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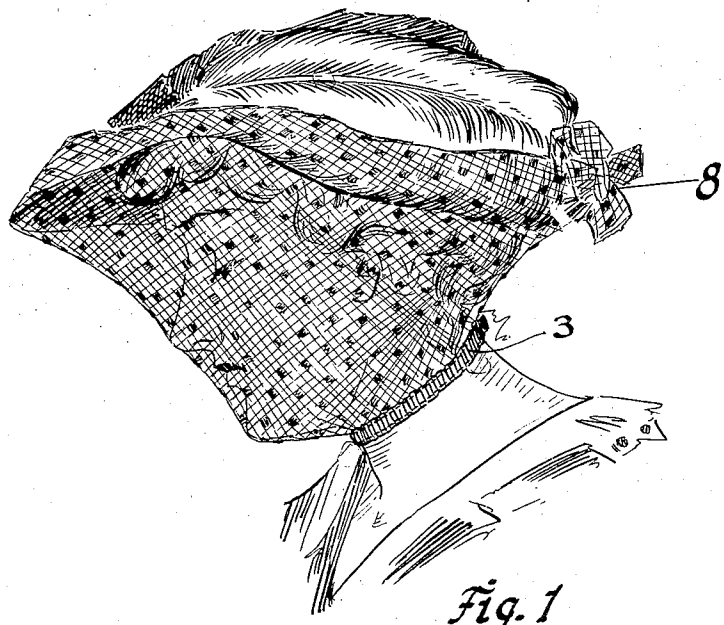


Fig. 1

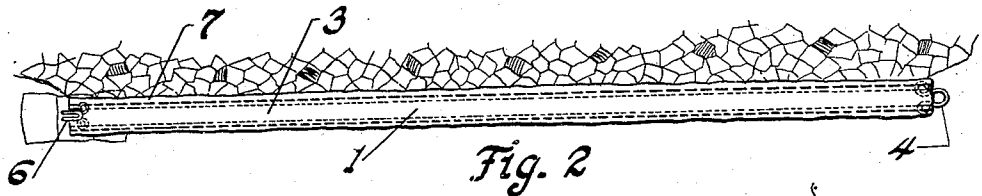


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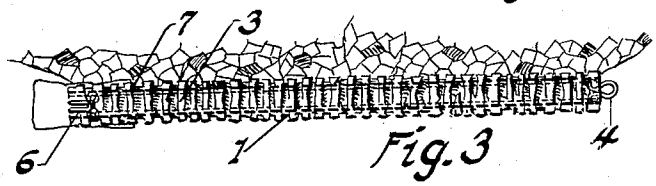


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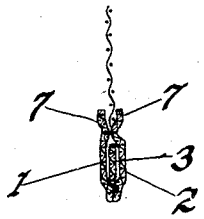


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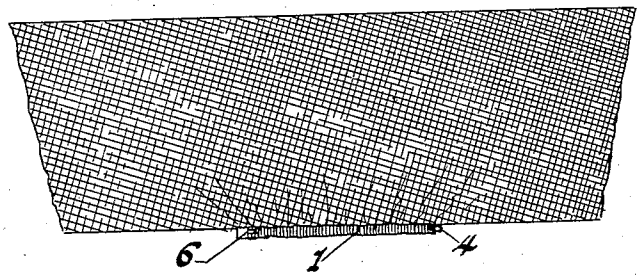


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTA PICKERING COOLBROTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cambridge, county of Middlesex, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Veils, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to veils and particularly to the adjustment of the veil about the throat. Various attempts have been made to provide a simple and efficient fastening for the lower part of the veil so that it might be gathered in about the throat and yet be drawn down from the hat. As far as is known, this problem has never been satisfactorily solved, and the only relief for the difficulties involved has been such makeshift devices as women have been able to contrive for their own personal use, such as the use of pins or the twisting up of parts of the veil which may be tucked under the collar. All of these are unsatisfactory and annoying and tend to distort or rupture the veil.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient means for gathering in the veil, holding it tightly in place and drawing it smoothly down from the hat.

The construction and operation of my device will be more fully discussed in the specification which follows. In the drawings which form a part of that specification, I have shown an embodiment which I have found extremely satisfactory to use and one which is well adapted to commercial production at a reasonable cost.

Throughout specification and drawings like reference numerals are employed to indicate corresponding parts, and in the drawings: Figure 1 is a general view of my veil applied to a wearer, Fig. 2 is a view of my device as applied to the veiling, Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the contracted band after it has been applied to the veil, Fig. 4 a general view of a veil with my device applied thereto, and Fig. 5 a detailed section showing the manner of applying my device to a veil.

My device consists of a pair of external strips 1 and 2 preferably of ribbon or similar material and stitched along one edge and just inside of the other edge. Between these strips 1 and 2 is inclosed an elastic strip 3. At one end of the device so formed I place a suitable catch such as the eye 4 and at the other end a coöperating member such as the hook 6.

In applying my device to the veil, the elastic is stretched out until both the ribbon members are drawn tight. The veil is then introduced between the longitudinal flaps 7 which are formed by the edges of the ribbon. The veil is then stitched between these two flaps 7 so as to be held firmly in place. The strip is now relieved, whereupon the elastic filling 3 draws up on the strip and the veil, shortening the same slightly as indicated at Fig. 3 and slightly puckering the veil as also indicated in that figure. When the veil is applied, the upper part of the veil is drawn over the hat and the two ends of the elastic portion drawn around and fastened behind the neck. The ends of the veil may then be tied over the top of the hat as indicated at 8 in Fig. 1. This causes the veil to be drawn smoothly about the hat and disposed neatly about the lower part of the face and the throat. If it be desired to expose the face for any purpose it is only necessary to unclasp the hook and eye 6 and 4 and raise the veil to the edge of the hat. The veil may be promptly and easily restored by drawing it down again and refastening the ends of the band behind the neck.

Various modifications in the form and construction of my device may obviously be made, all without departing from the spirit of my invention if within the limits of the appended claim.

What I therefore claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A veil having a pair of covering strips located on the lower edge thereof and leaving a pair of marginal flaps joined one on each side to the material of the veil, an elastic member run through between said strips and attached at the end thereof when expanded so as to normally pucker the veil in contracting, and an engaging device on one end of one strip and a device to be engaged on the opposite end of said strip for uniting the ends of said strips.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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