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Fig.1.

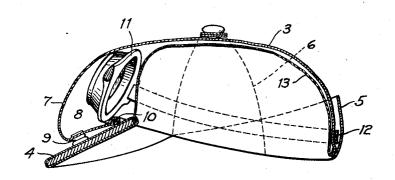
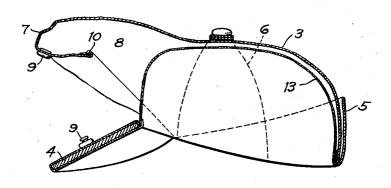


Fig.2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Gustav A. Bader, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Rochester, in the county of Monroe and 5 State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Caps, of which the following is a specification.

This relation relates to caps such as are worn by automobilists, or others who have 10 occasion to wear eye-shields or goggles.

It is customary for automobilists, when riding, to protect the eyes by shields or goggles which are held in place by means of elastic bands passing around the head. 15 When the user of such goggles, owing to stoppage of the vehicle, or any other cause, finds it unnecessary, for a short time, to use the goggles, they are usually left upon the head though removed from the eyes, it be-20 ing customary to merely raise them above the vizor of the cap. In this position the goggles are conveniently ready for use, but they are liable to be soiled by dust or rain, or otherwise, and they also present a more
25 or less unsightly appearance.

The principal object of the present in-

vention is to produce a cap which will permit the goggles to be used in the convenient manner above described, while at the same 30 time providing for their complete protection when not in use, and also to provide means for concealing the goggles in such a way that their presence on the head of the wearer is not apparent when they are not

35 in use.

To the end described I propose to employ a cap so constructed as to provide, at the front, a pocket or receptacle into which the goggles may be inserted without removing 40 the cap from the head. This receptacle is preferably formed by the body of the cap itself, this body having usually a loose or full portion projecting forwardly over the vizor, which is well adapted to serve this 45 purpose. By employing this space at the front of the cap I am enabled to produce a device for the required purpose which in no way alters the appearance of the cap, so that when the goggles are inserted in the

50 cap their presence is not apparent.

It will be apparent that the construction just described, while particularly useful in connection with goggles, may also be conveniently employed to produce a receptacle in 55 which other articles may be conveniently carried and concealed, and a cap embodying the present invention is, therefore, useful for fishermen, hunters and others, who desire to carry small articles in a convenient and readily accessible place.

In carrying out the foregoing invention I employ, in the preferred embodiment of the invention, a simple and inexpensive construction which constitutes a feature of the invention, and which is hereinafter de- 65 scribed and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a vertical, median section of a cap embodying the present invention, together with a pair of goggles inclosed therein; 70 and Fig. 2 is a similar section showing the

goggle-receptacle in open position.

The invention is illustrated as embodied in a cap of a well-known style. This cap comprises a body-portion 3 of any suitable 75 material, provided at the front with a vizor 4 and at the back with a flap 5 which may be worn either in the raised position illustrated, or turned down against the neck. The cap is also provided with the usual 80 ear flaps 6. The flaps 5 and 6 are not essential, however, to the present invention, although the vizor 4 is employed in the preferred embodiment thereof.

As is usual in caps of the style in ques- 85 tion, the front of the body 3 is provided with considerable fullness or surplus material forming a forward projection or pouch 7 which rests upon the vizor 4. The space 8 within this part of the cap is utilized, in the 90 present invention, as a receptacle for the goggles. To this end the edge of the body at the front is not sewed in the usual manner to the lining 13 and the vizor, but is left loose and provided with an elastic draw- 95 string 10. In the normal position of the cap this draw-string holds the edge of the body in the position of Fig. 1, the material being more or less puckered along the edge at this time. When it is necessary to open the gog- 100 gle-receptacle, however, this may be readily done by pulling the part 7 forwardly and upwardly, thus stretching the draw-string and producing an opening into the space 8 as shown in Fig. 2. In the normal position 105 of the cap the part 7 is preferably secured to the vizor, in the usual manner, by means of detachable catch-members 9 of any wellknown form.

In connection with a cap of the style de- 110 scribed the elastic band or strap by which the goggles are held in place is usually

passed inside of the ear flaps 6 and the rear flap 5, as shown at 12 in Fig. 1. When the goggles are not to be used the goggle-receptacle is opened, as in Fig. 2. The goggles are then drawn forwardly, stretching the band 12 so that they may be passed around and over the vizor 4, and the band 12 then holds the goggles in the position of Fig. 1, in the space between the body 3 and the lin-

10 ing 13 of the cap. The draw-string 10 then holds the goggle-receptacle in closed position, thus completely protecting and con-cealing the goggles, and the catch-members 9 are also preferably fastened together as in

It will be obvious that the invention, in its broadest aspects, may be employed in connection with caps of various styles and forms, and that it is not limited to the em-20 bodiment thereof hereinbefore described, but may be embodied in various other forms within the nature of the invention as it is defined in the following claims.

I claim:

1. A cap comprising a body and a vizor and provided at the front, above the vizor, with an opening through which articles may be introduced into the body of the cap without removing it from the head of the wearer, and with means for normally holding said 30

opening closed.

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2. A cap comprising a body, a vizor, and a lining, the edge of the body being free adjacent the vizor so that it may be raised to afford an opening through which articles 35 may be inserted into the space between the body and the lining at the front of the cap without removing the cap from the head.

3. A cap comprising a body, a vizor and a lining, the edge of the body being free ad- 40 jacent the vizor so as to afford an opening through which articles may be inserted into the space between the body and the lining, and means for detachably fastening the

body to the vizor.

4. A cap comprising a body, a vizor and a lining, the edge of the body being free adjacent the vizor but being provided with an elastic draw-string so as to permit said edge to be raised from the vizor to afford an 50 opening through which articles may be inserted into the space between the body and the lining, and means for detachably fastening the body to the vizor.

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