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5. Hat

I've had a hat for 15 years that I still love. It's a hat that my wife would kill me if I ever got rid of it. She thinks of it as just indelibly me. It's an old driving, newsboy kind of hat. It's made by a guy named [John Hanly](#). It's called a John Hanly Ireland cap. I don't know what that means. I only know that because I've looked at the back of it for 15 straight years. It's threadbare. I don't think it's going to last. I don't wear it as much as I used to because I'm afraid it'll fall apart.