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Fig. 1.

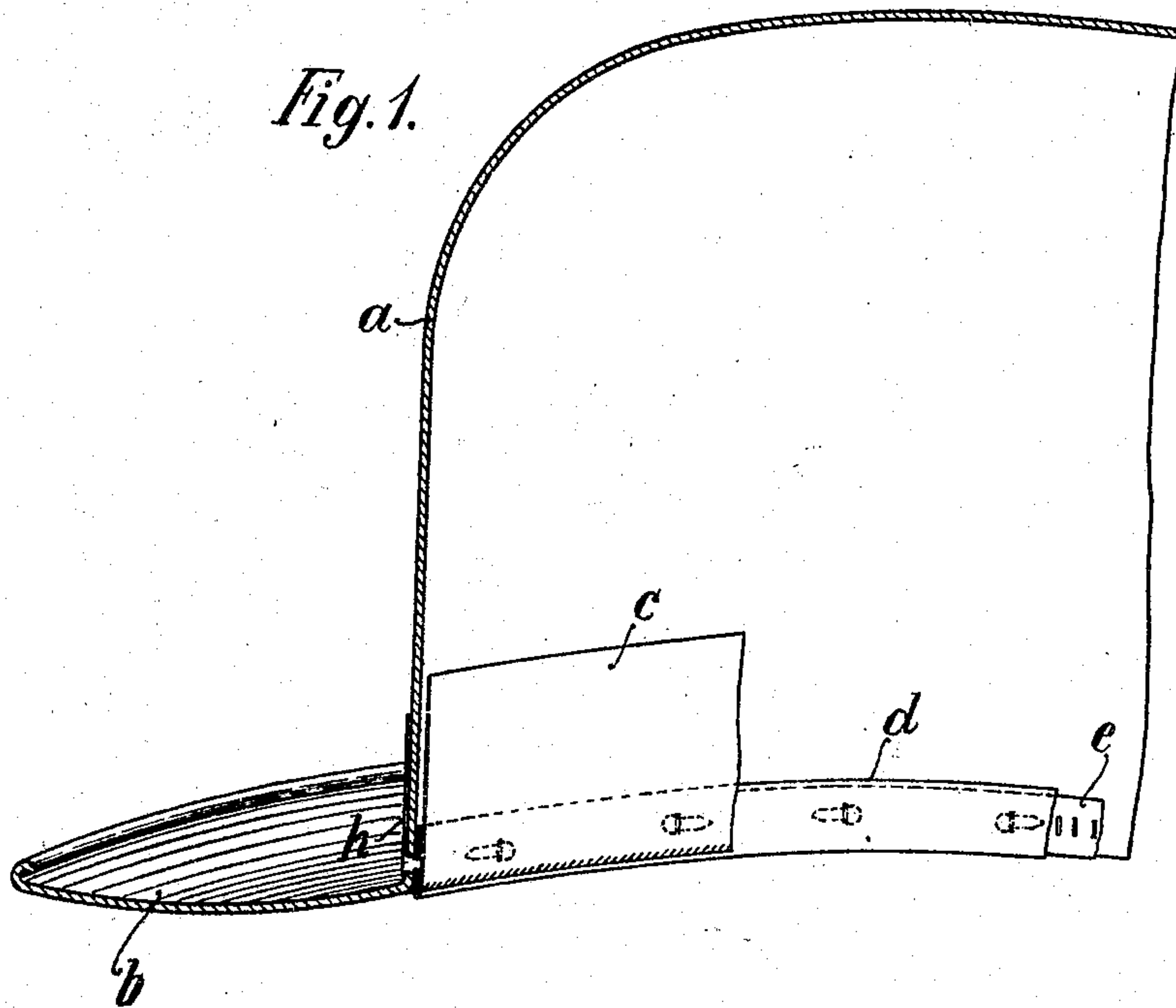


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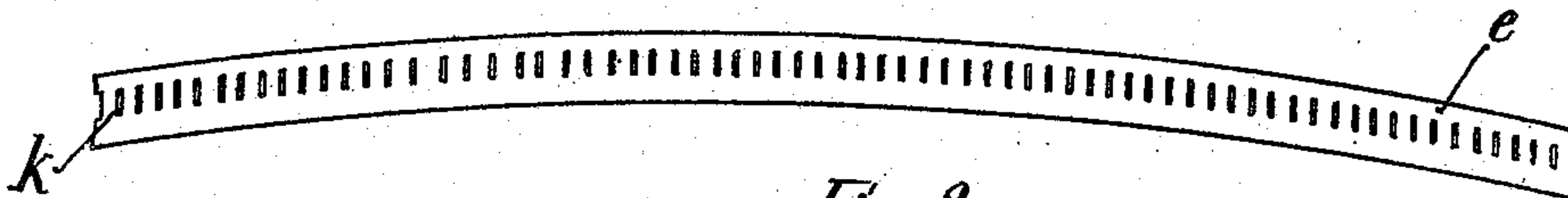


Fig. 3.

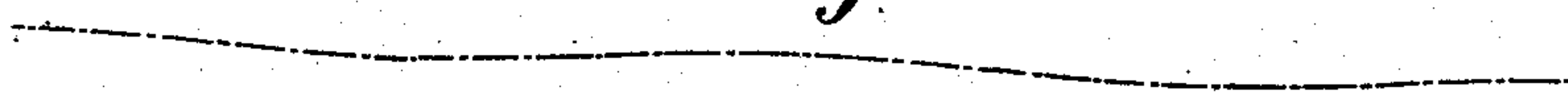


Fig. 4.

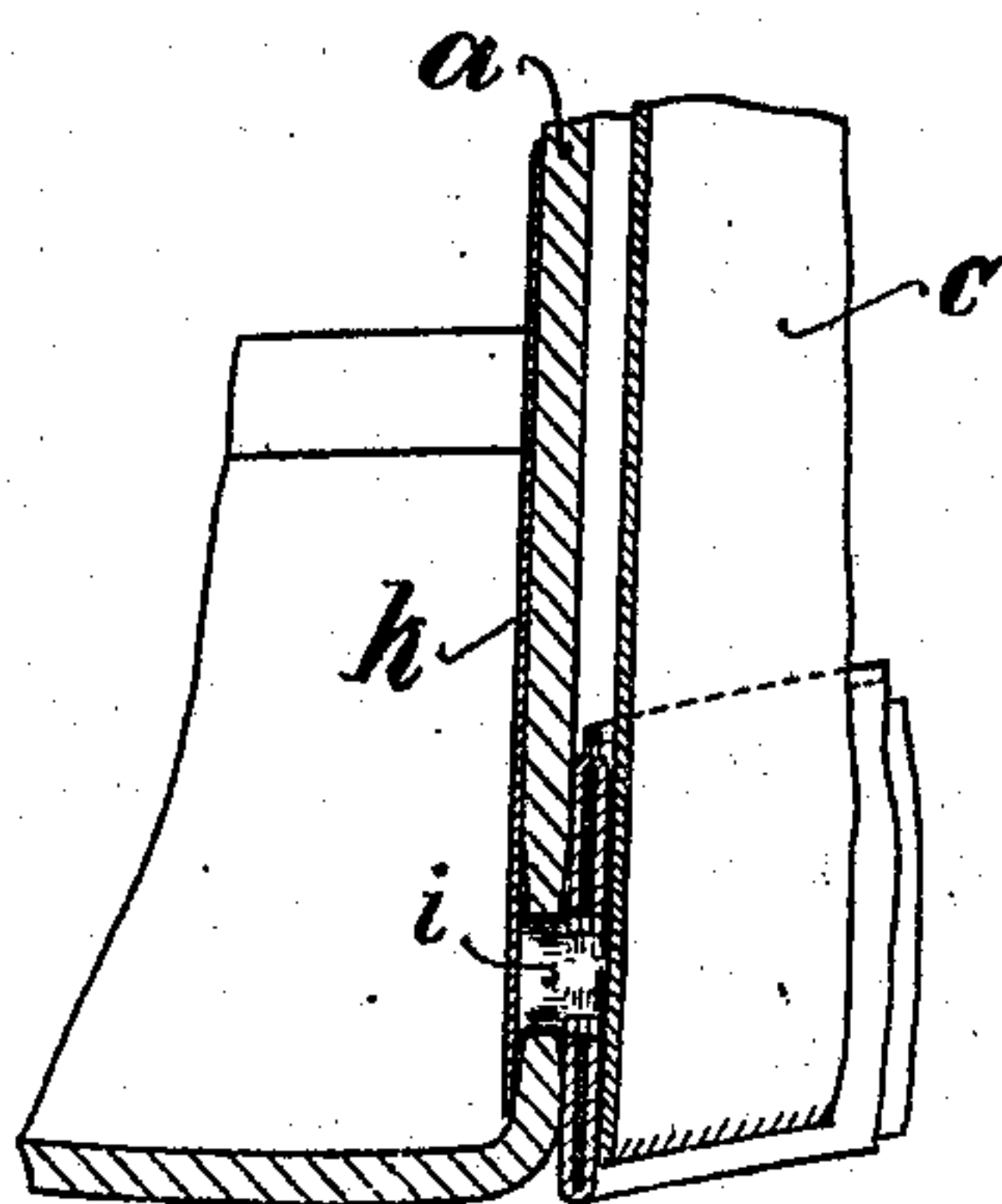
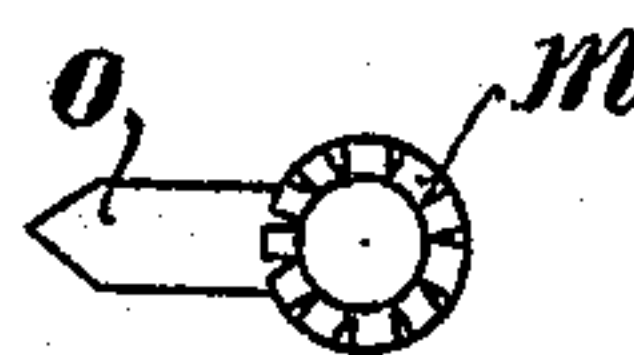


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTTO DREXLER, a subject of the King of Prussia, German Emperor, residing at Ohligs, in the Province of the Rhine, Kingdom of Prussia, German Empire, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Interchangeable Sweat-Bands for Hats and other Head-Coverings, of which the following is a specification.

10 The object of the present invention is an interchangeable sweat band for head coverings adapted to do away with the inconveniences caused by the use of interchangeable sweat bands of known construction which were difficult to fasten to the head
15 covering and could not easily be exchanged beside being expensive and unsightly.

The sweat bands according to the present invention are attached to a tubular retaining strip of soft material adapted to receive a strip of flexible spring material, and having perforations adapted to coincide with like perforations in the material of the head covering so that clips can pass through the
20 holes and secure head covering and sweat band detachably together.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 shows a vertical section through a portion of a hat provided with the interchangeable sweat band, in which drawing for clearness of illustration portions are represented as broken off. Fig. 2 shows a portion of the lining. Fig. 3 a line illustrating the course of the unrolled lining on a smaller scale. Fig. 4 is a portion of the section illustrated in Fig. 1 on a considerably enlarged scale. Fig. 5 is a fastening clip on the same scale.

40 In these drawings, Fig. 1 shows a portion of a hat *a* provided with the brim *b*. *c* indicates the interchangeable sweat band which is usually formed of leather and which is sewed at its lower edge to a narrow retaining strip *d* of soft material (cloth or the like). The lower edge of this retaining strip *d* preferably somewhat projects beyond the lower edge of the sweat band *c*. The arrangement is clearly illustrated in
50 Fig. 4. The retaining strip serves to fasten the sweat band to the hat in the well known manner, but it is formed tubular or double walled like a flattened hose for the purpose of receiving an insertion *e* consisting of a
55 more rigid but yet elastic or flexible ma-

terial such as a thin narrow band of steel, vulcanized rubber, celluloid or the like. The sweat band *c* attached to the retaining strip *d* is thus obliged to adapt itself well to the curvature of the hat. In the band *d* there are formed several perforations and corresponding holes *i* are formed also in the hat itself at like distances apart, so that in any convenient method, as for instance by means of eyelets, clips or the like passing
60 through the hat and the strip *d*, a sufficiently reliable but yet easily releasable connection is established between the two parts.

It is advantageous to provide the insertion *e* (see particularly Fig. 2) continuously with closely approximating holes *k*, so that at each requisite point a hole for the passage of the clip or the like may be present. In Fig. 5 such a clip is illustrated by way of example consisting of a head *m* with only one tongue *o*. The holes *k* may in this case be of rectangular shape as shown, but their shape may obviously be any suitable one. Projecting parts which might press upon the head of the wearer are not present. On the outside the heads of the clips are covered by the outer hat band *h* and the prong or prongs *o* inside are covered by the leather band. The hat and the retaining strip *d* may also be imperforate and in this case sharp pointed clips are employed and can be thrust through the soft material at any point.

The interchangeable sweat band is obviously adaptable not only to hats but also to caps and other head gear.

What I claim is:

Interchangeable sweat band for head coverings comprising in combination a leather strip, a tubular retaining strip permanently attached to the lower edge of the leather strip, and provided with perforations adapted to coincide with like perforations in the material of the head covering, a strip of hard flexible spring material in the said tubular retaining strip, and clips adapted to pass through the holes in the retaining device and the head covering to secure the same detachably together.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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