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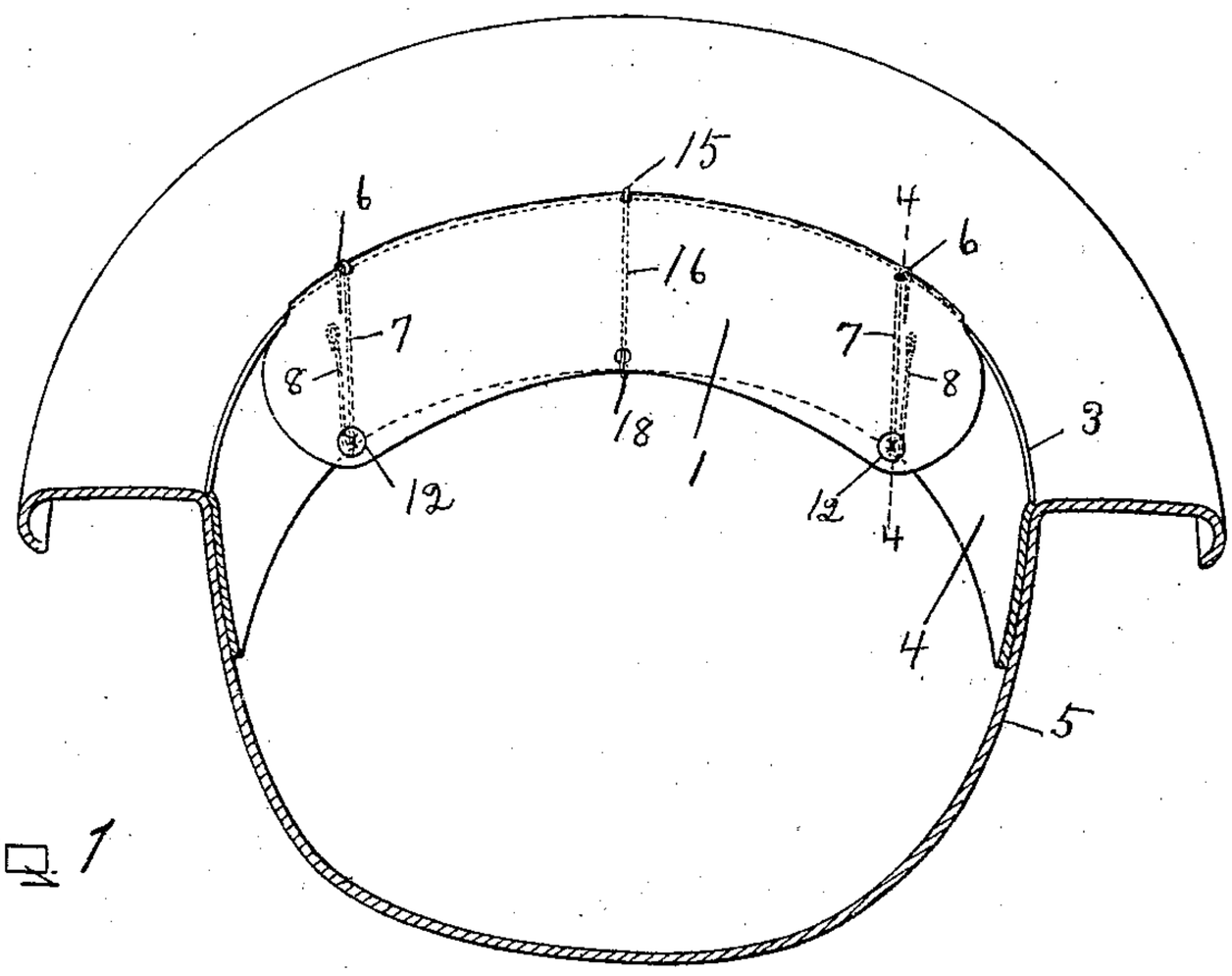

FIG. 1

FIG. 3

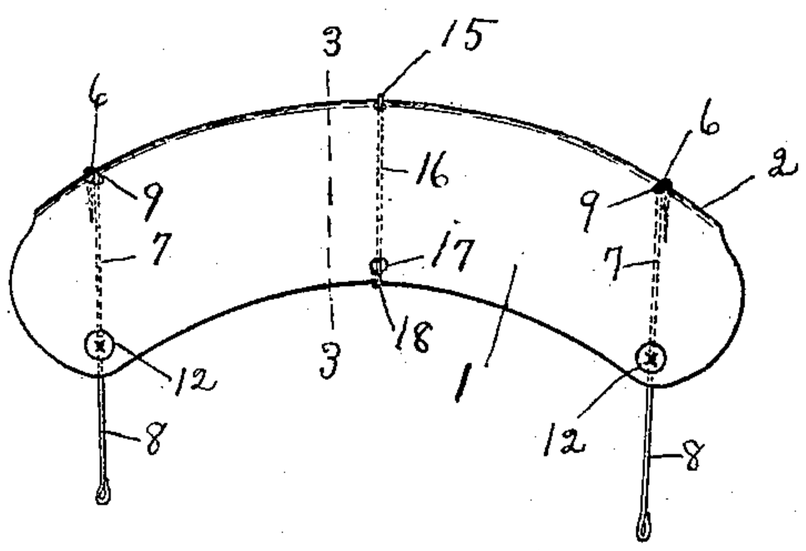

FIG. 2

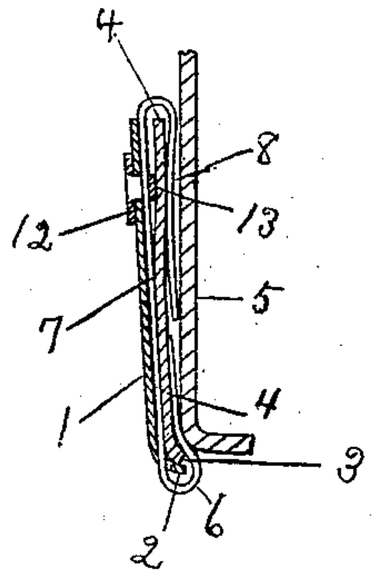

FIG. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES H. TOWNSEND, commonly known as HARRY TOWNSEND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gloversville, county of Fulton, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Shields, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to such improvements and consists of the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter described and subsequently claimed.

Reference may be had to the accompanying drawings, and the reference characters marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Similar characters refer to similar parts in the several figures therein.

The object of the invention is to protect the sweat-band, and the bead on the outer edge of the same, from perspiration while the hat is in use.

The invention consists of a flexible strip of thin material curved flatwise, and having on one side-edge a transversely curved flange projecting from the convex side of the strip, and means for securing the strip upon the inner surface of a sweat-band, so that the transversely curved edge will pass partly around the lower edge of the sweat-band, as will be hereinafter more fully described and subsequently pointed out in the claim.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a view partly in perspective, and partly in section, of an inverted hat with the improved shield secured to its sweat-band. Fig. 2 is a similar view of the shield detached. Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-section of the shield, taken on the broken line 3—3 in Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a vertical section taken on the broken line 4—4 in Fig. 1, showing the attaching wire in full. Figs. 3 and 4 are taken upon an enlarged scale for convenience of illustration. Fig. 4 is taken with the hat right-side up, instead of inverted as shown in Fig. 1.

The shield, 1, is made of a thin strip of impervious sheet material, such as celluloid. The strip is preferably bent or curved flatwise to fit the interior of a hat, as shown. One of the longitudinal edges of the strip is curved transversely so as to present the rounded edge, 2, projecting from the convex side of the strip, and adapted to project over the lower edge, 3, of the sweat-band, 4, applied to the hat 5.

It is not uncommon to provide the lower edge of the sweat-band with a bead, which is not shown in the drawing, but it is obvious that the curved portion, 2, of the strip may be projected at any degree of curvature or any suitable distance to cover the lower edge of the sweat-band, whether provided with a bead or not.

As a means for securing the shield to the sweat-band, a plurality of hooks are secured to the strip or shield, the two end-hooks, 6, each being provided with an attaching shank, 7, secured to the body-part of the strip. The shanks may be projected beyond the opposite and uncurved edge of the shield or strip, as shown in Fig. 2.

In attaching the shield to the sweat-band of the hat, it is only necessary to push the points of the hooks, 6, in between the lower edge of the sweat-band and the body-part of the hat, as seen in Fig. 4, and push the lower projecting ends, 8, of the shanks in between the inner edge of the sweat-band and the body-part of the hat. The projections, 8, may be of sufficient length to adapt them for use with sweat-bands of differing widths. The hooks and shanks are preferably made of small flexible wire, and I have shown the hook-ends of the shanks passing through an aperture, 9, made in the strip. A fastening is also provided for the wire shanks at or near the inner edge of the shield or strip, consisting of a sheet metal eye-bolt, 12, having its eye, 13, inserted through a perforation in the body-part of the strip and the wire passed through the projecting eye, as seen in Fig. 4.

The metal hook, 15, has the hook-end secured by passing through an aperture in the strip the same as hook, 6, and the other end of the shank, 16, passes through an aperture, 17, on the inner edge of the strip, the inner end of the shank being bent to form a hook, 18, adapted to be inserted between the inner edge of the sweat-band and the body-part of the hat, so that both hooks, 15 and 18, are secured to the strip in the same manner.

It is obvious that any or all of the hooks may be secured to the strip in any well known manner.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

A sweat-band for hats comprising a flexible strip of thin material curved flatwise, and having on one side-edge a transversely curved flange projecting from the convex

side of the strip, a plurality of wires severally secured to the strip of material, and severally having on one end a hook passing around the transverse flange of the strip, and adapted to be inserted between the sweat-band and body-part of the hat, at one edge of the sweat-band, and having their opposite ends projected beyond the opposite longitudinal edge of the strip, and adapted to be bent around the other longitudinal edge of the sweat-band, and inserted between such band and the body-part of the hat.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 15th day of July, 1909.

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