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HEADGEAR

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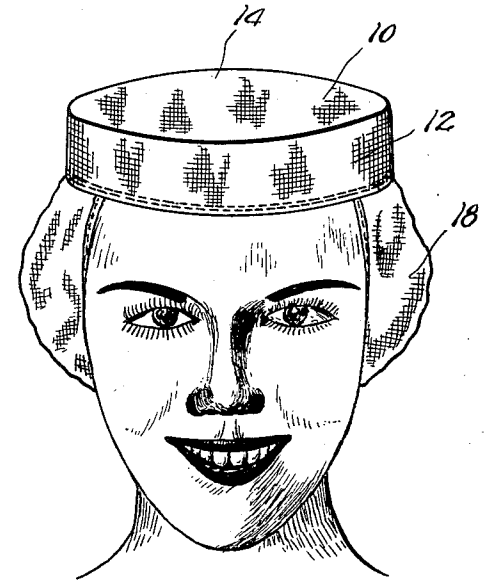


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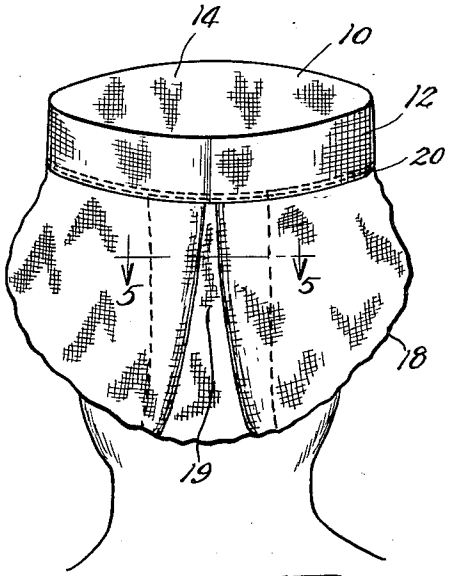


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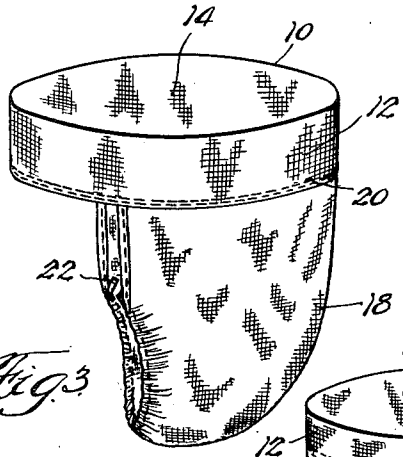


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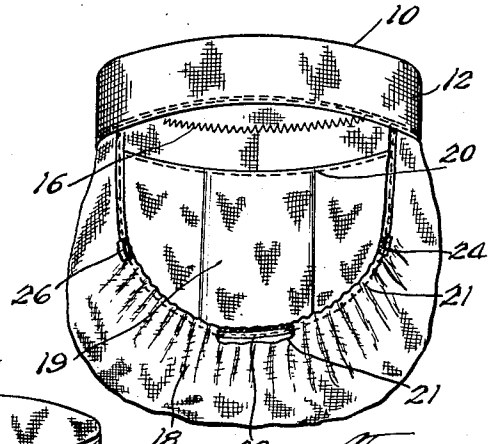


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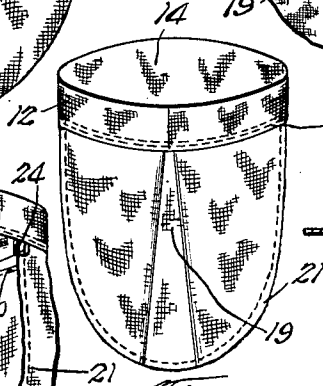


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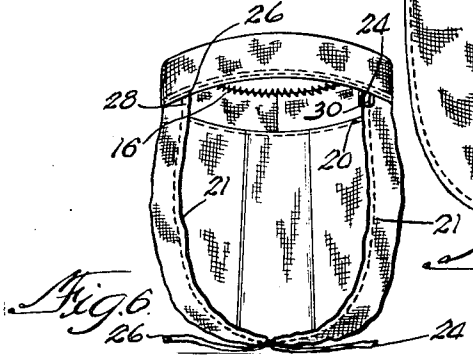


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This invention relates to head-gear and more particularly to a woman's head covering intended for use in occupations where because of sanitary or other reasons, it is necessary or advisable to secure and confine the long hair to prevent dislodgement thereof.

Such head-gear is particularly required by nurses for use in operating rooms and the like where danger of contamination from falling hair is present and where any obstruction of vision caused by dislodgement of the hair is apt to cause serious difficulty by reason of the fact that a nurse or female attendant in an operating room is not permitted to touch her hair and thereby destroy the sterile condition which necessarily must prevail.

Such head-gear is also desired by housewives and female household workers to be worn when performing general household duties for the reasons that it is convenient, permits clear vision at all times and retains the hair in place, thus saving the annoyance and expense of recombing or resetting the hair after such household duties are performed.

The need for inexpensive easily laundered head-gear of this type has been known for some time. In the case of nurses, the hair is generally confined under conventional surgical cap with the result that the hair is not only completely disarrayed but often escapes from the confines of the cap. Housewives and household help are accustomed to bind a towel or similar article about the head. In both cases the results have been completely unsatisfactory.

It is a primary object of the present invention to provide an inexpensive easily laundered head-gear for women which will completely enclose and confine the hair.

It is another object of this invention to provide a a woman's head covering which will enclose and confine the hair and prevent any loose hair from falling.

It is a further object of this invention to provide a woman's head covering designed to enclose and confine the hair and prevent obstruction of vision caused by dislodgement thereof.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a woman's head covering which will retain the hair in position so that after the head-gear is removed recombing or resetting is not required.

The foregoing and other objects of the invention will become apparent from a consideration of the following specification and the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a front view of the head-gear embodying the invention shown as worn on the head;

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Fig. 2 is a rear view showing the snood in position;

Fig. 3 is a side elevational view of the head-gear slightly in perspective showing the elastic contracting means in the snood;

Fig. 4 is a front view of the head-gear slightly in perspective showing the construction of the cap and the snood;

Fig. 5 is a cross sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 2 showing the pleat formation;

Fig. 6 is a front view slightly in perspective showing alternative contracting means in the snood; and

Fig. 7 is a rear view in perspective showing the snood in extended position.

Describing the invention in detail and to illustrate the preferred embodiment of the invention, there is shown a cap portion 10 which includes a substantially cylindrical head encircling portion 12 and a substantially flat head covering portion 14 joined at their adjacent edges by stitching 16. As clearly shown in Fig. 4 the stitching is made on the inside of the cap portion 10 so that the outside thereof presents the smooth unbroken appearance as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. Although the head covering portion 14 is shown in the preferred embodiment to be flat, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to such construction but that the head covering portion may be made in any shape or form desired.

A snood portion 18 is permanently attached to a section of the periphery of said cap portion 10 by stitching 20. As is best seen in Figs. 3 and 4 it is preferred that the snood portion 18 encompass approximately three-quarters of the circumference of the cap portion and along the sides and rear thereof leaving the face portion free. It is desirable that the snood portion be of the size shown so that all of the hair of the wearer may be enclosed in said snood and retained therein without disorder. The snood portion 18 is provided with a longitudinal pleat 19 positioned substantially in the center of said snood to permit expansion thereof and to provide additional room for the hair if needed. While the pleat illustrated is shown as an inverted pleat the invention is not limited thereto and box or accordion pleats may be used or the pleat may be omitted without departing from the spirit of the invention.

The snood portion 18 is further provided with a pocket 21 positioned along its lower margin, in which pocket is located a contracting member 22 shown in Fig. 4 to be elastic. The said contracting member 22 is anchored in said pocket 21 at 24 and 26 by stitching or other well known means. The elastic or contracting member 22

is secured in said marginal pocket 21 in a contracted position which causes the snood to pucker at its lower end and assume the well-like form shown in Fig. 3. When the head-gear is desired to be worn the cap portion 10 is adjusted on the head, the contracting member is stretched and the hair placed in the snood 18. The elastic 22 then is released and contracts to hold the hair firmly and securely in said snood.

Shown in Fig. 6 is alternative means for contracting the lower end of snood 18 for holding the hair firmly and securely therein. The said alternative means comprises a pair of drawstrings 24 and 26 located in the marginal pocket 21. In using such alternative means it has been found most satisfactory that the marginal pocket extend along the entire inside margin of snood 18 and that the drawstrings 24 and 26 be anchored at points 28 and 30 as shown in Fig. 6. This permits positive retention of the hair in the snood when the drawstrings are pulled and secured.

As illustrated the novel head-gear is shown to be made of a soft textile material which is relatively inexpensive and which may be easily and quickly laundered as desired although the invention is not limited to such material and such novel headgear may just as easily be made of other material such as filmed plastic if desired.

Thus there is shown a woman's head covering which is very inexpensive to manufacture, easily and quickly adjusted and which retains the long hair of the wearer in a firm and secure position without disarrayment and which effectively prevents the escape of loose hair and without permitting disordered hair to obstruct vision.

Changes may be made in form and substance without departing from the spirit of the invention or sacrificing any of the advantages and the right is hereby observed to make all changes which fairly fall within the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent of the United States is as follows:

1. A head-covering of the class described comprising a substantially cylindrical head encircling portion and a substantially flat head covering portion permanently joined at their adjacent margins to form the head receiving portion of said covering, a substantially rectangular shaped flap portion having a pair of parallel shorter marginal edges, one of the shorter marginal edges of said flap portion being permanently connected to a section of the periphery of the head encircling portion in a manner to encompass approximately three-quarters of the circumference of the head encircling portion along the sides and rear thereof, the said flap portion extending downwardly a sufficient distance and being adapted to cover all the hair of the wearer when said covering is in wearing position, and means positioned along the other shorter marginal edge of said flap portion to gather said marginal edge between two spaced apart points, thereby forming a pocket, pouch or snood to receive and hold the hair from displacement.

2. A head-covering according to claim 1 wherein the flap portion is provided with a longitudinal pleat positioned substantially in the center of said flap portion when connected to said head encircling portion to permit expansion and to provide additional room for the hair of the wearer.

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