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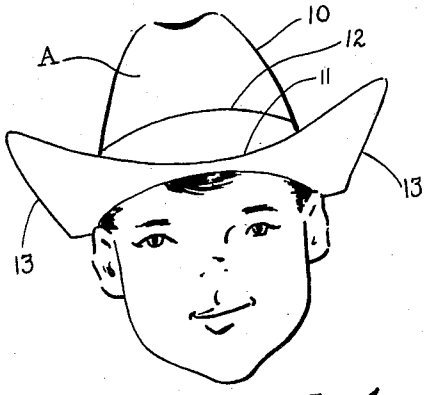


FIG. 1

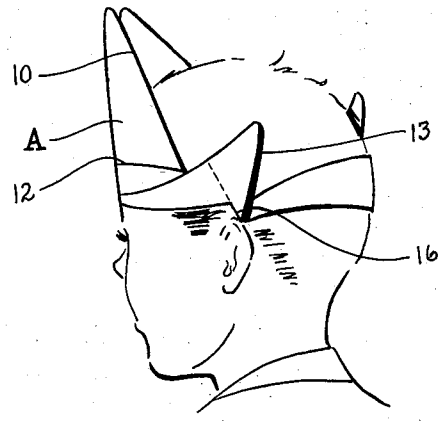


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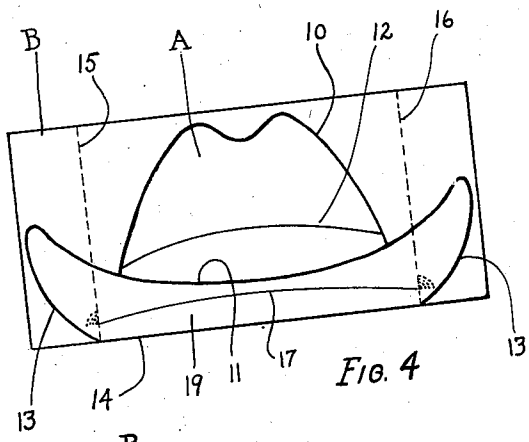


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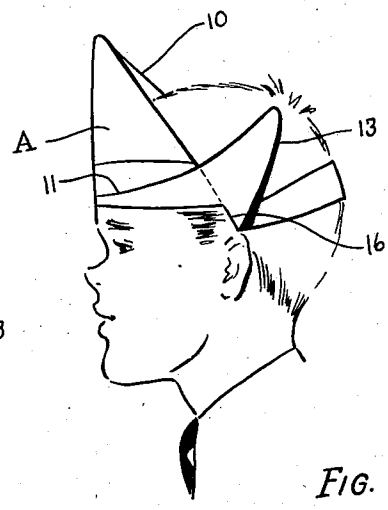


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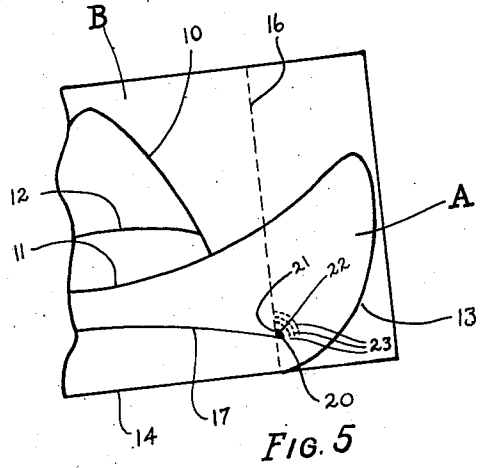


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My invention relates to an improvement in play hat of a type constructed of a single sheet of paper.

The object of the present invention is to provide a play hat comprising a single sheet of paper or similar material which may be worn on the head to simulate in appearance a hat of predetermined design. The sheet forming the hat includes a transverse slot so that by bowing a portion of the sheet forwardly and another portion of the sheet rearwardly, the play hat may encircle the head and thus be held in place.

A feature of the invention lies in reproducing upon a sheet of stock a realistic representation of a hat. When cut out along its outline, and optionally colored, the hat provides a true to life illusion, particularly when viewed from the front.

A feature of my invention lies in the manner in which the hat is supported upon the head. The body of the hat is forwardly bowed to lie flat against the forehead. The portion of the hat forming the head encircling band is rearwardly bowed, and lies flat against the back of the head. The hat may accordingly be worn for extended periods of time with little discomfort.

A further feature of the present invention lies in the connection between the portion of the sheet to be bowed forwardly, and the retaining band portion thereof designed to be bowed rearwardly. The sheet is slit transversely to a point spaced inwardly from the lateral sides of the hat body. Substantially parallel vertical fold lines extend through the ends of the slit. The portion of the sheet below the slit, which forms the band to encircle the back of the head, is thus connected to the remainder of the hat body along spaced fold lines. The forwardly bowed body portion between the fold lines, and the rearwardly bowed band portion thus extend in opposite directions from the side portions of the hat which lie outwardly of the fold lines.

A further feature of the present invention lies in notching the hat body at the ends of the slot separating the hat band from the hat body. This notching is so arranged as to minimize the danger of tearing the band from the hat. By increasing the size of the notch the effective length of the band may be increased to accommodate the hat for larger head sizes.

These and other objects and novel features of my invention will be more clearly and fully set forth in the following specification and claims.

In the drawings forming a part of my specification:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of my hat in position upon the head of a youngster showing the construction thereof.

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Figure 2 is a rear perspective view of the hat in operable position.

Figure 3 is a side elevational view of the hat in use.

Figure 4 is a diagrammatic plan view showing the sheet from which the hat is formed and illustrating the hat representation thereupon.

Figure 5 is an enlarged view showing one end of the slot and the means of enlarging the notch formed at each end of the slot.

The hat A is formed on the sheet B, as best illustrated in Figures 4 and 5 of the drawings. The sheet B is card board or any other suitable sheet material. In the particular design of hat illustrated, the outline 10 represents the crown of the hat. A line 11 designates the edge of the forward part of the hat brim. The decorative band 12 is indicated above the forward brim edge 11. This band 12 represents the usual ribbon which encircles the body of a felt hat of the type represented.

The rear edge of the brim is represented by lines 13 at each side of the hat. These lines 13 extend to the lower edge 14 of the sheet B.

Spaced parallel fold lines 15 and 16 extend through the sheet B extending from top to bottom of the sheet at substantially right angles to the lower edge 14. These fold lines 15 and 16 extend through the ends of a curved slot 17, which is designed to separate the hat body from the head encircling band. The head band 19 comprises the portion of the sheet B bounded by the slot 17, the fold lines 15 and 16 and the lower sheet edge 14.

At each end of the slot 17 I provide a notch or aperture 20. This notch or aperture 20 is illustrated as including a lower extreme edge forming a continuation of the slot 17. One edge 21 of the notch 20 is illustrated as coinciding with the fold line 15 or 16. A curved line 22 completes the periphery of the notch, thus providing a segment shaped aperture having one side thereof coinciding with the line of fold through the hat brim.

Extending along curved paths in spaced relation from the curved edge 22 I disclose spaced dotted lines 23. These dotted lines provide an indication of the outline shape which the notch 20 should have in order to enlarge the notch 20. If the hat A is too small to fit about the head, the size thereof may be increased by cutting along one of the lines 23. The notch should in every instance be completed by cutting along the fold

lines 15 and 16 and continuing the slot 17 to the proper extent to connect with the ends of the curved line.

It will thus be seen that my hat is formed of a single flat sheet of paper or other suitable material. A curved slot 17 is die cut into the paper to partially separate the top part of the hat which forms the design thereof from the lower portion thereof which forms a band to encircle the back of the head. At the ends of the die cut slot 17 two vertical score lines are provided which permit the band 19 to be folded rearwardly from the adjacent portions of the hat brim. At the juncture of the slot and the score line I provide a notch which is illustrated as comprising a small arc triangle. Larger arcs are inscribed extending from the score line to an extension of the slot 17. These arcs indicate the manner in which the sheet should be cut in order to increase the effective size of the hat.

As will be noted from the drawings the hat is first cut from the sheet B by cutting about the outline of the hat A. The body of the hat is then bowed forwardly and the band 19 bowed rearwardly to form an oval ring through which the top of the head may be inserted. In the event the ring thus formed is not of sufficient size, the sheet B is cut along the next larger arc 23 as well as along the fold lines 15 and 16 and along the slot extension to form a larger arc triangle. The size of the hat is in this way increased.

The notches 20 may be of any suitable size and may be in the form of circles, squares, rectangles, or any other geometrical design which permits the wearer to increase the head size. The use of enlarged notches is usually of importance, however, as such use eliminates the danger of the band tearing from the hat body.

In accordance with the patent statutes, I have described the principles of construction and operation of my play hat, and while I have endeavored to set forth the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that this is only illustrative of a means of carrying out my invention, and that obvious changes may be made within the scope of the following claims without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

1. A play hat comprising a flat sheet of flexible material cut to the outline configuration of a hat, a transverse slot terminating at points spaced from the lateral edges of said sheet, said slot dividing said sheet into a hat body and a band terminally connected to said hat body, and parallel aligned score lines in both the hat body and band portions of said sheet on both sides of the slot at the ends of said slot.

2. A play hat comprising a flat sheet of flexible material cut to the outline configuration of a hat, a transverse slot terminating at points spaced from the lateral edges of said sheet, said slot dividing said sheet into a hat body and a band terminally connected to said hat body, said hat body having the outline configuration of the crown of a hat, and substantially parallel fold lines extending through both the hat body and band portions of said sheet at the ends of said slot on both sides of the slot and substantially right angular with respect thereto.

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