

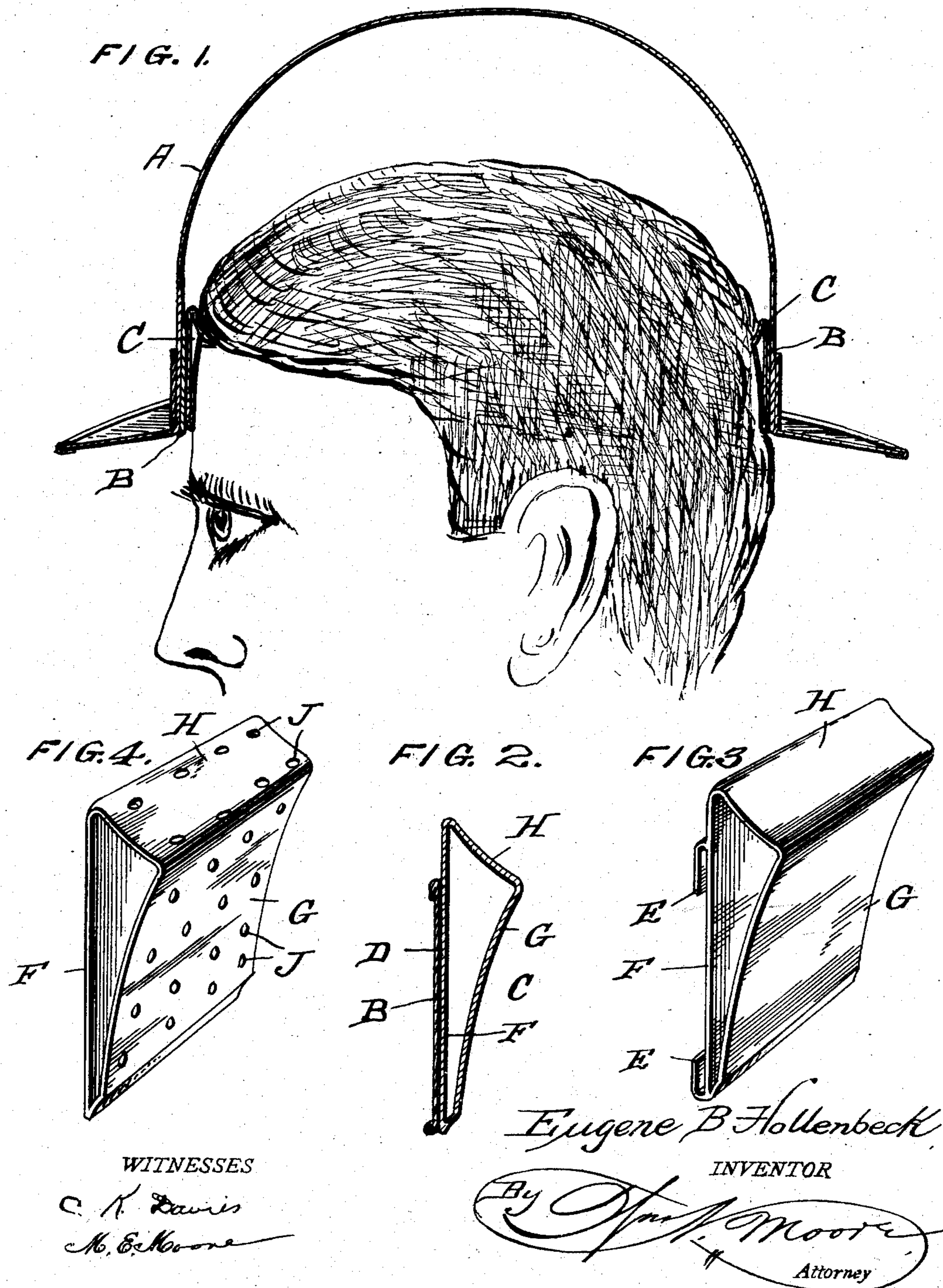
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EUGENE B. HOLLENBECK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Candor, in the county of Tioga and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Men's Hats, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in hats, and refers particularly to an attachment or device to be applied to hats worn by males.

It is generally conceded that loss of hair and baldness in males is caused by the impingement or tight pressure of the hat upon the head, such pressure preventing the free and natural circulation of the blood so necessary to the preservation of the life of the hair, and to overcome and prevent this serious objection and to prove a boon to mankind is the main object of my invention, in that I propose by means of a simple attachment to be applied at proper places upon the sweat band, or directly to the inner edge of the hat and which attachment will conform to the shape of the head to provide air passages insuring a free circulation of air and perfect fitting of the hat without pressure upon the head of the wearer.

Another object of my invention is the provision of a device which may be applied by any person either to new or old hats as circumstances require, which will under all conditions adjust and adapt itself to the head of the wearer, which device will be of the simplest and cheapest possible construction, and thus commend the article as efficient, practical, and necessary.

To attain the desired objects, the invention broadly stated consists of a device capable of application to hats worn by males which will be thoroughly efficient for the intended purpose.

The invention also consists in an attachment embodying novel features of construction and arrangement of parts substantially as disclosed herein.

Figure 1, represents a sectional view of a hat equipped with my attachment, the head of the person being shown in elevation for the purpose of illustrating the application of my device to the head. Fig. 2, represents a sectional view on a vertical line of the device detached. Fig. 3, represents a perspective view of the attachment having a modified form of securing means for connection to the usual sweat band, and, Fig. 4, represents a

perspective view of my attachment having ventilating or air circulating openings.

The letter A, designates a hat provided with the usual sweat band B, to which my device or attachment C, is applied by means of an adhesive medium D, or by clip E, or by means of any other suitable attaching device. In use I preferably employ four of my attachments located respectively upon the front and rear and two sides of the sweat band, or if desired the device may be applied directly to the hat.

I propose to make the device of any suitable material having elasticity and the device consists of the rear vertical wall F, the front curved or flared wall G, and the upper inclined connecting portion H, the wall G, conforming to the contour of the head and the portion H, serving as a means to receive a name, advertisement, or for any purpose which it could be used for. If desired, the device may be secured in place by an adhesive or by clips, or any other suitable fastening, and air spaces are provided between the devices to allow a free circulation of air, but if desired the device itself may be provided with air openings J.

I claim:

1. In combination with a hat, a series of devices adapted to be placed at intervals around the inner edge thereof, said devices being hollow and of triangular shape in cross-section.

2. In combination with a hat, devices adapted to be placed at intervals around the inner edge thereof, and comprising a vertical wall, a curved wall extending upward at an angle from said wall, and a third wall connecting the upper ends of the other walls and holding them apart.

3. In combination with a hat, devices adapted to be placed at intervals around the inner edge thereof, and comprising a vertical wall, a curved wall extending upward at an angle from said wall, and a third wall connecting the upper ends of the other walls and holding them apart, said walls being formed from elastic or yielding material to enable them to adjust themselves to the head of the wearer.

4. In combination with a hat, devices adapted to be placed at intervals around the inner edge thereof, and comprising a vertical wall, a curved wall extending upward at an angle from said wall, and a third wall connecting the upper ends of the other walls and

holding them apart, and attaching means on the vertical wall for engaging the sweat band to secure the device in position.

5 5. In combination with a hat, a series of hollow devices of triangular shape in cross-section having their walls formed of elastic or yielding material and means for attaching the same to the inner face of the sweat band.

10 6. In combination with a hat, a ventilating device adapted to be placed at intervals around the edge thereof, and comprising a vertical wall and curved intersecting walls integral therewith and spaced therefrom,

said curved walls being formed of elastic or yielding material and being formed with openings therein to permit the air to pass from the space between the walls into the hat and to strike the head of the wearer at the points of contact of the device. 15

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, 20 in presence of two witnesses.

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