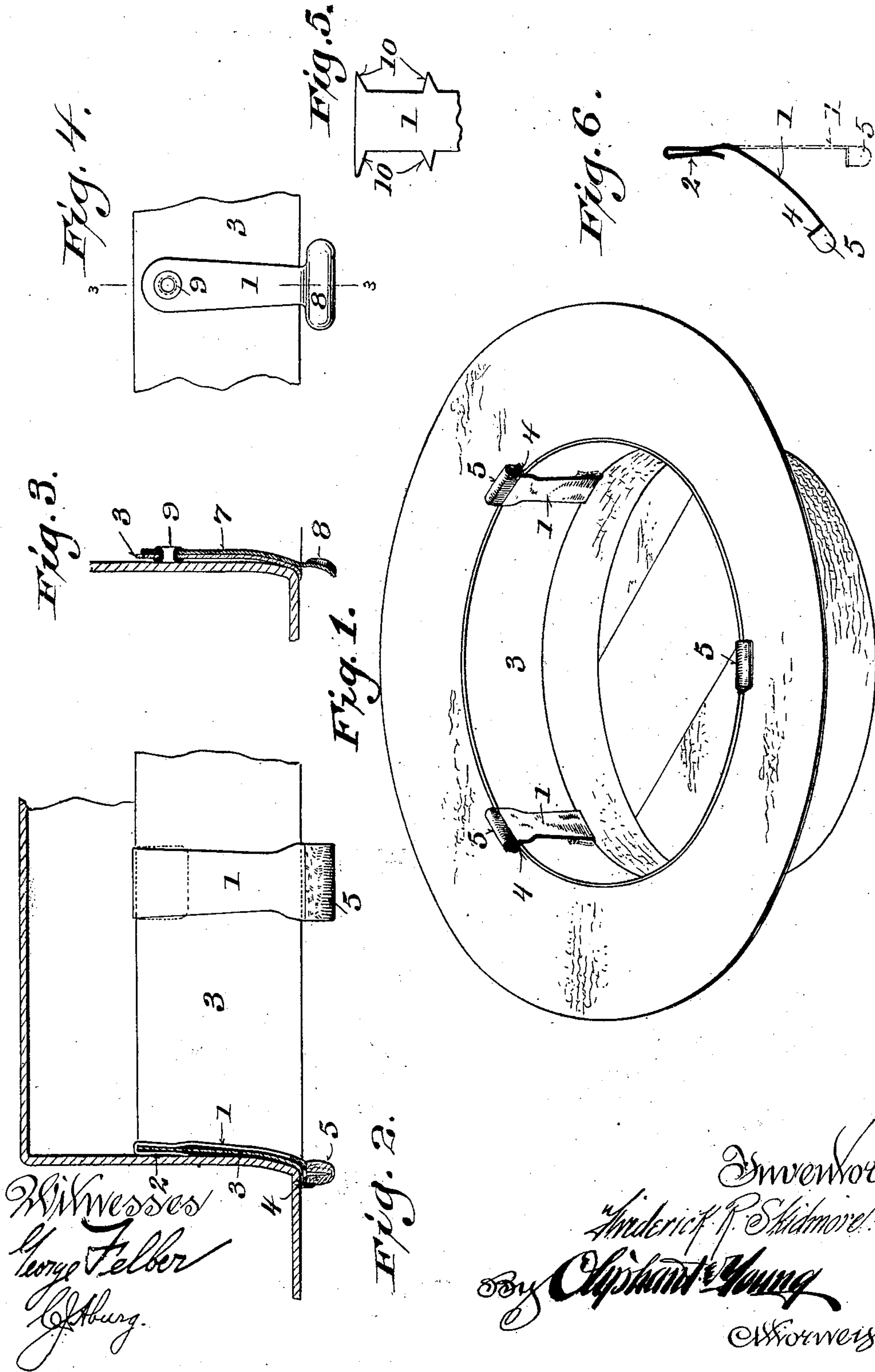


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK R. SKIDMORE, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ventilator Attachments for Hats; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple, economical and effective ventilator for hats, the construction and arrangement being such that stock hats may be equipped with the device in a comparatively short time, or said device may be adjusted or detached from a hat by the wearer from time to time as the circumstances warrant.

With the above object in view, the invention consists in various structural details and combination of parts as hereinafter fully described with reference to the accompanying drawings and subsequently claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a hat having attached thereto a set of ventilating devices embodying the features of my invention; Fig. 2, a full sized sectional elevation of a portion of a hat provided with the ventilating devices, as illustrated in Fig. 1, one of which is in section; Fig. 3, a sectional elevation of another form of ventilating device, the section being indicated by line 3—3 of Fig. 1; Fig. 4, a face view of the same; Fig. 5, a detail face view of a portion of a vent device showing another means of attachment, and Fig. 6, a diagrammatic view of the clip form, illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 showing the shape assumed by the clip when detached.

Referring by numerals to the drawings, 1 indicates the body-portion of the clip composed of any suitable flexible material, one end of which clip is bent upon itself to form a spring-jawed clasp 2 adapted to be fitted over the upper edge of the sweat-band 3 of any style of standard hat. The opposite end of the clip is bent outward at approximately a right-angle to the body thereof constituting a lip 4, which lip is tipped with a cork foot 5, the foot being secured in any suitable manner thereto.

As best shown in Fig. 6, owing to the spring in the clip, when adjusted to the sweat-band, will hug the same closely, the cork foot being pressed outward so as to rest upon the edge

of the hat-brim at its junction with the crown, as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawings. Thus arranged the inner edge of the cork-foot 5 will be practically upon a line with the hat-crown and consequently will not interfere with the size of the hat.

Three or more of the devices constitute a set according to the fancy of the wearer. If three be used, two may be placed so as to rest upon the sides of the forehead and one to the rear, the latter resting upon the back of the head of the wearer, or this arrangement may be reversed. In any case however it will be apparent that when the hat is adjusted to the wearer's head, the feet 5 only will contact therewith, and thus raise the hat sufficiently to cause an air-space between the juncture of the crown and brim-edge and the wearer's head whereby a current of air is permitted to pass freely over the head. This result is not only beneficial in effectually cooling the head of the wearer, but by having a plurality of contact points only, in place of a tightly bound continuous edge pressing upon the head, the wearer is less liable to headache, or the like, while apparently the hat is worn in the usual assumed position.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the feet which support the hat are below the brim of the same with their head-engaging faces upon the same vertical plane as that portion of the hat or sweat-band which usually rests upon the wearer's head, whereby the desired result is obtained.

I am aware that ventilators in various forms have been devised necessitating changes in the structure and shape of men's head-gear, but my device lies in the novel features whereby an ordinary hat of any material or shape may be converted into a ventilated hat without changing the same in any degree, and should weather conditions warrant the device may be detached or moved up out of position in any desirable manner.

In place of the clip form, shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 6, I may employ a clip similar to that shown in Figs. 3 and 4, wherein the body-portion 7 and foot 8 are made integral, the body-portion being shown attached to the hat sweat-band by means of a gromet 9, whereby the devices when not in use are turned upon the gromet into the hat-crown. Another form of attachment may be employed, such as pinning the clip to the sweat-

band, the pins 10 being shown in Fig. 5, as portions of the clip-body, it being obvious that any other form of pins may be employed.

I claim:

- 5 A set of ventilator attachments for a hat, each consisting of a flat body-portion having a foot-extension disposed outside of and below the hat-brim and adapted to rest at the junction of the crown and brim of the hat,
10 the engaging surfaces of the foot-extensions being approximately in the same vertical plane as the inner surface of the hat-crown,

and attaching means in connection with the body-portion adapted to be secured to the sweat-band of the hat.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin in the presence of two witnesses. 15

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