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BATHING HAT.

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Fig. 1.

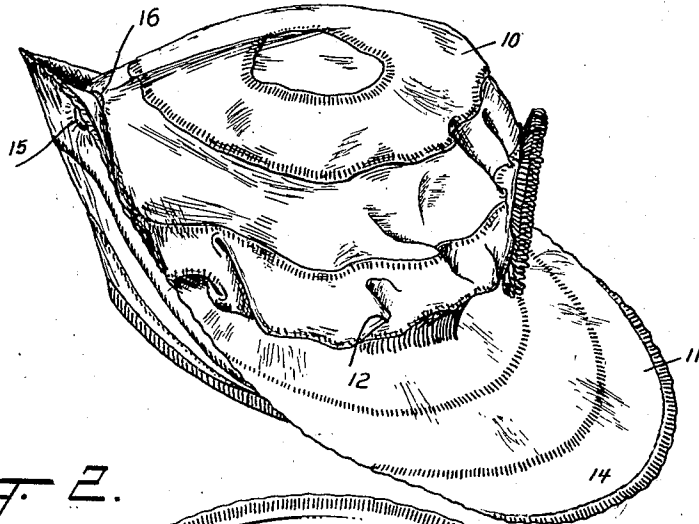
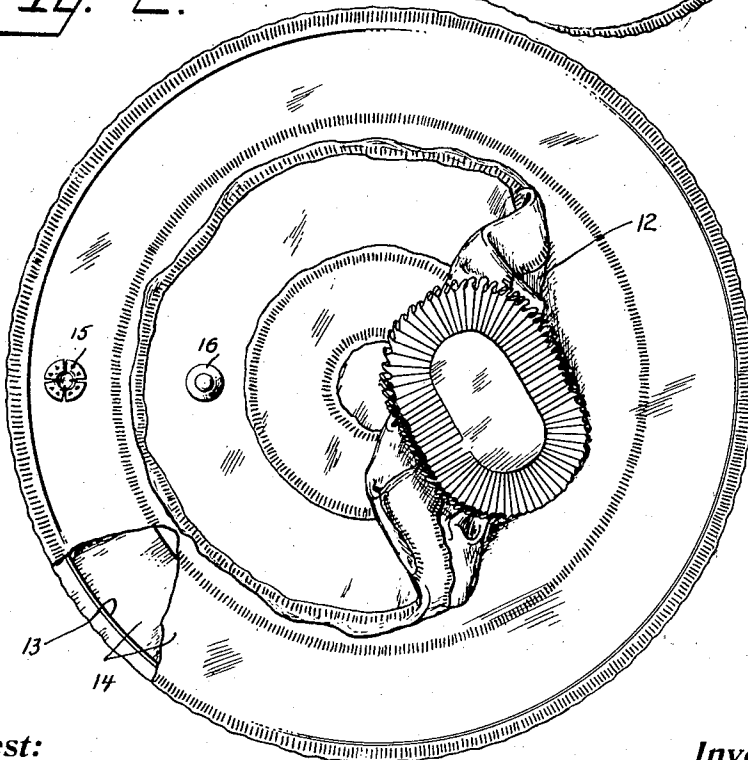


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES B. BALLARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Providence, county of Providence, and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bathing-Hats, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to bathing hats.

In hats used for bathing and beach purposes it is desirable to have a broad brim adapted to project away from the crown in such a manner as to adequately protect the head of the wearer from the rays of the sun. The front portion of such a brim serves as a shield for the eyes and normally lies in such a plane as to partially limit the view of the wearer. At times, as when the sun is not bright, it is desirable to have an unobstructed view in which case the front portion of the brim must permit of adjustment with relation to the other portions thereof so that it may be flexed to a position removed from the range of view of the wearer. An object of the present invention accordingly is to provide a waterproof hat embodying a flexible brim having a front portion that may be flexed from one position where it normally serves as a shield for the eyes to an adjusted position affording the wearer a substantially unobstructed view, said front portion being adapted by reason of the elastic properties thereof to spring back to its original form and position upon being released from its adjusted position.

Other objects of the invention will hereinafter appear.

In the drawings

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat embodying my invention, the front of the brim being shown in its adjusted position;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the hat illustrated in Fig. 1, the brim being shown in its normal position.

Referring now to the drawings, in which like characters of reference indicate similar parts, 10 designates the crown of a hat to which is secured a disk-like brim 11. The brim and crown are both preferably made of some form of thin, elastic, waterproof material, such, for example, as sheet rubber or rubberized fabric.

The crown of the hat is preferably made collapsible and is adapted to receive the head of the wearer and readily accommodate

itself to the conformation thereof. The lower portion of the crown is constricted, in the present instance, by means of plaits 12, to such a size that it must be stretched in order to receive the head of the wearer, which construction provides a snug fit that effectively prevents water from working up under the crown and wetting the hair of the bather.

The brim of the hat extends outwardly from and completely around the crown and is held in such position by means of a resilient wire ring 13 interposed between the two plies of material 14 which constitute the outer margin of the brim. This form of construction provides a brim which may be freely flexed at any point without injury, the flexed portion thereof being adapted to spring back to its original shape and position immediately upon release from the flexed position. The resilient ring serves to maintain the brim in a stretched or taut condition both when the brim is in its original or adjusted positions due to the elasticity of the brim and the stretch under which it is placed when the metal ring 14 is built into it.

When the hat is worn the brim extends outwardly from the head of the wearer in a manner to afford adequate protection from the rays of the sun, and the front portion thereof which projects out above the eyes normally lies in such a plane as to partially restrict the view of the wearer. When it is desired to obtain an unobstructed view this portion of the brim may be flexed upwardly to an adjusted position removed from the wearer's range of view.

In order to detachably secure the front portion of the brim in its adjusted position a snap fastener is provided. The fastener is of usual construction and comprises the two members 15 and 16 permanently attached respectively to the front of the brim near the edge thereof and to the crown at a point near the top thereof. The two members of the fastener are adapted to snap together under pressure, to hold the front of the brim in its adjusted position.

It is obvious that various other types of fasteners may be employed if desired and that the resilient supporting ring for the brim may be made of other suitable materials than wire.

While I have described one of the pre-

ferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that various changes in form, materials, arrangement, design and construction may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as described in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to have protected by Letters Patent is:—

10 1. A bathing hat comprising a collapsible waterproof crown having a constricted elastic lower portion, an adjustable brim secured to said constricted portion embodying a sheet of thin rubber having an outer
15 portion composed of a plurality of plies, a resilient ring interposed between said plies supporting and maintaining said brim in a stretched condition in either its original or adjusted position, a portion of said brim
20 being adapted to be turned upwardly and held toward the crown and to spring back to its original position when released, and means for detachably securing said upwardly turned portion of the brim to the
25 crown.

2. A bathing hat comprising a sheet rubber crown having an expansible plaited elastic lower portion, an adjustable brim secured to said lower portion embodying a
30 sheet of thin rubber having an outer margin composed of a plurality of plies, a resilient

ring interposed between said plies supporting and maintaining said brim in a stretched condition in either its original or adjusted position, a portion of said brim
35 being adapted to be turned upwardly and held toward the crown and to spring back to its original position when released, and means for detachably securing said upwardly turned portion of the brim to the
40 crown.

3. A bathing hat comprising a sheet rubber crown having an expansible plaited elastic lower portion, an adjustable brim secured to said lower portion embodying a
45 sheet of thin rubber, said brim having an inner portion of a single thickness of material and an outer marginal portion composed of a plurality of plies of material, a resilient ring interposed between said plies,
50 said ring supporting and maintaining said brim in a stretched condition in either its original or adjusted position, a portion of said brim being adapted to be turned upwardly and held toward the crown and to
55 spring back to its original position when released, and means for detachably securing said upwardly turned portion of the brim to the crown.

Signed at Providence Rhode Island this 60
26th day of Sept. 1917.

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