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FIG. 1.

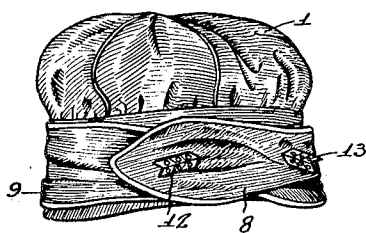


FIG. 3.

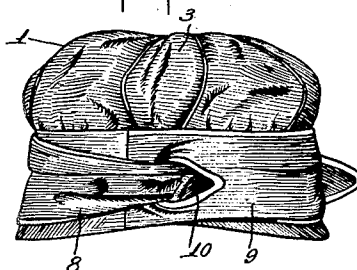


FIG. 2.

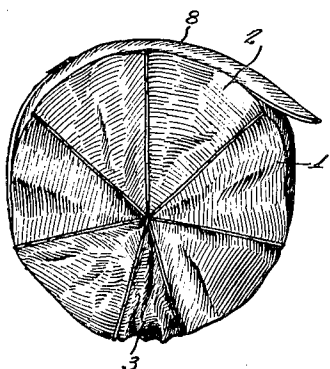


FIG. 4.

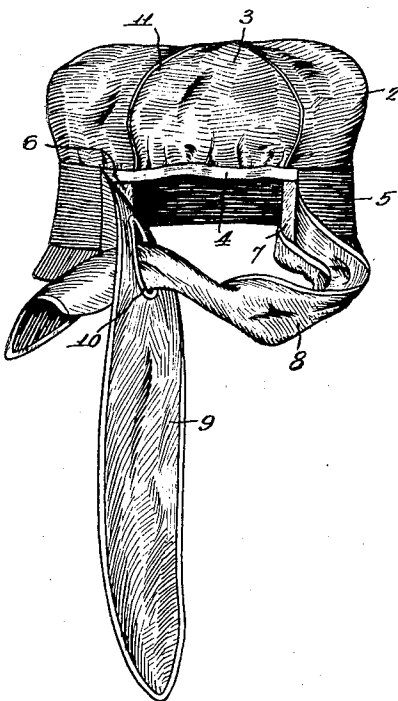
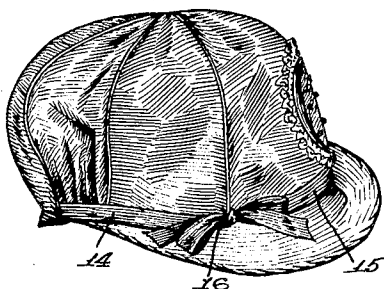


FIG. 5.



WITNESSES

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, AGNES CAPELLE and HERBERT HARRIS, both citizens of the United States, and residents, respectively, of the city of New York, borough of Queens, in the county of Queens and State of New York, and the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Hat, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to ladies' hats and has for an object to provide an improved construction wherein a pleasing appearance is presented and at the same time the mechanical features are such that the hat may be adjusted to different head sizes.

Another object of the invention is to provide a lady's hat wherein the same is formed into sections with an extra collapsible section co-acting with adjustable means for permitting a variation in head size without changing the general appearance of the hat.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an adjustable lady's hat wherein the adjustable means include ornaments or draperies forming part of the hat.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a front view of a hat disclosing an embodiment of the invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the hat shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a rear view of the hat shown in Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a view similar to Figure 3 but showing the parts in a loosened condition with the hat fully expanded.

Figure 5 is a side view of a hat similar to Figure 1 but showing a modified form of fastening means.

Referring to the accompanying drawing by numerals, 1 indicates a crown which is formed with a plurality of sections 2 and in ordinary manufacture there would be six of these sections but in the present invention an extra folding or collapsing section 3 is provided. When the hat is distended as shown in Figure 4, the section 3 has the same appearance as any of the sections 2 but is particularly adapted to readily fold and is provided with only a small hem or edging 4 adapted to readily collapse while the various sections 2 are provided with a band 5 not adapted to collapse.

By arranging the parts as just described, the ends 6 and 7 of the band 5 may be

brought together so that the section 3 will disappear completely as the same is folded within the crown. As this may be done without in any way creasing or collapsing any of the sections 2 or the band 5, the shape of the hat will remain uniform and undistorted. In order to lock or hold the band 5 and associated parts in a collapsed or partly collapsed position, strips 8 and 9 are provided, said strips being preferably faced on the outside with the same material as the band 5 or sections 2. The strip 9 is provided with an opening or eye 10 which may be bound with the binding or edging member of the same material and color as the various edgings 11 connecting the sections 2 together. The strip 8 is threaded through the eye 10 and passed around the band 5 until it assumes, for instance, the position shown in Figure 1 whereupon the loose ends are draped in any desired manner and fastened by suitable pins 12 and 13 having any desired form of ornamental heads. These pins act as means for preventing loosening of the strips 8 and 9 so that these strips are held in proper position for locking or holding the band 5 in its desired adjusted position, as for instance, the position shown in Figure 2 where the section 3 is partially collapsed.

From this figure it will be noted that none of the other sections except section 3 are in any way distorted or folded so that the desired appearance of the hat is maintained though the head size has been made larger than if the ends 6 and 7 were in contact. It is evident that the parts may be adjusted from the fully open position shown in Figure 4 to a position with the ends 6 and 7 in contact and in any of the positions the hat will present the same appearance so that a large number of different head sizes may be provided in a single hat without changing the appearance thereof. In the commercial world it has been found that there are a large number of different head sizes necessary, particularly in view of the prevailing style of bobbed hair as the hair cannot, under these circumstances, be used to fill out the head size. Also by reason of the adjustment set forth, the merchant may purchase only a sufficient number of hats to satisfy his trade as he may adjust them to different head sizes.

Heretofore, a larger quantity of hats were usually purchased than the trade of

the merchant demanded in order to have all of the head sizes in sufficient quantities to satisfy the trade. This resulted and still results, in the merchant having a number of hats left over at the end of the season which he must sell at a reduced price and in that way cut down the profit on the entire sale of hats. The adjustment described will permit the hats to be readily adjusted to different head sizes within certain limits so that a merchant need only purchase a few different size hats and depend on the adjustment to take care of the sizes in between. It is also evident that the adjustment of the band and the crown may be utilized with other forms of hat than that illustrated and also that any desired ornamentation may be used on the hat without in any way departing from the spirit of the invention.

20 In Figure 5, a slightly modified construction is disclosed wherein sections 14 and 15 of ribbon are used instead of the strips 8 and 9, said ribbon being formed into a suit-

able bow 16 at a convenient point to add to the ornamental features of the hat. When this form of locking or fastening means is used the eye 10 is eliminated as the ribbon is comparatively narrow.

What we claim is:

A lady's hat including a crown formed of a plurality of approximately triangular or semi-lunar cloth sections, having their side edges connected together and having their apices disposed at the central top portion of the crown, a relatively stiff non-collapsing band connected to the lower edges of all of said sections save one, whereby the latter section may be collapsed by advancing the ends of the band toward each other, flexible strips connected to the ends of the band, said strips interengaging and adapted for folding around the exterior of the band to conceal the space between the band ends.

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