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Fig. 1.

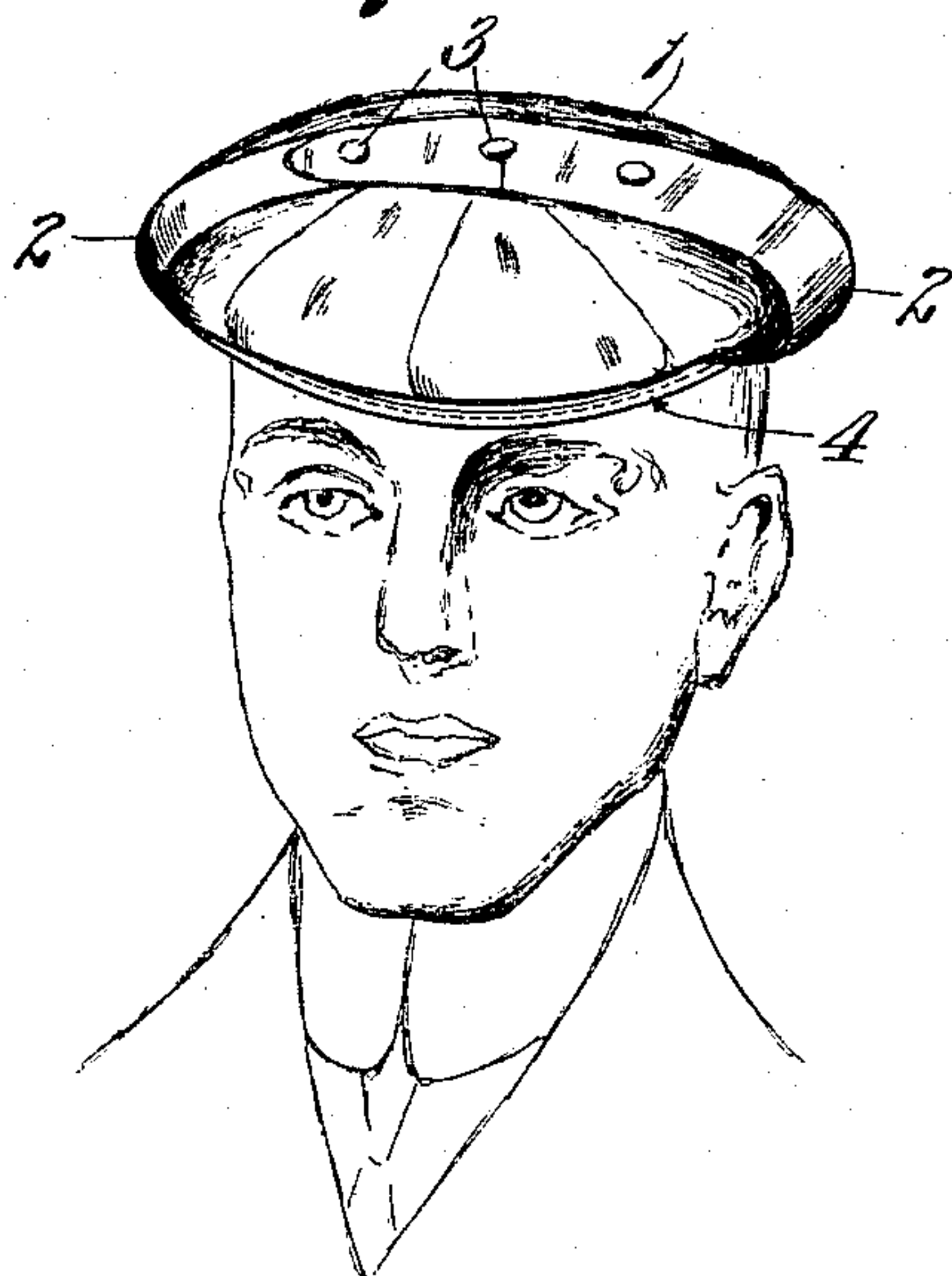


Fig. 2.

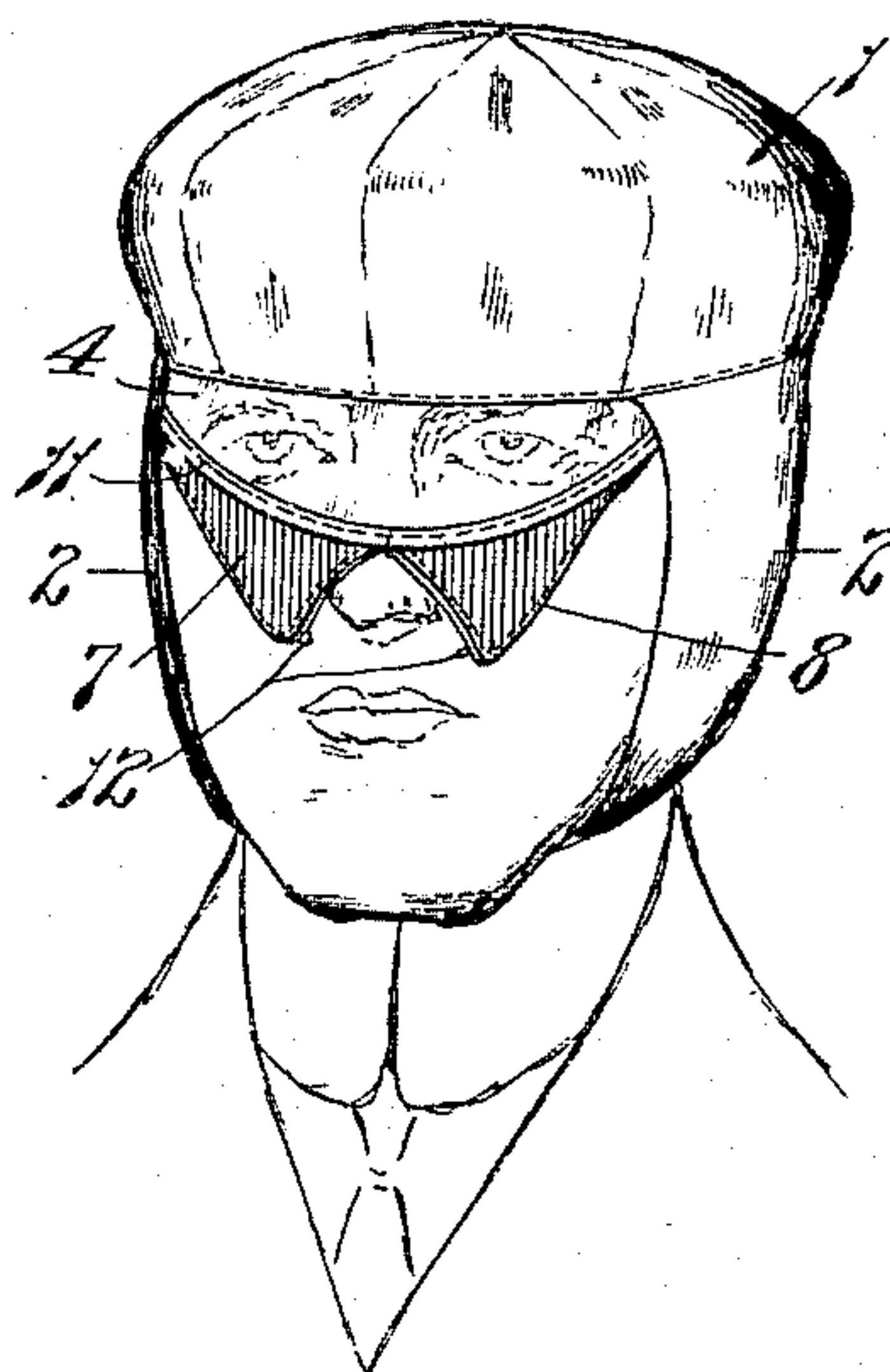


Fig. 3.

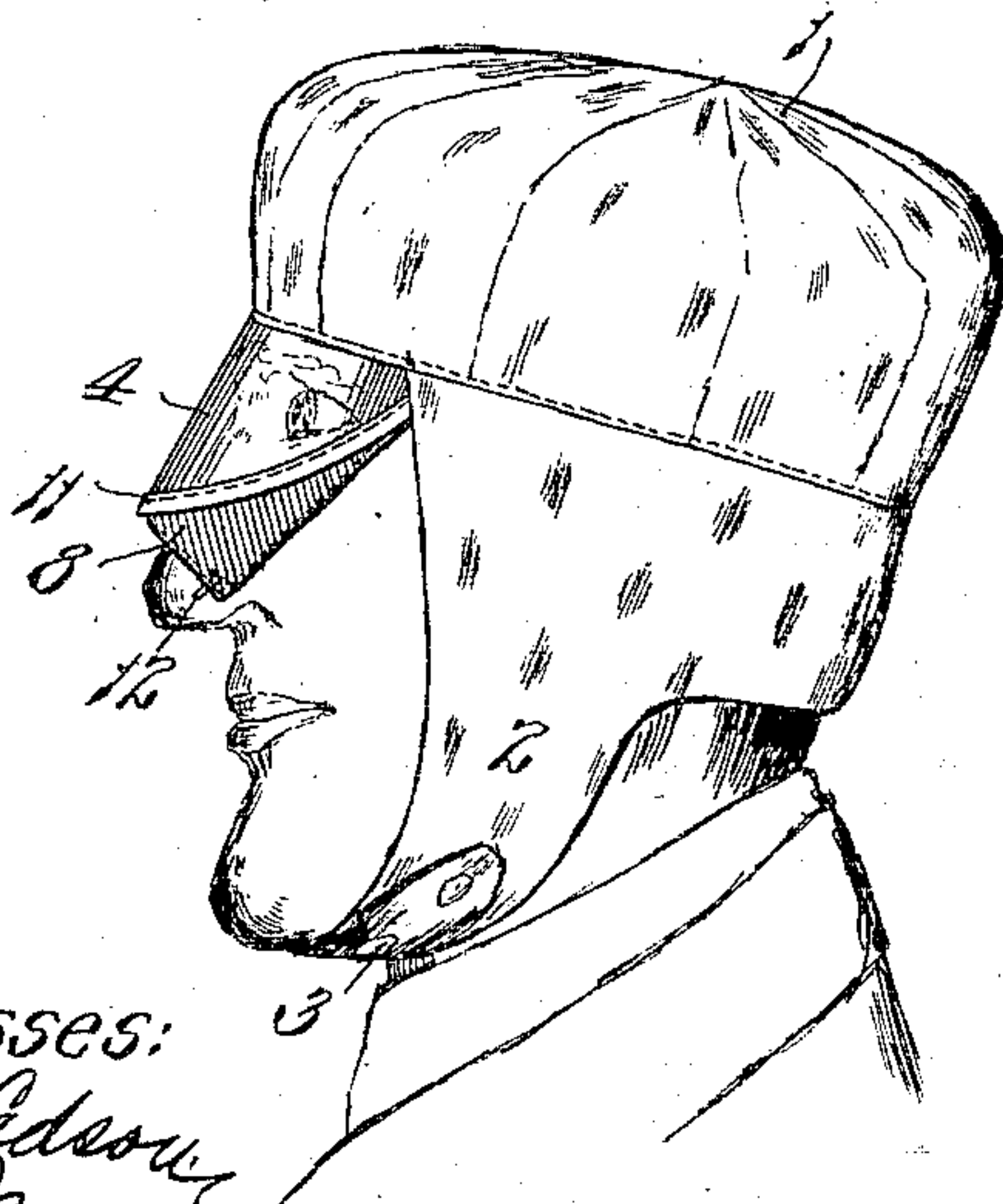
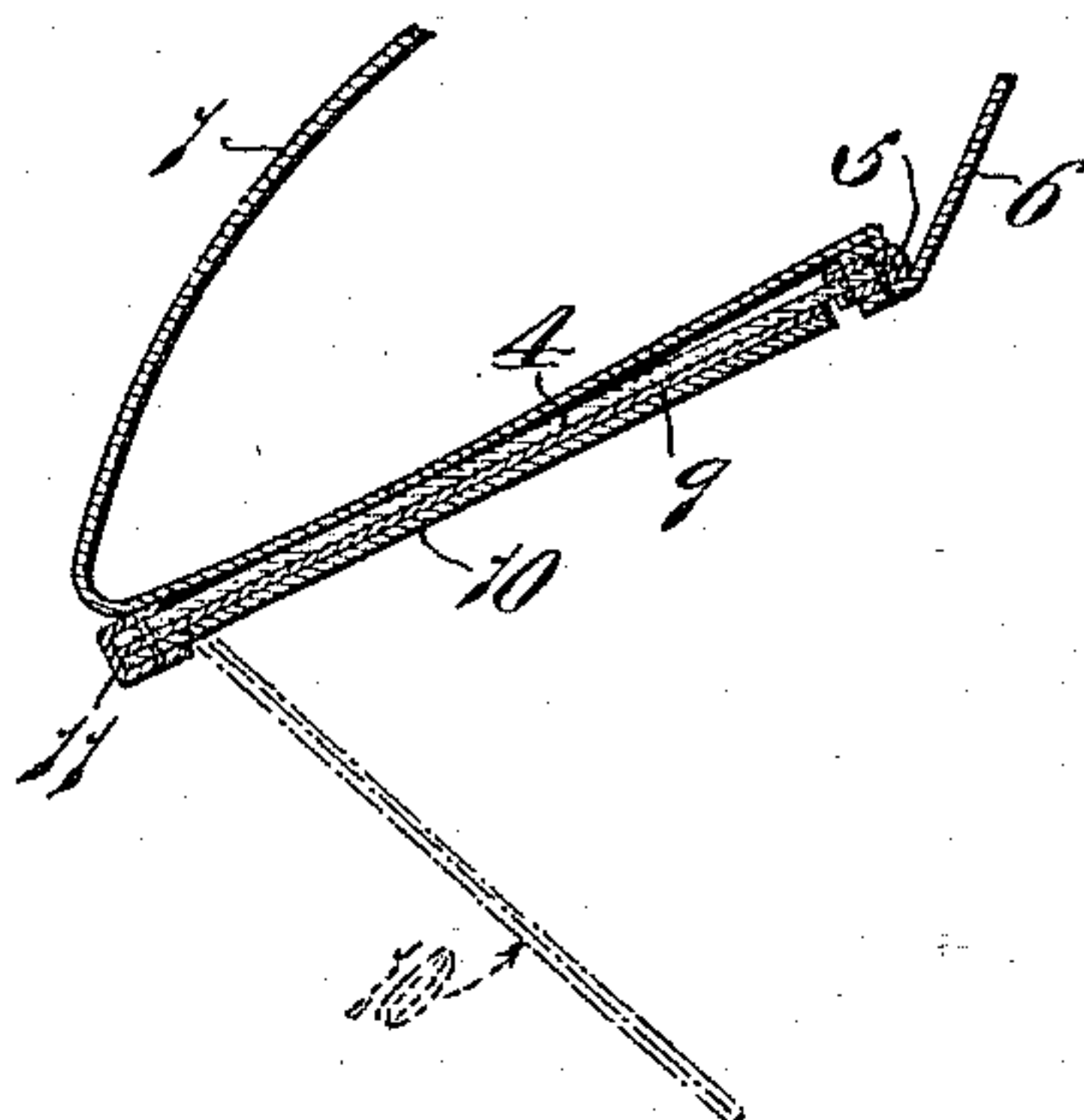


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM J. NOVOSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Caps or Headwear, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the head of a person showing my new cap in position thereon with the vizor or goggle-flaps, so-called, and ear-flaps in raised or turned-up position; Fig. 2 is a similar view showing my new cap with the vizor or goggle-flaps and ear-flaps in lowered or turned-down position; Fig. 3 is side elevational view of the head of a person showing my new cap in position thereon with the vizor or goggle-flaps and ear-flaps in lowered or turned-down position as in Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 is a sectional view through the front portion of the cap.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in caps or headwear, the object being mainly to provide a cap or the like with means adapted to form what might be called a pair of goggles, the goggles when formed being substantially integral with the cap proper, and the cap as a whole being comparatively light in weight, neat and attractive in appearance, and easily manufactured.

With this object in view, my invention resides in the novel construction particularly of the cap-vizor and vizor or goggle-flaps and in the novel arrangement and combination of the cap proper, vizor, and vizor or goggle-flaps, all as will hereinafter be described and afterward pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, 1 indicates the body of the cap proper, which may be of any approved form or design and which has preferably ear-flaps 2 adapted, when the cap is worn as ordinarily, to be folded over the top of body 1 and secured together by any suitable fastening devices 3, as shown in Fig. 1, or to be turned down and secured together, as by said fastening devices 3, under the chin of the wearer or user, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, whenever desired, as, for instance, in automobilizing.

4 indicates the vizor of the cap, which is of any transparent, preferably flexible material, such as celluloid. A tape or the like

5 of any suitable material is preferably arranged over the inner edge of vizor 4, said vizor 4 at its said inner edge with said tape or the like 5 thereon being then sewed or otherwise suitably secured to body 1 of the cap, as shown in Fig. 4. A sweat-band 6 is then preferably arranged within the body 1 and over said tape 5, as shown particularly in Fig. 4, said sweat-band 6 being likewise sewed or otherwise suitably secured in proper position. As is usual, however, the body 1, vizor 4, tape 5, and sweat-band 6, may, if desired, be sewed or otherwise properly secured together in one operation.

7 and 8 indicate what I call the vizor or goggle-flaps. These flaps 7 and 8 are preferably of the same shape, as shown in Fig. 2, and, while I prefer to make each of these flaps of two pieces of material, as shown in Fig. 4, the upper or inner piece of material 9 being preferably like the material of body 1 of the cap, and the lower or outer piece of material 10 being preferably of leather cloth or the like, these flaps may be of any suitable, preferably flexible material. The outer edge of flaps 7 and 8 is co-incident with the outer edge of vizor 4, a tape or the like 11 of any suitable material being preferably first arranged around and over the outer edge of said vizor 4 and flaps 7 and 8 and said tape 11, vizor 4, and flaps 7 and 8 being then sewed or otherwise suitably secured together, as shown particularly in Fig. 4. These said flaps 7 and 8, while secured to said vizor 4, as stated, are yet, as it might be said, movable relative thereto, as will be clear, for purposes hereinafter appearing.

When the cap is used or worn as shown in Fig. 1, the flaps 7 and 8 are adapted to be turned up and lie flat against the underside of vizor 4, a hook-and-eye or other suitable fastening device 12 being preferably used to secure said flaps together when in such position. The flaps 7 and 8 are preferably of such a width that, when said flaps are in said raised or turned-up position, they substantially cover the under side of vizor 4, the inner edge of said flaps being closely adjacent the sweat-band 6. Said flaps 7 and 8, when in said raised or turned-up position, thus form a backing for said vizor 4 and render or change said transparent vizor 4 into a vizor substantially, to all outward appearances, similar to those now in general use.

When, however, the cap is to be used as in automobiling, for instance, or as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the cap is pulled down upon the head so as to bring the vizor 4 in position to be seen through, the hook-and-eye or other fastening device 12 unfastened, and the flaps 7 and 8 brought down or lowered into the position shown particularly in Figs. 2 and 3, the vizor 4 and flaps 7 and 8, when in such latter position, providing substantially what I have called a pair of goggles integral with body 1 of the cap. When in such latter position, the vizor, while permitting a clear view to be had, protects the eyes against wind and dust, and the flaps 7 and 8, bearing or touching at their lower edge against the face, prevent the entrance of dust and the like under the vizor 4 and at the same time provide a protective covering for the upper part of the face. When the cap is to be again worn or used as an ordinary cap, as shown in Fig. 1, the flaps 7 and 8 may be readily turned up and secured under vizor 4, as before described.

I am aware that minor changes in the construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of my cap may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A cap or the like comprising a body portion adapted to fit the head of the wearer, a transparent vizor secured to said body portion and adapted to normally project therefrom above the eyes of said wearer, and flaps secured to said vizor and adapted to form a backing for said vizor when in said normal position, said vizor being further adapted to be pulled down in front of the

eyes of said wearer in position to be seen through and said flaps lowered to provide a protective covering for a portion of the face of said wearer; substantially as described.

2. A cap or the like comprising a body portion adapted to fit the head of the wearer, a transparent vizor secured to said body portion and adapted to normally project therefrom above the eyes of said wearer, and a pair of flexible flaps secured to said vizor and adapted to form a backing for said vizor when in said normal position, said vizor being further adapted to be pulled down in front of the eyes of said wearer in position to be seen through and said flaps lowered on opposite sides of the nose of said wearer to form with said vizor a pair of goggles; substantially as described.

3. A cap or the like comprising a body portion adapted to fit the head of the wearer, a vizor secured to said body portion and adapted to normally project therefrom above the eyes of said wearer, a pair of flaps secured to said vizor and adapted to form a backing for said vizor when in said normal position, and means adapted to releasably secure said flaps together when in said position, said vizor being further adapted to be pulled down in front of the eyes of said wearer in position to be seen through and said flaps released and lowered on opposite sides of the nose of said wearer to form with said vizor a pair of goggles; substantially as described.

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

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