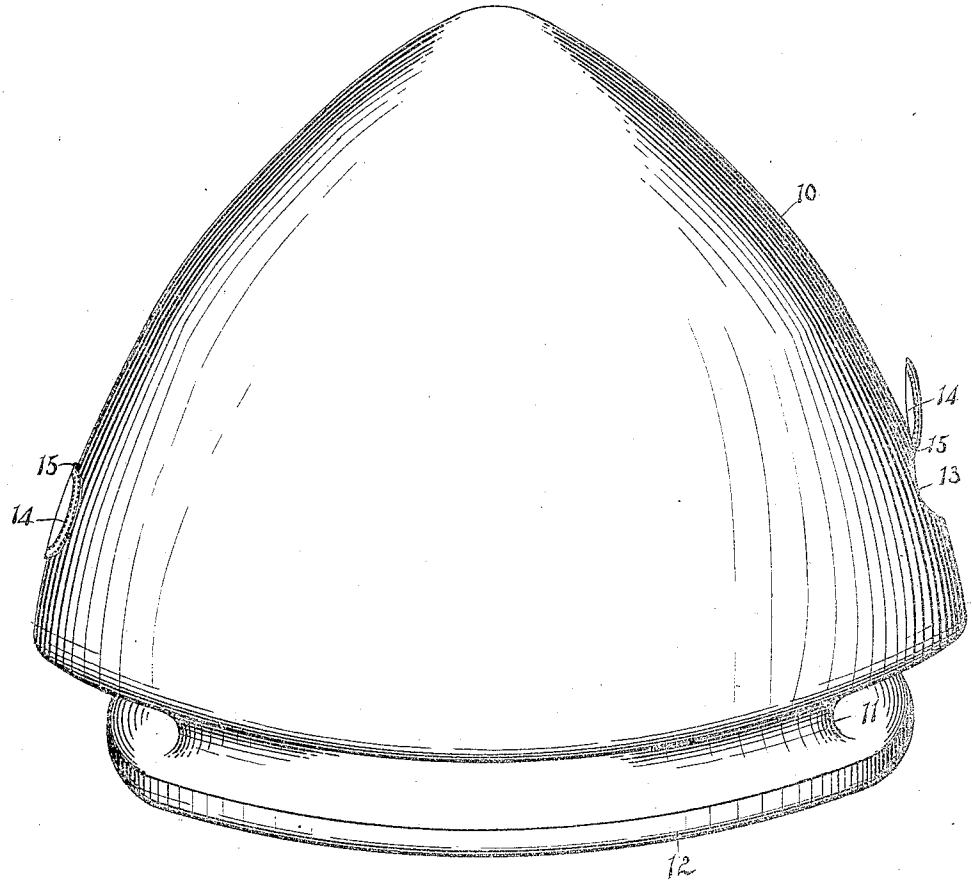
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT G. KINER, citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Protectors, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to devices for affording protection to head apparel, and its objects are to provide a protective covering for ladies' hats that can be readily applied and removed; to furnish a covering for the purpose stated that will be impervious to rain, moisture or dust; to supply an elastic covering of light weight that will not injure the hat or its delicate or fragile trimmings; to supply means for permitting the securing of the hat upon the head of the wearer while the cover is in place, and to facilitate the removal of the hat and cover without requiring the latter to be disturbed or detached.

It will be readily understood that an elastic covering which is to be applied so as to entirely cover a hat and its frail ornaments will require considerable care in its application to prevent injury to the latter even though the cover fabric is of light weight, and its proper application will therefore be a difficult matter if attempted by the wearer when the hat is in position upon the head. As previously designed all such covers present this difficulty, and while the application of the cover is readily accomplished when the hat is removed from the head. This previous assembling of the articles renders it necessary to abandon the usual method of securing the hat to the head by the usual hat pins or requires that the hat should be first fastened upon the head, and the cover afterwards placed thereover.

Additional objects of my invention are to provide a simple, efficient and durable hat covering of sufficiently light weight to prevent injury to the trimmings and one that can be readily folded or rolled into a small compass and may be then placed in a bag or pocket thus being at hand when wanted, the character of the material used also permitting the article to be manufactured economically.

I accomplish the above results by employing the device illustrated in the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this application and which illustrates my improved hat protector in a perspective view.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the numeral 10 indicates the main body portion of a hat protector adapted to be placed over a hat. This body portion is preferably formed of thin sheet rubber a single piece sufficing to include the entire structure so that the protection afforded will extend to the ornamentations of the crown and all parts of the frame as well.

The device in its preferred embodiment is in the form of a bag or cap, of highly elastic material, conical in shape, and having a contracted elastic mouth or neck 11 the material at this point being of increased thickness so that it will contract more firmly when stretched than the body portion, thus forming a closure to prevent the entrance of floating dust or moisture into the interior of said body. The contracted portion is supplied with a thickened selvage or rim 12 which has the form of a flange and serves the office of a gathering string, retaining the covering firmly in position.

The universal custom of securing ladies' hats upon the head by means of hat pins renders it desirable to avoid puncturing the protective fabric thereby which would defeat the object of such covering by filling it with a multiplicity of holes and thus destroying its integrity. The only method of preventing this injury in the prevalent forms of hat protectors, as previously stated, is to apply the covering after the hat has been fastened on the head with pins, and also removing the cover before the pins are withdrawn. In order to avoid this undesirable procedure, I provide apertures 13 in the walls of the body portion conveniently located upon opposite sides thereof, so as to be available for the introduction and removal of the retaining pins. These openings are provided with closures 14 in the form of doors or flaps, suited in form and dimensions to completely cover their corresponding apertures. I prefer to make said apertures circular in outline and construct the flaps of the same material as the main structure. These flaps are hinged at 15 to the body wall above the openings and the hinges may be of a separate piece or fabric or the flaps may be joined directly to the body, their elasticity serving to produce a sufficiently close joint, and to further prevent danger of the entrance of dust or moisture I prefer to construct the said flaps with broad margins which widely overlap the openings.

Having thus described my invention what I claim is:—

1. A hat protector composed of a flexible fabric, including a body portion, a contracted neck having a marginal flange, an aperture in said body portion and a closure for said aperture.

2. A hat protector composed of a flexible fabric, provided with a plurality of apertures and closures for said apertures.

3. A hat protector composed of an elastic fabric, including a body portion provided with a plurality of apertures, and coverings for said apertures adapted to automatically close said apertures.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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