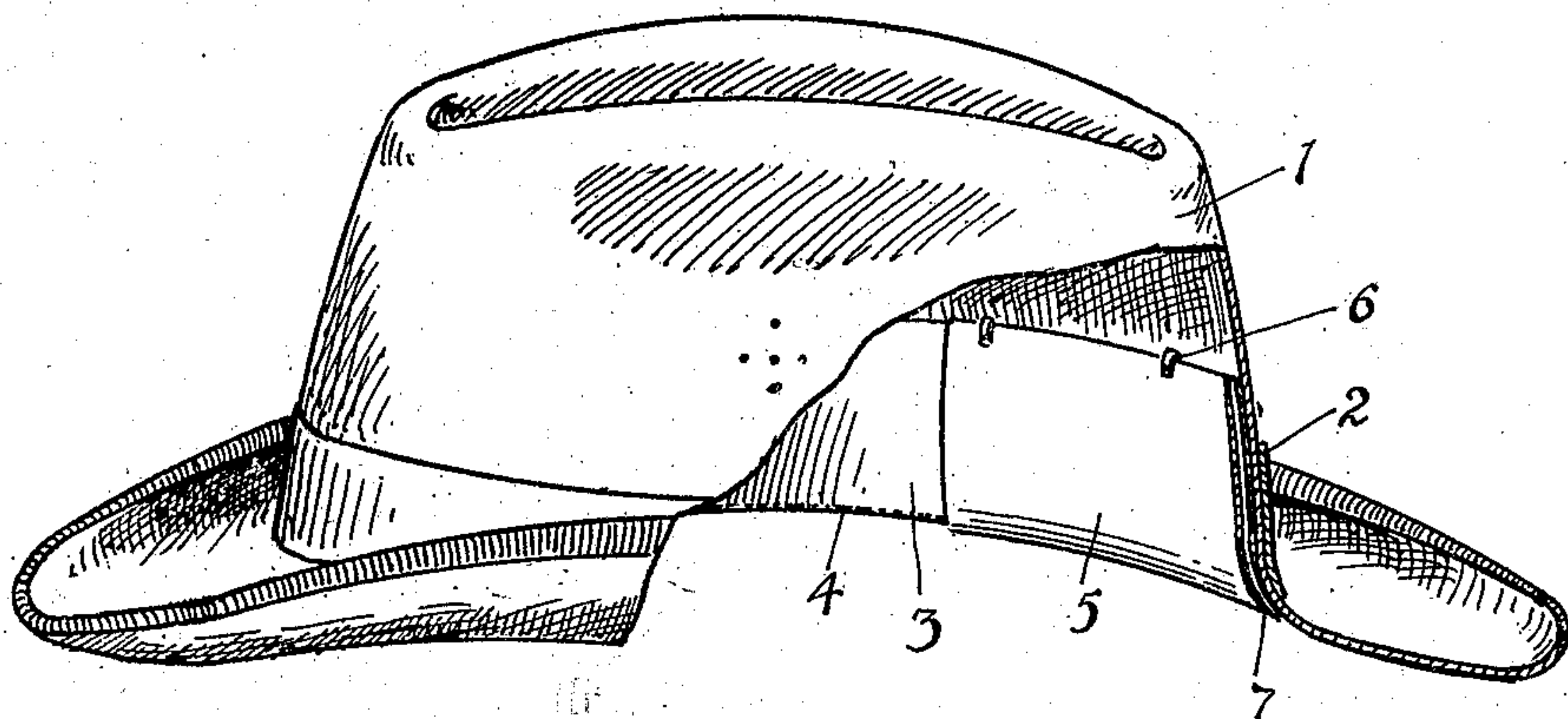


Fig. 1

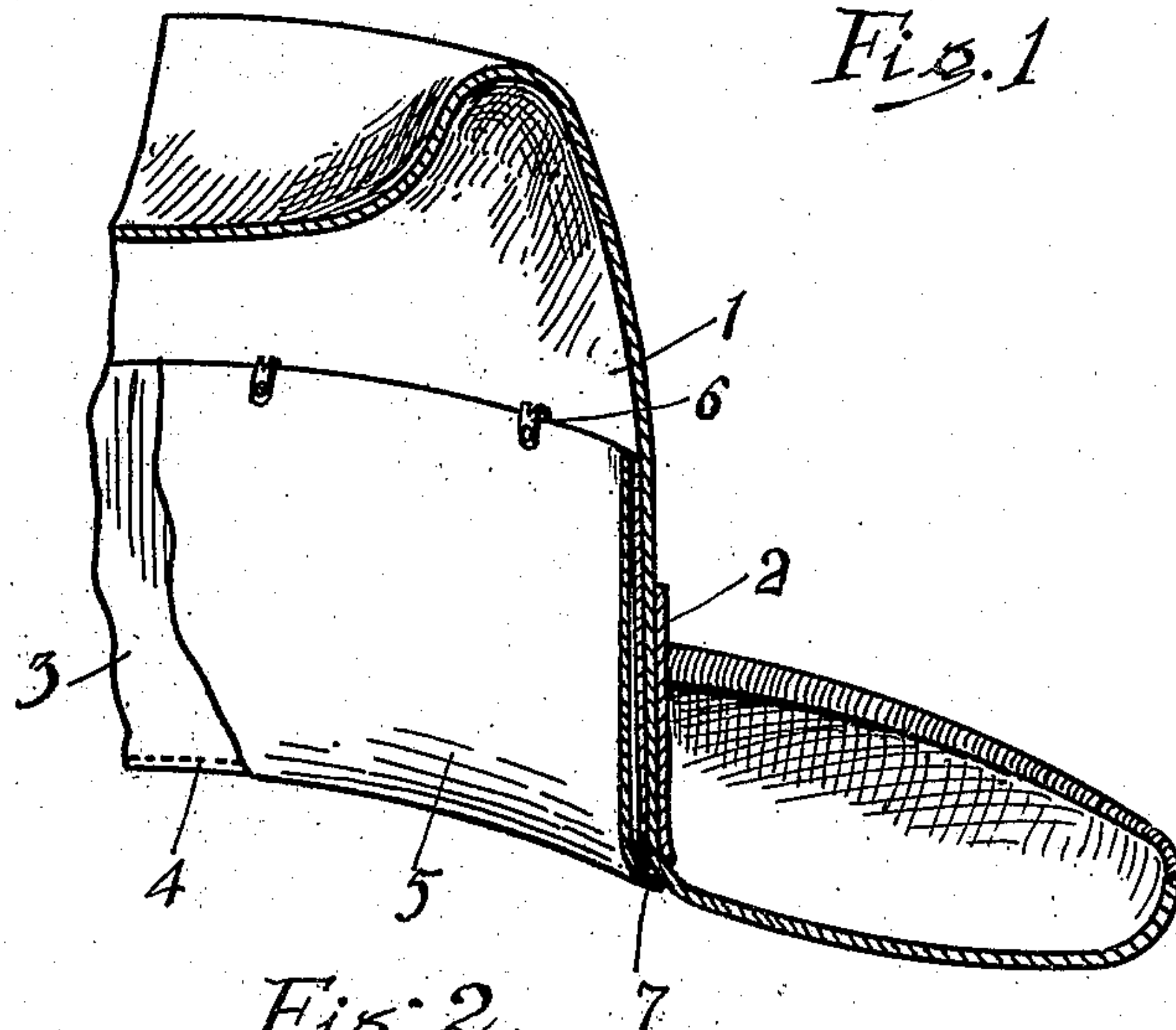


Fig. 2

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY W. WAGENET, a citizen of the United States, residing at Oakland, in the county of Alameda and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Sweat-Shields for Hats, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the present invention is to provide a cheap and simple device which can be quickly attached to the interior sweat band of an ordinary hat, which will effectually shed the perspiration, and prevent it passing through to the outside of the hat, discoloring the same.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a broken view of a hat equipped with my improved shield; Fig. 2 is an enlarged sectional view of the same.

Referring to the drawing 1 indicates the body of a hat, having a hat band 2, and an interior sweat band 3, the latter stitched to the hat at the lower edge, as shown at 4.

5 indicates my improved protector, which is made of celluloid or material which can be made in very thin sheets and is absolutely water proof. It is preferably made sufficiently long to reach about half way around, it being generally necessary to protect only the front portion of the hat, next the forehead. However, it may be made of a length to extend over the full circumference of the sweat band, if desired. The protector is attached to the upper edge of the sweat band, by devices which will permit of quickly attaching or detaching the same. I here show it as attached by means of small metallic clips 6, such as are commonly used to fasten together sheets of paper. The lower edge of the protector extends slightly below the line of stitches 4 which connects the sweat band with the hat. This is a feature of extreme importance, as the so-called sweat band affords very little protection to the body of the hat against permeation therein of the perspiration from the forehead, for the reason that the perspiration runs down to the line of stitches and then the threads, acting as ducts, convey the perspiration to the body of the hat, which perspiration is thus absorbed thereby in ever increasing quantities, thus ruining the appearance of the hat. But, by attaching the shield to the upper edge of the sweat band and permitting its lower edge to extend below the line of stitches of said

sweat band, the perspiration is effectually prevented from obtaining access to said stitches. The lower edge of the protector is turned or crimped slightly outwards as shown at 7, so as to rest comfortably on the forehead.

I am aware that it has been proposed to reinforce the ordinary sweat band by an additional sweat band of leather, cemented to the leather sweat band, and extending over the line of stitching, to the hat of the ordinary sweat band. While such construction is in a certain degree advantageous in prolonging the time during which the hat remains uninjured by the sweat of the wearer, yet it does not afford absolute protection against such injury or discoloration, as the sweat will eventually force its way first, through the second sweat band, and then through the first, or through the line of stitches. Moreover, being made of leather, it is necessarily of considerably greater thickness than when made of celluloid. But the principal advantage which my invention possesses over said prior art is that it permits of the devices being placed upon the market and sold entirely separate from the hats, so that any person desiring to use the same, to prevent the discoloration of a light felt or straw hat, can himself quickly attach one of these devices to the hat, and can also, when discarding an old hat for a new one, detach the device from the old hat and attach it to the new one.

I claim:—

In combination with a hat having a sweat band stitched thereto, a strip of celluloid, shaped to conform to the shape of the sweat band and to cover any desired portion of the circumference thereof, the lower edge of said strip being bent out from the plane of the line of stitches, and a plurality of fastening devices suitably located at different points of the strip for detachably securing said strip to said sweat band.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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