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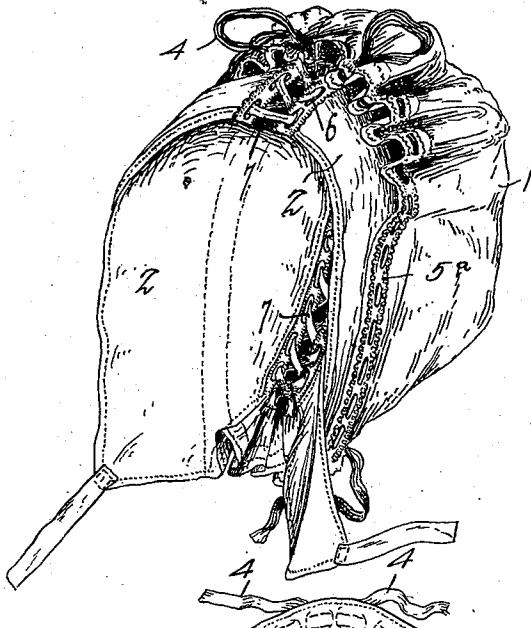
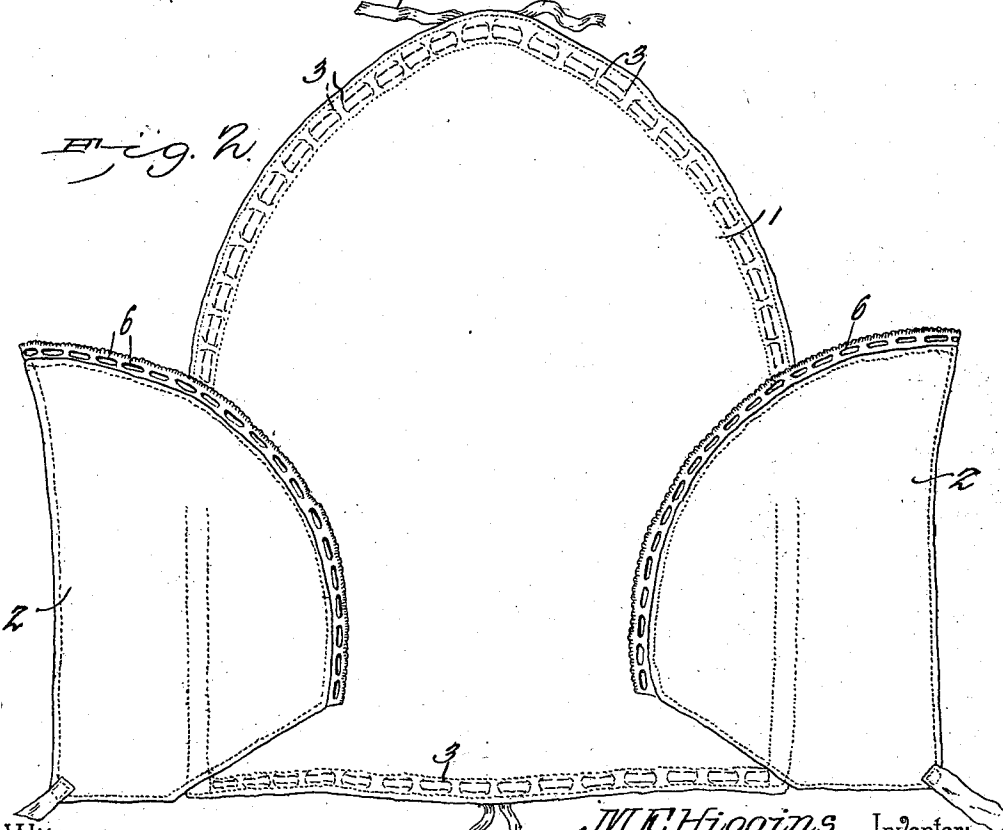


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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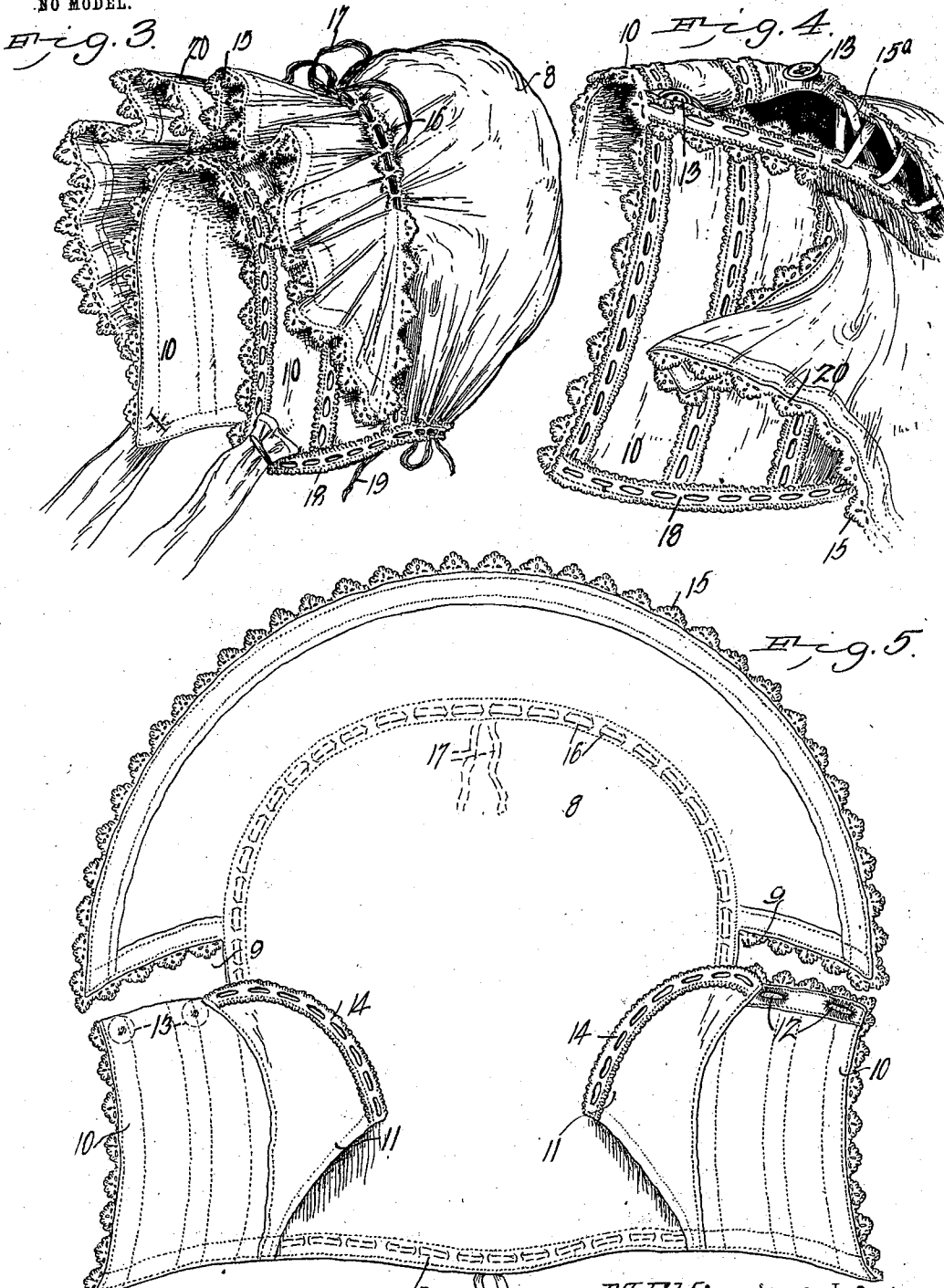
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY ELENOR HIGGINS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Port Huron, in the county of St. Clair and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Child's Bonnet, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a child's bonnet.

The object of the invention is to provide an article of the class described which may without necessitating ripping out of seams be spread out flat for ironing purposes and which may be adjusted to various sizes in a rapid and expeditious manner; furthermore, to provide a bonnet of the character specified in which by a slight change in the position of certain of its parts may be converted into a so-called "poke-bonnet," which shall be neat and finished in appearance and which may be readily adjusted to fit a child's head.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the novel construction and combination of parts of a child's bonnet, as will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts, there are illustrated two forms of embodiment of the invention, each capable of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the elements therein exhibited may be varied or changed as to shape, proportion, and exact manner of assemblage without departing from the spirit thereof, and in the drawings—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the simplest form of embodiment of the invention. Fig. 2 is a view in plan, showing the bonnet as it appears when spread out for the purpose of being ironed or laundered. Fig. 3 is a view in perspective of the bonnet when the same is made in a poke pattern. Fig. 4 is a perspective view showing the manner in which the parts of the bonnet are held assembled. Fig. 5 is a view in plan, showing the bonnet spread out flat for laundry purposes.

Referring to the drawings, and to Figs. 1 and 2 thereof, there is exhibited a bonnet consisting of a back flap 1 and two crown-flaps 2. The back flap is approximately conoidal

in shape and is provided along its bottom and for a part of the length of the upper portion of its sides with openings 3 to receive drawing strings or ribbons 4 and 5, respectively. The openings may be formed in the material of the back flap, but in this instance are provided by attaching strips of beading 5^a to the parts, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. The crown-flaps are approximately semicircular in form, with their curved sides disposed inward, and these sides are similarly provided with beading 6 for the reception of a drawing string or ribbon 7, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. In this form of embodiment of the invention two bonnets may be produced, one by detaching the crown-flaps from the back flap and lacing the crown-flaps together, presenting thereby a simple form of bonnet constituting the nested portion shown in Fig. 1. By the addition of the back flap a poke effect is produced, as also shown in Fig. 1, by lacing the corner-flaps together and then drawing up the back flap to present a puckered crown. In either form of embodiment of the invention by loosening the lacing or drawing strings or ribbons the blank may be spread out flat to permit of its being readily laundered.

In the form of embodiment of the invention shown in Figs. 3, 4, and 5 a pronounced poke effect is produced. The back flap 8 is approximately semicircular in contour and is provided at its sides with plackets 9, separating from each side two flaps 10, constituting the crown-flaps, and secured to the crown flaps are two back flaps 11. The upper edge of one of the crown-flaps is provided with buttonholes 12 to engage buttons 13 on the other flaps, and the inner edges of the back flaps have beading 14 attached to them for the reception of a drawing string or ribbon 15^a. (Clearly shown in Fig. 4.) The edge of the crown has attached to it suitable edging or lace 15 to give a finished appearance to the bonnet, and secured to the crown some distance back of the lacing and concentric therewith is a beading 16 to receive a drawing string or ribbon 17. The lower edge of the crown is also provided with beading 18 to receive a drawing string or ribbon 19.

The crown-flaps of Fig. 2 and the back flaps of Fig. 5 are shown as cut away at an angle to the lower edge of the blank, thus to cause

the parts to fit neatly around the neck of the child, and so preventing a double thickness of goods at the rear. In associating the parts of the blank to present the bonnet shown in Fig. 3 the crown-flaps are first buttoned together and the drawing-string 15^a is threaded through the beading 14 of the back flaps and drawn to bring the edges of the flaps together thus forming the crown and sides of the bonnet, the drawing-strings 19 being also adjusted and tied, thus to cause the bonnet to fit around the neck of the child. The drawing-string 17 is then drawn tight and tied, causing the upper portion of the crown to present a ruffle 20, as shown in Fig. 3. This latter form of bonnet will be found highly ornamental in appearance and comfortable in wear, and owing to the provision of the drawing-strings it may be adjusted to fit the heads of infants or of small children. When the bonnet is to be laundered, the drawing-strings are loosened or removed and the crown-flaps unbuttoned, and the whole blank may be turned out perfectly flat.

25 The bonnets of both forms of embodiment of the invention are exceedingly simple in construction and easily and readily made and owing to the readiness with which they may be laundered will be found to fill a long-

30 felt want.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is—

1. A bonnet comprising a back flap, crown-flaps secured thereto and having curved inner edges, a drawing-string threaded through the two edges to cause the flaps to form a covering for the crown, a drawing-string associated with the upper portion of the back flap to produce a poke-bonnet effect, and a drawing-string associated with the lower portion of the back flap to cause it to conform to the neck of the wearer.

2. A bonnet comprising a back flap having its lower portion formed to constitute crown-flaps provided with means for connecting them, inward-curved back flaps associated with the crown-flaps, drawing-strings associated with the latter flaps, to effect their assemblage, a drawing-string disposed back of the upper edge of the back flap to effect puckering to cause a poke-bonnet effect, and a drawing-string associated with the lower portion of the back flap.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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