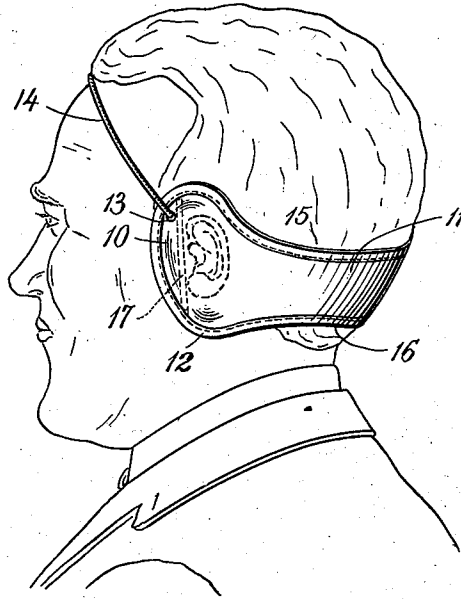


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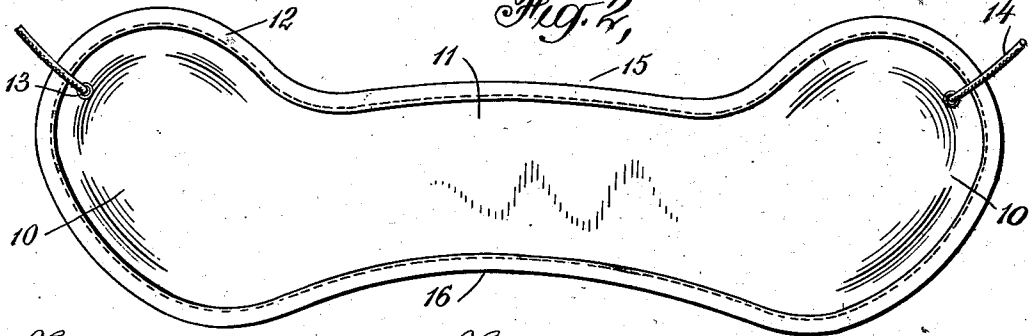
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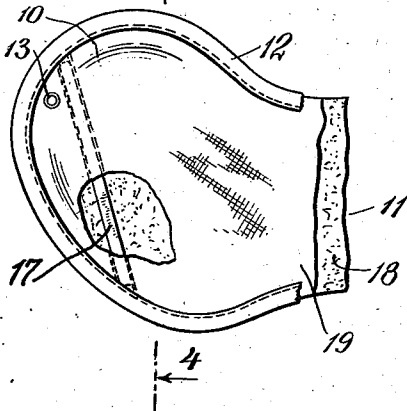
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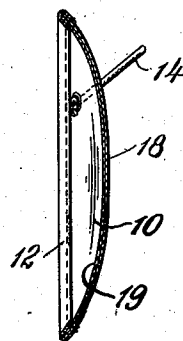
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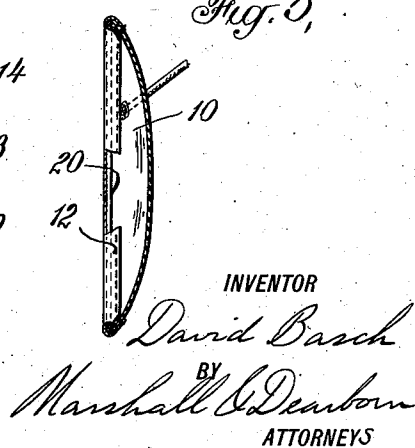
*Fig. 3,*



*Fig. 4,*



*Fig. 5,*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, DAVID BASCH, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of New York, county of Bronx, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ear and Neck Protectors, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part thereof.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in ear and neck protectors, and its object is to provide a simple device which may be readily applied and used without the slightest discomfort to the user which will effectively cover the ears and the adjacent parts of the head and the back of the neck, protect them from the elements and keep them warm.

Another object is to so construct the device that it will not interfere with the wearer's hat or collar and will not be unsightly.

A still further object is to make a device which when not in use may be folded compactly into a small space.

In order that my invention may be thoroughly understood I will now proceed to describe the same in the following specification, and will then point out the novel features thereof in appended claims.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ear and neck protector made according to and embodying my invention, shown in the position in which it is worn.

Fig. 2 is an elevation of my improved article with its elastic band severed and the device itself laid out in a substantially flat position. This view shows the inside of the article.

Fig. 3 is an elevation of an end portion of the device with parts thereof broken away to more clearly show its construction.

Fig. 4 is a sectional end elevation taken on the line 4-4 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a view similar to that shown in Fig. 4, of a modified form of construction. A part of this figure is broken away to illustrate a feature of its construction.

Like characters designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

10 designates the enlarged end portions of the article and 11 the narrower intermediate portion thereof. This is made of cloth or felt and the edges thereof covered with a binding 12. This part of the bind-

ing which is around the end portions 10 is somewhat shorter than the edges of the material which forms these portions when first cut from the piece, so that it serves to hold these edges in a contracted condition which results in the end portions being curved or dished as shown clearly in Fig. 4. Eyelets 13 are provided for the reception of the ends of an elastic cord 14.

The upper edge 15 of the intermediate portion 11 is considerably lower than the upper parts of the end portions 10, and its lower edge is curved upwardly as shown at 16.

Transverse stays 17 may be placed across the portions 10 to assist in holding the device in desired position. The parts 10 and 11 may be of one layer of material as shown in Figs. 2 and 5, or of two as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. In the latter case the stays 17 are preferably placed between the two layers which are designated by the reference numerals 18 and 19.

In the modification shown in Fig. 5, a light wire 20 of spring material is placed within the binding 12 around the outer edges of the enlarged portions 10.

The manner in which the article is worn is shown in Fig. 1. The cord 14 passes over the forehead where it becomes covered by the hat, and the eyelets 13 are so placed that the end portions are drawn over the ears and the edges of these parts held snugly against the wearer's head. At the same time the dished form of these portions prevents any pressure being brought against the ears which might retard the blood circulation. When the stays 17 are used, they assist in holding the enlarged end portions 10 in their dished condition and also prevent the parts of these portions which are immediately in front of the ears from being lifted by the wind.

The springs shown in Fig. 5 have a similar effect. The upper edge 15 is cut low so that it will come below the wearer's hat. The lower edge 16 is curved upwardly to be clear of the wearer's collar so that it does not interfere to the slightest degree with the free movement of the head. At the same time the intermediate portion 11 is of sufficient width to protect the nape of the neck from which the hair which would afford the natural protection is usually removed. The device is also so shaped that it covers and keeps warm the sensitive parts of the head

and the large veins directly below and back of the ears.

What I claim is:

1. An ear and neck protector comprising a  
5 band constructed to form integral enlarged  
dished end portions the edges of which are  
adapted to surround the ears and a narrower  
connecting strip, and means connecting the  
upper outer parts of the enlarged portions.
- 10 2. An ear and neck protector comprising  
a band having enlarged dished end portions,  
the edges of which are adapted to surround  
the ears and a narrower connecting strip,  
curved transverse stays affixed to said en-  
15 larged end portions, and means connecting  
the upper outer parts of the enlarged por-  
tions.
3. An ear and neck protector comprising  
a band having enlarged dished end portions  
20 the edges of which are adapted to surround  
the ears and a narrower connecting strip,  
with the lower edge thereof curved up-  
wardly, means around the edge of said band,  
arranged to contract the edges of the enlarged  
25 portions thereof, and means connecting the  
upper outer parts of the enlarged portions.
4. An ear and neck protector comprising  
a band having enlarged dished end portions,  
the edges of which are adapted to surround  
30 the ears and a narrower connecting strip,  
with the lower edge thereof curved up-  
wardly, a binding around the edge of said  
band, said binding being arranged to con-

tract the edges of the enlarged portions,  
curved transverse stays affixed to said en- 35  
larged end portions, and means connecting  
the upper outer parts of the enlarged por-  
tions.

5. An ear and neck protector comprising  
a band having enlarged dished end portions, 40  
the edges of which are adapted to surround  
the ears and a narrow connecting strip  
with its upper edge lower than the upper  
edges of the end portions and with its lower  
edge curved upwardly, means around the 45  
edge of said band, arranged to contract the  
edges of the enlarged portions thereof, and  
means connecting the upper outer parts of  
the enlarged portions.

6. An ear and neck protector comprising 50  
a band having enlarged dished end portions,  
the edges of which are adapted to surround  
the ears and a narrow connecting strip with  
its upper edge lower than the upper edges 55  
of the end portions and with its lower edge  
curved upwardly, a binding around the edge  
of said band, said binding being arranged  
to contract the edges of the enlarged por-  
tions, curved transverse stays affixed to said  
enlarged end portions, and means connect- 60  
ing the upper outer parts of the enlarged  
portions.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand this 2 day of February, 1918.

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