LADY'S HAT
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FIG. 3

FIG. 4

FIG. 5

WITNESSES:

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My invention relates to ladies' hats and more particularly to the foundation structure of same. According to the usual method of making ladies' hats, no provision is made for supporting the back of the brim to prevent same from drooping over the neck and shoulders of the wearer.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a hat structure which is capable of supporting the hat brim in such a manner as to overcome this objectionable feature.

Another object of my invention is to design the hat structure that room is provided for the head of the wearer at the points where such room is most needed.

Still another object of my invention is to provide a lady's hat consisting of few parts, which may be easily cut from the foundation material and quickly and economically assembled.

These objects, and other advantages ends which will be described hereinafter, I attain in the following manner, reference being had to the accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat embodying my invention, shown as it would appear upon the head of a wearer.

Figure 2 is a central longitudinal sectional view of the hat shown in Figure 1, drawn to an enlarged scale.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the crown piece of the hat before same is shaped or assembled.

Figure 4 a plan view of the foundation before same is assembled, and

Figure 5 a plan view of the hat brim shown in Figure 1, illustrated upon a smaller scale than Fig. 4.

Referring now more in detail to the drawing, the hat consists of a crown piece 6 to which is attached a foundation piece 7 supporting the brim 8. Crown piece 6 is of the outline shown in Figure 3, being oval in form and broader at the front end than at the rear. This provision is made in order that material will be provided whereby the front part 9 may be turned downwardly in approximately the position shown in Figure 2 while the rear portion 10 is only turned downwardly enough to shape the crown and to provide a downwardly extending edge to which the upper rear part of foundation piece 7 may be secured. This shape of the crown piece at the rear, by being shallow and lower than the front, provides a construction whereby the back of the hat is supported and prevented from drooping backwardly on the neck and shoulders.

The outline of foundation piece 7 is very nearly elliptical with a large V-shaped cut 12 made in the rear portion thereof and an aperture 13, of an arcuate outline, formed in its center. Crown piece 6 is shaped over a block and the front edge 14 of foundation piece 7 is secured to the lower edge of front part 9. Side edges 15 are then carried around the outside of crown piece 6, and secured thereto to form the seam 16.

The inner edge 17 of brim 8 is then secured to the lower edge 18 of foundation 7 which will cause the edges 19, formed by making a large V-shaped cut in the rear of the brim, to overlap one another to form a seam. Figure 5 is drawn on a much reduced scale from that of Figure 4, it being understood that the inner edge 17 of the brim is substantially co-extensive in length with the outer edge of the foundation piece 7. It will be noted that the sides of the foundation 7 are considerably broadened so that the lateral edges are outwardly extended, the curve thereof being much greater than the curve of the adjacent inner edge of the brim to which it is secured. This forces the sides of the brim downwardly into a drooping position and springs the front and back of the brim upwardly and prevents them from drooping. The degree of droop to the sides of the brim and the set of the front and back is dependent upon the relative breadth of the side portions of the foundation piece and the curvature of its edge with relation to the inner edge of the brim. Therefore, the style of the hat may be varied at will by changing the relative proportions and curvature of these parts. The hat may then be blocked into any desired shape, such as that shown in Figure 2 for example, it being understood that suitable foundation material, such as buckram, is employed, which readily lends itself to such shaping. The hat is then covered with suitable material.

Hats in vogue today are designed to be pulled over the back of the head so that the front part of the crown crushes the wearer's hair against her head and the lower edge of the crown is cut off at such angle as is required to dispose the brim as the style may dictate. The hat shown herein is adapted to be drawn over the top of the wearer's head so that ample room is provided for the
wearer's hair in the interior of the front of crown piece 6 while edge 18 of foundation piece 7 may be cut so as to produce any angle desired for brim 8.

5 While I have illustrated an embodiment of my invention and described a manner of carrying it into effect, it will be understood that modifications might be made without departing from the spirit thereof, and hence I do not limit myself to the precise construction set forth, but consider that I am at liberty to make such changes and alterations as fairly come within the scope of the appended claim.

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

A lady's hat formed of a crown piece having a depending edge; a foundation element having a central opening and a V-cut with the edges of the V-cut secured together; and a brim section having a central opening and a V-cut with the edges of the V-cut secured together; the edge of the central opening of the foundation element being adapted to be secured to the depending edge of the crown piece, and the edge of the central opening of the brim being adapted to be secured to the outer edge of the foundation element; the outer edge of the foundation element as above formed having a lateral dimension greater than the normal width of the central opening of the brim, whereby the sides of the brim are forced downwardly into drooping position and the front and back of the brim sprung upwardly to prevent drooping of the said front and back, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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