

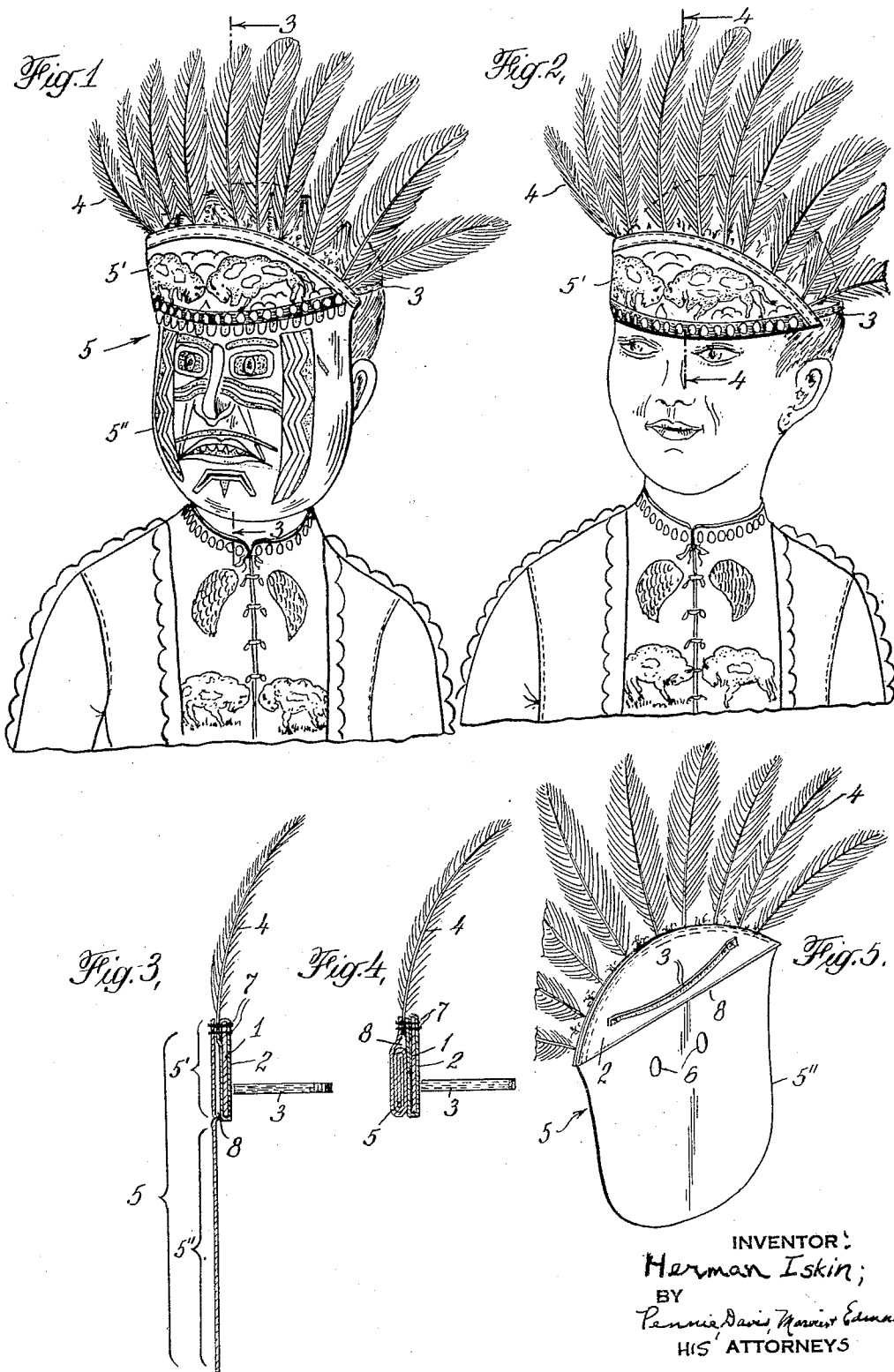
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This invention relates to play outfits for children, and particularly to those which consist of garments made in simulation of those worn by one or another of the various character-types children like to portray in their play, such as Indians, soldiers, cowboys, policemen, etc. The invention is especially concerned with that part of the outfit which is worn on the head.

in head-dress to be worn with other types of play-suits.

In this drawing,

Fig. 1 is a three-quarters perspective of my improved head-dress in position on a child's head in one of its operative conditions:

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the article in another of its operative conditions;

Fig. 3 is a vertical central section on line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a vertical central section on line 4—4 of Fig. 2, and

Fig. 5 is a perspective of the article by itself.

The article shown in the drawing comprises a main or central member 1, serving as the key-member about which the rest of the article is built. The member 1 may consist of a segmental piece of celluloid, cardboard, or the like flexible yet resilient material, and is molded to the average outline of a child's forehead and extends, preferably, from ear to ear of the front part of the child's head. It is worn rather well up on the forehead so that the upper edge thereof can be slanted backwardly somewhat over the top of the head.

The member 1 is suitably covered with a protective covering or sweat-band 2 of any suitable material, which may be leather, fabric, rubber, or the like. This covering is held on and around the member 1 in a manner later described. The rear face of this covering is made smooth, so as not to chafe or irritate the forehead of the child, but the front surface is preferably roughened, for a purpose later to be made manifest.

This structure is held on the head of the wearer, in the position shown, by any suitable means, but for wearing with the Indian outfit shown, it is supported in place by the friction engendered between it and the forehead due to the action of a double elastic band 3. One end of each part of the band 3 is attached near one end of the inside surface of the member 1 and the other end of the band is attached near the other end of said member 1, thus forming a circlet consisting

The chief object of the invention is to provide an article to be worn on the head of a child which will not only serve as a covering for the head in keeping with the nature of the other garments of the playsuit, but which will constitute in effect a false-head giving to the child an appearance in the face, and indeed, from the shoulders up, exactly like that of the character which the child is imitating by wearing the other garments, so as to thereby completely reproduce the appearance of the character being portrayed.

Another object of the invention is to provide an article which though of this improved dual nature, can notwithstanding be quickly and easily converted by a child, with but few motions, and no manipulations at all of buttons, buckles, fasteners, or the like, into an ordinary play-hat for children.

A further object of the invention is to provide a head-dress which, when converted from a false-head to an ordinary child's head-covering, will remain securely so converted and without any danger of disarray of the parts until it is desired to use it again as a false-head, whereupon it can be easily restored to its original condition.

A particular object of the invention is to provide an article of this improved nature which can nevertheless be quickly made in a few simple operations so that it can be made and sold for substantially as low a price as the ordinary play hat, and yet which will, withal, be durable and rugged in service.

My invention will be more particularly described, in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, as an article to be worn with an Indian play suit. It will become manifest, however, that the inventive idea is limited in its embodiments only by the scope of the subjoined claims, and can be embodied

of a rigid, inelastic portion, and a flexible, elastic portion.

A plurality of vari-colored Indian decorative elements 4 are distributed and arranged along the top of the front part of the member 1, extending upwardly and backwardly and spaced transversely equidistantly from each other. Preferably these elements sweep back in approved Indian style to cover most of the top of the child's head, forming a kind of protection for the head.

These members are held to the uppermost edge of the member 1 by means of a member 5. The member 5 is of a dual nature. The upper part thereof, for an area coextensive with that of the base-member 1, is shaped, configured, and ornamented to constitute a facing in effect and appearance integral with the member 1 and thus consists essentially of a part of an Indian bonnet. The lower portion 5'' of the member 5 is cut and configured to be substantially identical with the typical depressions and projections of an Indian's face in miniature, and yet is so pressed and cut as to also snugly fit the child's features lying behind it. The front surface of the portion 5'' is painted where necessary to make it resemble an Indian's physiognomy, and in addition is provided with Indian war-paint and symbols. It is also provided with eye-holes, 6.

The entire member 5 is made of some pliable yet durable material like leather, leatheroid, processed linen, or the like. It is suspended from the uppermost edge of the member 1 by a double-row of loop-stitching 7 which is so closely spaced and arranged as to put at least one stitch through each of the decorative elements 4, thereby holding them in place. In addition, this stitching also passes through the upper folded-over part of member 2 and holds it tightly around member 1.

The lower portions of the decorative elements 4 are made of considerably greater thickness than that of the member 5, and the member 1 is made of a height equal to the vertical thickness of at least three folds of the portion 5'' of member 5. There is thereby formed a pocket or space 8 extending the full width across the front of the article and of a height sufficient to accommodate at least three foldings of the portion 5''.

When unrolled downwardly as in Fig. 1, the portion 5'' fits the child's face and by virtue of its configuration and ornamentation completes the simulation, lacking until then, of the figure of an Indian on the war-path. In fact, the portion 5'', when rolled down, forms the article into an Indian false-head, and completely transforms the child's appearance into that of a miniature Indian.

When the wearer desires to appear as his ordinary self, that is, as a child just wearing some of the garments of an Indian, the por-

tion 5'', without removing the headdress, can be rolled upwardly into the pocket 8 in two or three folds of the material. The roughened front surface of the member 2 frictionally engages the folded member 5 with sufficient adhesion to prevent same unrolling. The increase in periphery of the head-dress increases the tension on the bands 3, thereby serving to tighten the article on the head sufficiently to securely hold the article in the condition shown in Fig. 2, as long as desired. It is not necessary to take off the article to restore it to the condition shown in Fig. 1, as the folded part 5'' can be easily started out of the pocket 8 by a slight pull, whereupon it will fall down and unroll over the child's face.

For other costumes, such as those simulating firemen, policemen, soldiers, etc., the band 3 may be dispensed with, the top of the helmet or other top part of the head-wear of these character-types then serving to support the article on the head, the member 5, however, being constructed and attached to the key-member 1 in essentially the same way as for the Indian head-dress.

I claim

1. As a new article of manufacture, a separate, segmental piece of material shaped to fit the outlines of the front upper part of the head, elastic means for engendering variable friction between said piece and the head sufficient to hold said piece in place, and a single member suspended from said segmental first member, said single member having a portion constituting the front part of the combined regalia and head-covering group and another portion integral therewith constituting a disguise.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a base member for fitting the front upper part of the head, means for holding said member in place, a plurality of decorative elements distributed along the front of said member, and a sheet of pliable material attached to said first member through said decorative elements to thereby space said pliable sheet from said base member.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a separate, segmental piece of material shaped to fit the outlines of the front upper part of the head, means for engendering friction between said member and the head, a plurality of vertically extending decorative elements distributed along the full extent of the upper edge of said first member, a single sheet of pliable material attached to said first member over and through said decorative elements, thereby forming a pocket between the upper portion of said pliable member and said segmental member, the upper portion of said pliable member constituting a decorative part of a head-dress and the lower portion constituting a false-face in

keeping therewith, said false-face being foldable upwardly into said pocket.

4. A costume head-dress, comprising a circlet for embracing the head, the front portion of the circlet consisting of a sheet of non-elastic material and the rear portion being of elastic material, a plurality of decorative elements arranged in upright position on the front of said non-elastic portion, and a flexible member, having a portion constituting a mask for the face, attached adjacent its upper edge over said decorative elements to the non-elastic part of said circlet.

5. A costume head-dress, comprising a circlet for embracing the head, the front portion of the circlet consisting of a sheet of non-elastic material and the rear portion of elastic material, a plurality of decorative elements arranged in upright position on the front of said non-elastic portion, and a flexible member, having a portion constituting a mask for fitting the face, attached by its upper edge only over and through said decorative elements to the non-elastic part of said circlet to hold the decorative elements in place, said decorative elements being considerably thicker than said mask and thereby spacing the upper portion of said flexible member from the non-elastic member, this portion of said flexible member defining with the non-elastic portion of said circlet, a vertically-extending pocket below said decorative elements of a height and width adapted to receive folds of the mask.

6. As a new article of manufacture, a convertible false-head type play-hat, comprising a base member, a member attached to the upper front edge of the base member and with the base member forming a pocket, separate covering means for the head extending from the upper edge of said base member, and a face covering suspended from the base member in such a manner that the false-head may be converted by rolling said face covering up into said pocket.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.
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