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[54] LADY'S HEADPIECE

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[57] **ABSTRACT**

The headpiece disclosed herein is constituted of a sheath in which is slidably mounted a spring headclip. The central portion has a length materially greater than that of the clip so that the latter has a range of movement which permits of many variations in the lengths of the sheath beyond the ends of the clip, thereby enabling the accomplishment of many different dress effects.

2 Claims, 7 Drawing Figures



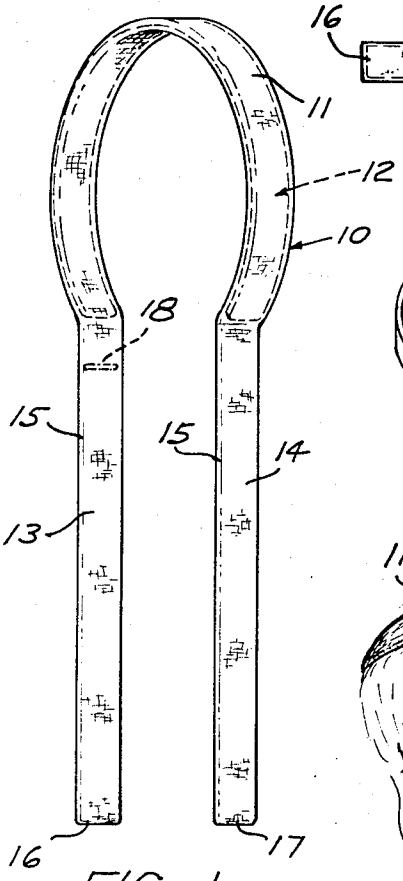


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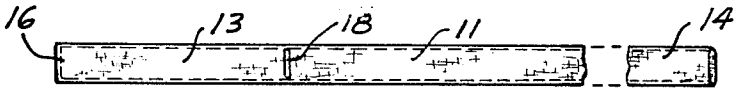


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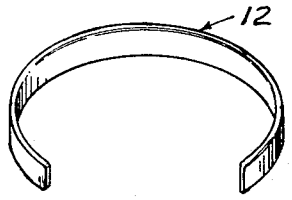


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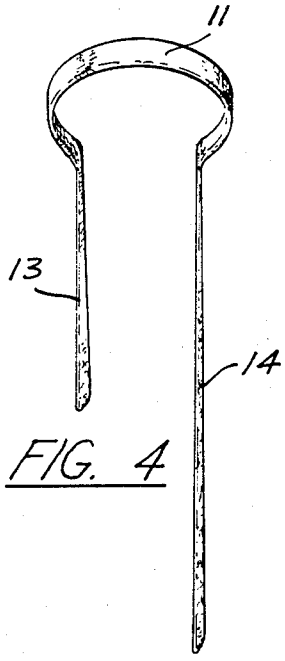


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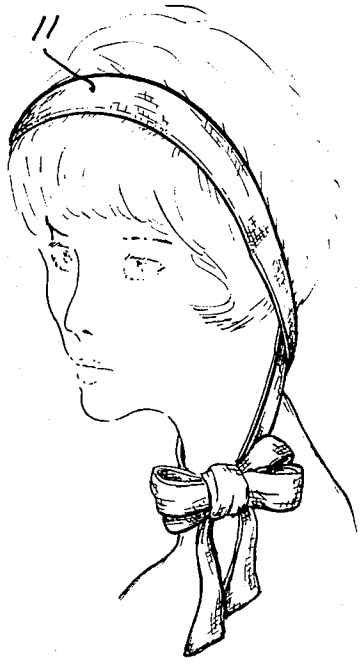


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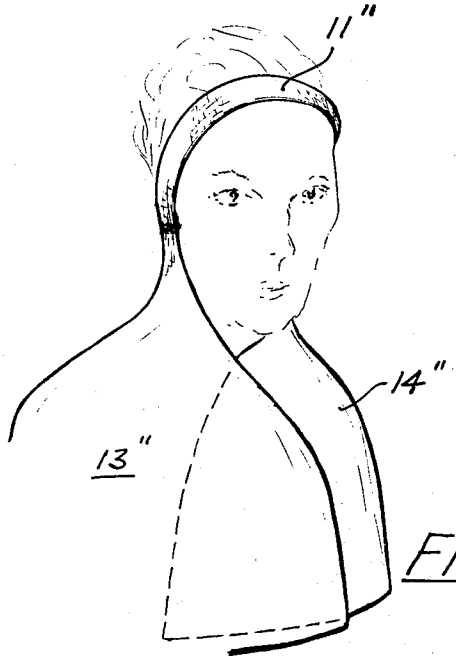


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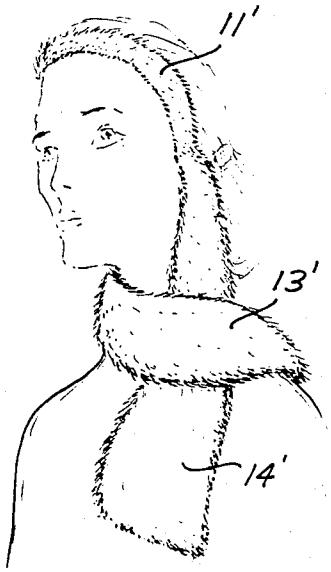


FIG. 6

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LADY'S HEADPIECE

THE INVENTION

This invention relates to an article of ladies' apparel and is more particularly concerned with a headpiece.

The primary purpose of the invention is to provide a headpiece which may be worn as a decorative accessory to a garment, or overgarment, and which may be adapted at will to the accomplishment of a plurality of dress effects.

The nature of the invention will be better understood from a perusal of the following description when read in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which

FIG. 1 is a perspective elevational view of one embodiment of the article;

FIG. 2 is a plan, broken view of the sheath portion of the article and shown open at one end to permit insertion of a spring member therein;

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of the spring member that is inserted in the sheath;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the article with the slidably enclosed spring shown off-center with respect to the sheath;

FIG. 5 is a perspective view illustrating how the article may be worn;

FIG. 6 is a view similar to FIG. 5, but showing a modified form of the article; and

FIG. 7 is a perspective view illustrating a further modification of the invention.

In FIGS. 5, 6 and 7 of the drawings, the ends of the springs in the sheaths depicted therein is suggested in the sharper bends of the sheaths at such ends.

Referring now more particularly to FIGS. 1–5 of the drawings, the numeral 10 indicates generally the sheath portion of the article. The sheath 10 may be constituted of any suitable fabric material, or fur. The central portion 11 of the sheath is a flat tubing of substantially uniform dimension throughout its length. The length of the central portion 11 is greater than the length of the spring contained therein and generally designated 12. The ends 13 and 14 of the sheath may be made similarly to the central portion 11 as shown in FIG. 1, or may be given different configurations as shown in FIGS. 6 and 7. The lengths of the central portion 11 and the ends 13 and 14 of the sheath are sufficient to enable the user at will to readily adapt the article to different dress forms as will be hereinafter more fully understood. The spring 12 is slidably mounted in the sheath 10 and is constituted of a flat, elongated, piece of spring material which is of such thickness and which is shaped in the form of an arc that it can be readily clipped on the wearer's head and worn comfortably, but securely in clipped position.

In the embodiment of FIG. 1, the sheath 10 is constituted of a single, elongated, rectangular piece of fabric that is folded lengthwise and the side edges thereof sewn together by a line of stitching 15, in FIG. 1, in a known manner to provide an elongated flat tubing. One end of the tubing is closed by transverse stitching 16 in FIG. 2 and as is shown in such figure, the other end is left open until the spring 12 is inserted in the sheath. Thereafter, the other end may be closed by transverse stitching 17 as shown in FIG. 1. As is indicated in FIGS. 1 and 2, the sheath 10 may be provided at one end of its central portion 11 which defines the range of movement of the spring 12 within the sheath, by a slit 18 through which the spring 12 may be inserted. This form of construction may be particularly advantageous in the forms of sheaths shown in FIGS. 6 and 7 of the drawings. After the spring 12 is inserted therethrough, the slht 18 may also be sewn shut, or may be finished to provide a permanent opening, thereby enabling the spring 12 to be removed readily at will for purposes of cleaning. As is shown in FIG. 1 the spring 12 has a width approximating that of the sheath and such that is can readily be threaded therethrough and be adjusted in the central portion 11 of the sheath to obtain the fashion effects desired.

It will be understood from the foregoing that by adjusting the position of the slidable spring 12 within the sheath 10, the lengths of the sheath portions beyond the ends of the spring may be varied considerably. FIG. 4 of the drawings shows the spring 12 located so that it is off-center in the sheath 10 and the end 14 of the sheath is considerably longer than the end 13. This permits the user to cross the sheath behind the head as shown in FIG. 5 and to bring it forwardly to form at the front a knot somewhat similar to the knot in a man's tie, or a bow which is disposed to one side of the wearer's body as is shown in FIG. 5. By varying the position of the spring 12 in this manner a large number of dress effects may be accomplished. These dress effects may be further changed by making the sheath of different designs or materials, such as the fur shown in FIG. 6 of the drawings. Also as shown in FIG. 6, the central portion 11′ may be made of uniform dimensions and the end portions 13′, 14′ widened to form scarf-like ends which may be disposed in different manners on the wearer's shoulders or tied in loose knots. In the embodiment of FIG. 7, the end portions 13″,14″ of the sheath are made sufficiently long and wide to enable them to enclose the wearer's body. Thus, the construction of FIG. 7 is in the nature of a wrap-around garment which is suspended from the central portion 11″ of the headpiece.

I claim:

1. An article of wear comprising an intermediate narrow portion formed to provide a flat, elongated sheath to be worn as a head-band by the user, a plain flat spring headclip slidably mounted in said head-band portion, said spring headclip having a width approximating the width of said head-band portion and having a length materially shorter than the length of said head-band portion so that said headclip may be shifted lengthwise in said intermediate sheath portion for substantial distances to utilize different sections of such intermediate portion as a head band and thereby considerably vary the longitudinal location of the article relative to said headclip and to the wearer's head, and said article comprising two spaced apart elongated end portions connected to the ends of said head-band portion and supported by the latter on the wearer, said end portions being of such dimensions and so configured that they are enabled to be manipulated to provide different style affects below the head of the wearer.

2. An article as defined in claim 1, in which said elongated end portions are configured to enable them to cooperate to provide a body garment that is supported by the head of the wearer through said intermediate head-band portion.

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