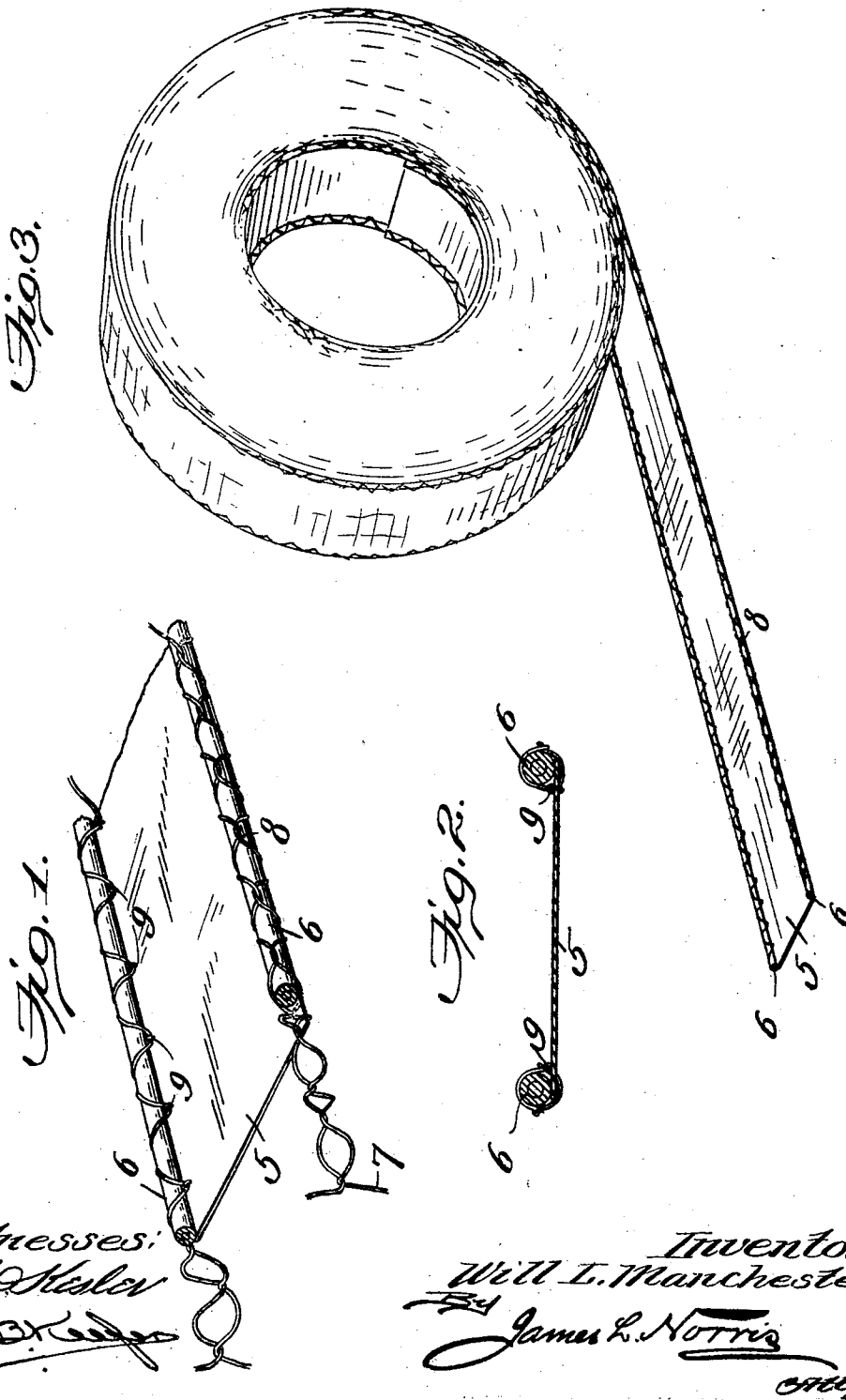


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILL L. MANCHESTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clinton, in the county of Clinton and State of Iowa, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bandeaux, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to what is known in the millinery trade as "bandeaux" to hold hats off the hair. In the ordinary construction of bandeaux a strip of buckram is used of a suitable length and provided with suitable edge stiffenings, such as covered wire, attached by unreliable stitch means that is apt to unravel if broken or cut and as a consequence the edge stiffening or wire becomes loose and the bandeau is rendered impracticable.

The object of the present invention is to construct a bandeau strip of such length as to be capable of separation to form a number of bandeaux and so secure the edge stiffening means or wire that the said wire will not become detached or loose when the strip is separated into desirable lengths.

The invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts which will be fully hereinafter specified.

In the drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a portion of a bandeau embodying the features of the invention and showing the securing means for the edge wires or stiffening devices enlarged. Fig. 2 is a transverse vertical section of the strip as shown by Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a perspective view showing the manner of forming a bandeau strip and embodying a number of bandeaux which are separated into lengths as desired from the roll.

The bandeau embodying the features of the invention consists of a body 5 of buckram or analogous material and applied along the edges thereof on one side of the strip are suitably covered stiffening means or wires 6. The stiffening means or wires 6 are held in applied position by a thread or cord 7 which is regularly formed into lock stitches 8 surrounding each stiffening means or wire and looped through and caught as at 9 a distance inwardly from the free edge of the body or strip 5. It will be seen that the

opposite side edge portions of the body or strip 5 do not surround or extend over the stiffening means or wires 6, it being sufficient for all practical purposes to hold the said stiffening means by the lock stitches 8 against one side of the body or strip 5. Any suitable mechanism will be used for forming the thread or cord 7 into lock stitches around the stiffening means or wires 6 and through the body or strip 5, and by the use of the particular strip specified, raveling of the thread or cord will not ensue when the body or strip 5 and the stiffening means or wires 6 are separated, cut or broken, the locked condition of the several stitches preventing the latter from unraveling. This effective means of securing the stiffening wires 6 to the body or strip 5 permits said body and stiffening wires to be connected or secured to each other in extended lengths, eight or ten feet long, for instance, and rolled, as shown by Fig. 3, for convenience in shipment and the user can cut off pieces from the continuous strip thus produced to form bandeaux of desirable lengths without danger of the stiffening wires becoming separated from the body 5.

The improved construction will be found very advantageous in the art to which it pertains and from a standpoint of manufacture it is very convenient.

What is claimed is:

1. As an improved article of manufacture, a bandeau consisting of a stiffened fabric body having auxiliary pliable stiffening means applied on one side thereof close to opposite side edges and secured by lock stitches surrounding the same and looped through the opposite side portions of the body at a distance inwardly from the said side edges of the latter so that the bandeau may be cut in lengths at different points without releasing the stitches on the cut portions, the stitches directly engaging the stiffening means without requiring rolling of the edges or doubling of the body with relation to the stiffening means.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, a bandeau strip consisting of a fabric body having a single thickness and stiffened, the body having pliable stiffening wires applied

to one side solely adjacent to opposite side
edges, and lock stitches passed through the
body at a distance from the side edges of
the latter and outwardly over the edges of
the body and directly in contact with the
wires whereby the strip may be cut into
lengths without releasing the stitches from
the wires on the separated parts.

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