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Fig. 1

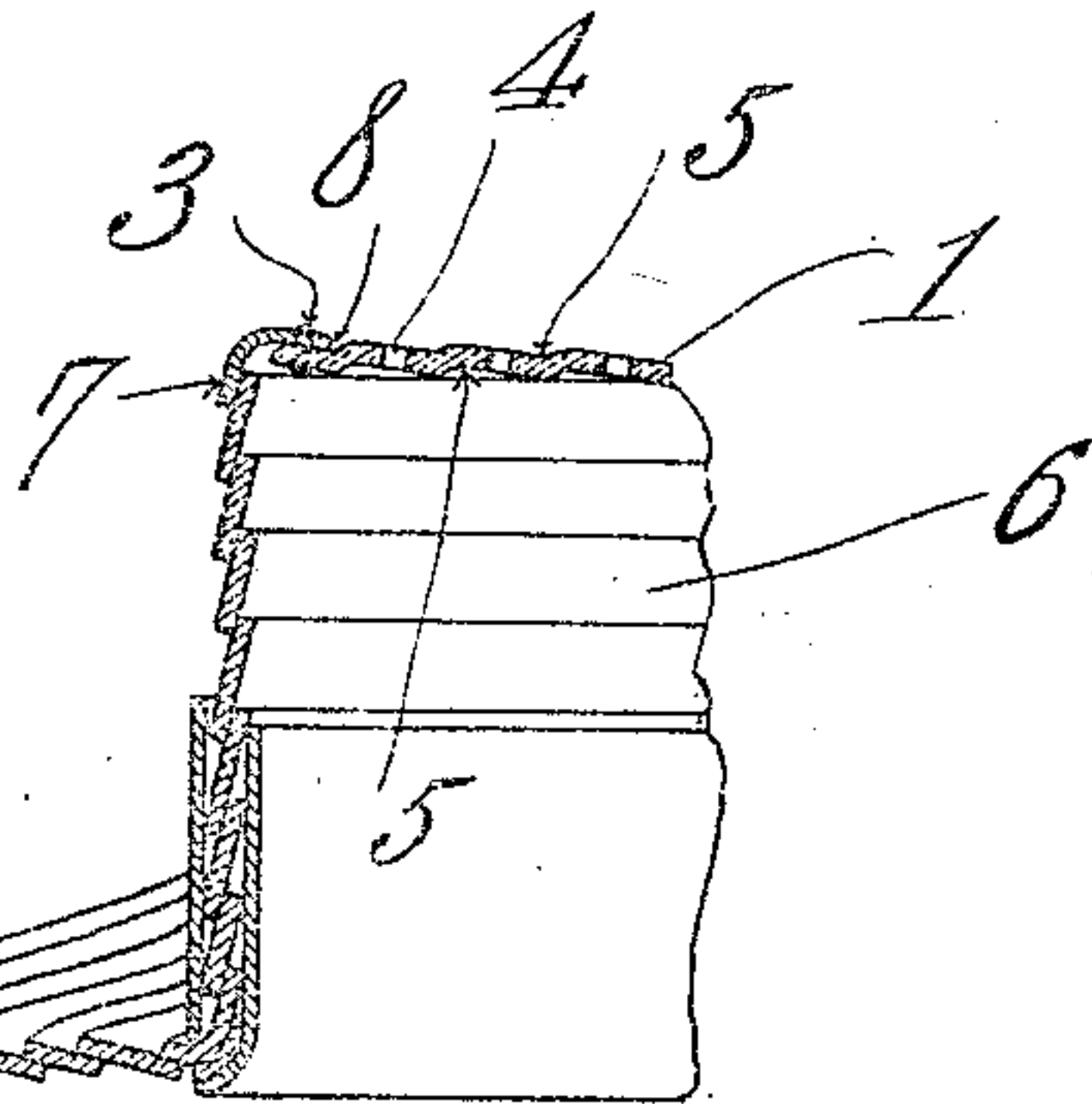
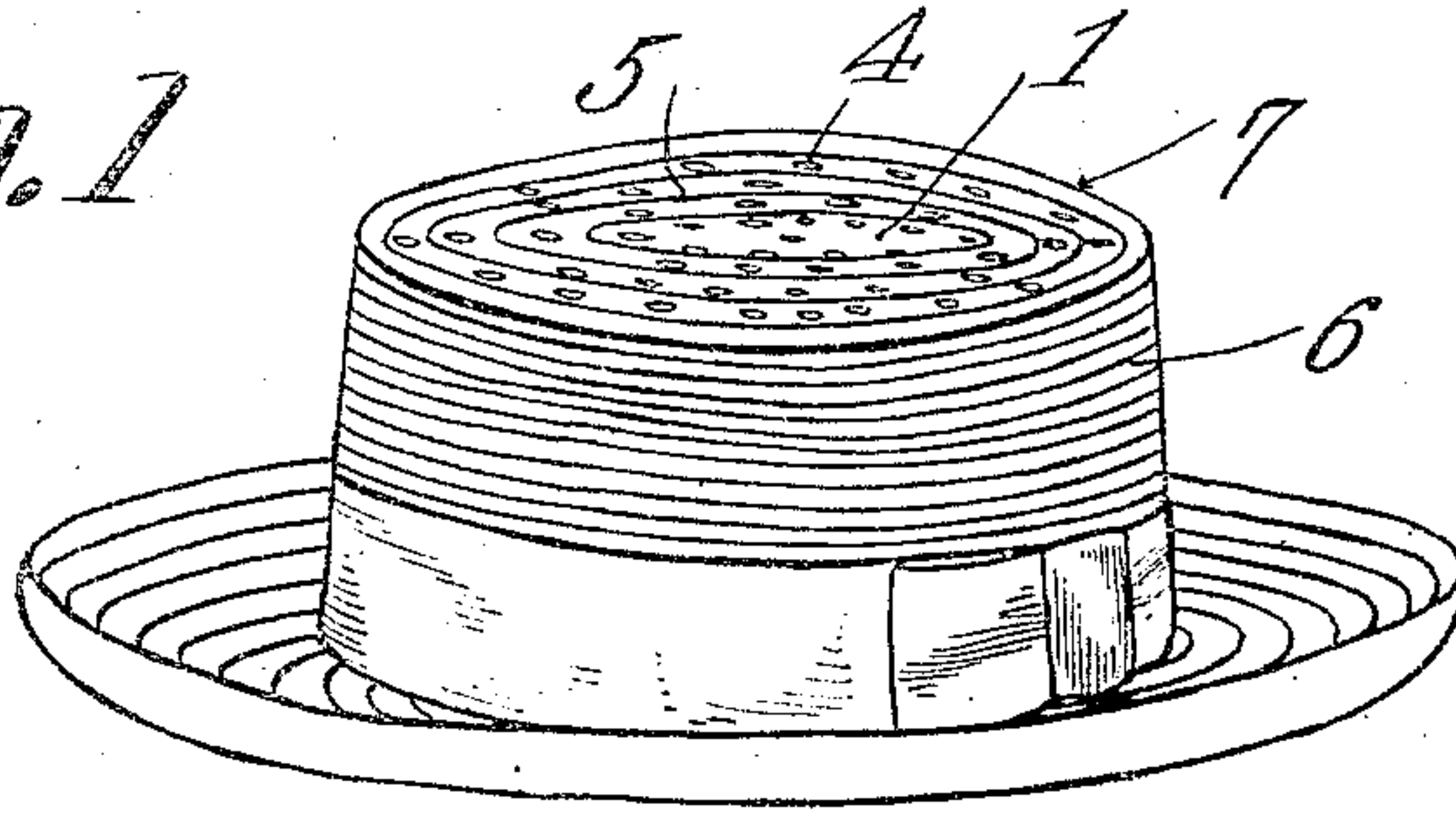


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES R. RASH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Henderson, in the county of Henderson and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Hat, of which the following is a specification.

The object of the invention is, in a novel and practical manner, without in the least detracting from the appearance, varying perceptibly the conventional lines or objectionably adding to the cost of its production, to render a hat of any character permeable by light and air, whereby in a large measure, to prevent baldness resulting from the use of close fitting and dark interior hats, and to cure certain pathological conditions of the hair and scalp caused by the hot and confined atmosphere engendered by wearing hats of the ordinary construction.

The invention further consists in a hat having its crown composed in part of a substance substantially transparent, and moisture-proof, the moisture-proof material being ornamented to simulate closely the brim and the remaining portions of the crown.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts,—Figure 1 is a perspective of a hat constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a fragmental sectional detail, on an enlarged scale, of the hat shown in Fig. 1.

In carrying out the invention, there is employed, as a light and air permeable substance to be used in connection with a hat, any material adapted to the purpose, provided it be adapted to resist the action of the moisture, and that it be transparent or substantially so, and that it be flexible and light in weight. For this purpose, celluloid is peculiarly adapted although mica or any other material having the properties stated, may be employed.

In order that the improvement shall not detract from the appearance of the hat or cause it to be conspicuous from any peculiarity, the material will be stamped, corrugated, or otherwise treated, to cause it

closely to simulate the material of the crown or of the brim, and, if desired, it may be slightly colored or tinted, but not sufficiently to detract from its light penetrable quality.

As shown, the hat has its crown fashioned from a series of bands or crown forming members 6, having their edges overlapped, the upper band 7 of the series, being yieldable, and being extended within the contour of the crown of the hat to form a binding strip, the remainder of the bands 6 being fashioned from braided straw or the like. A tip 1 is assembled with the upper band or binding strip 7, and is spaced from the crown of the hat, the tip being fashioned from transparent, multiorificed, water-proof material, and tinted to correspond with the crown. The tip 1 is provided with a series of annular corrugations 5, arranged to simulate the overlapping edges of the bands 6, the outer depression 8, caused by the corrugations 5, being arranged to receive the upper band or binding strip 7. The upper band or binding strip 7 may be united by stitches 3 to the tip, and the openings 4 in the tip may be disposed in any desired manner.

I claim:—

A hat having its crown fashioned from a series of bands having their edges overlapped, the upper band of the series being yieldable and being extended within the contour of the crown to form a binding-strip; and a tip assembled with the binding-strip and spaced from the crown; the tip being fashioned from transparent, multiorificed, waterproof material tinted to correspond with the crown, the tip being provided with annular corrugations to simulate the overlapping edges of the crown-forming members, the outer depression caused by the corrugations being arranged to receive the binding-strip.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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