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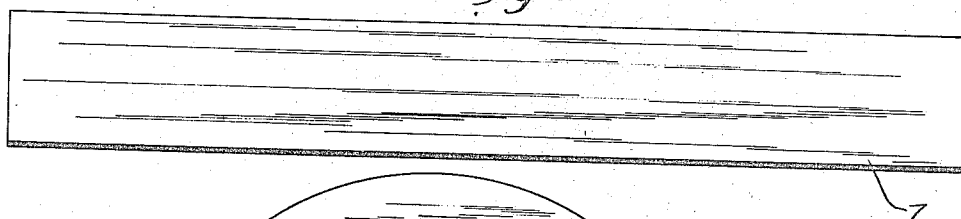
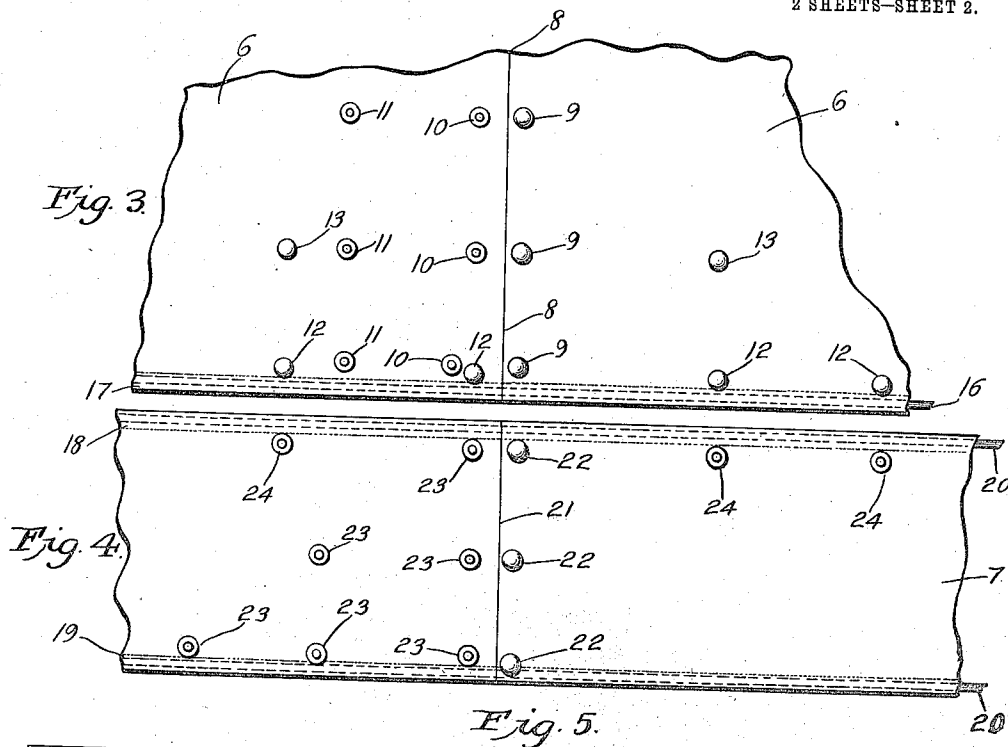
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HARRY BERLIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of Brooklyn, in the city and State of New York, and MARTIN JOSEPH FOGARTY, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the borough of the Bronx, in the city and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Protective Coverings for Hats and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to hat coverings, and particularly to waterproof protective coverings for ladies' hats, and its object is to provide a simple and easily manipulated device which can be quickly placed upon and removed from a hat when weather or other contingency may require, and which shall be adapted to protect the hat from rain, dust, or other injurious influence.

The invention consists of the novel construction, arrangement and combination of parts, shown in the accompanying drawings and hereinafter particularly described.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side view of a hat upon the head of the wearer, showing the lower member of our invention applied thereto; Fig. 2 is a front view of a hat, upon the head of the wearer having both members of our invention applied thereto, and connected together; Fig. 3 is a plan view of a portion of the upper member of the covering, showing the fastening devices; Fig. 4 is a similar view of a portion of the lower member; and Figs. 5 and 6 plan views of the strip of material forming said lower member, as hereinafter specified.

It is well known that nearly all kinds of trimmed hats such as are worn by ladies are liable to be more or less injured by exposure to the weather, and that it is desirable to have ready at hand some suitable means for covering such hats upon the coming up of a sudden shower. We are aware that protective waterproof coverings for hats have been heretofore known in the art, and we do not claim the same broadly, but we do not know that it has heretofore been proposed to provide a device of this character constructed according to our invention.

In carrying our invention into effect, in the embodiment thereof which we have selected for the purpose of description and illustration, we provide a covering compris-

ing two separable parts, designated 6 and 7. The upper part, designated 6, may be composed of a piece of preferably waterproof-material, which is gathered up into a sac-form, and is provided around its lower edge with a turned over seam forming a string pocket in which is run a drawing string 16 which is preferably elastic. A slit 8 is cut upward from the lower edge for a suitable distance, so as to permit the cut edges to be overlapped to adapt the covering to different sizes of hats, and clasps 9, of the glove-button type or other suitable form, are provided upon one of said edges, adapted to engage with co-acting studs 10 upon the other edge. At some distance inward from this last named edge another row of such studs, 11, may be provided, so as to permit the edges to be overlapped a greater distance and there secured, and if desired a third or any number of rows of such studs may be provided so as to adapt the covering to still smaller hats.

Along the lower edge of the member 6 a row or series of similar clasps, 12, is provided which serve to engage with studs on the lower member 7 and secure the two members together as hereinafter explained, and a second row of such clasps, 13, located at some distance above the lower edge, is also provided, so that if desired the upper member may be overlapped upon the lower member and there secured.

The lower member comprising our invention may be formed either from a straight elongated strip of preferably waterproof material, as shown in Fig. 5, or from a circular strip as shown in Fig. 6. In either case the upper and lower edges are provided with seams or pockets 18 and 19 respectively containing elastics 20 and 20'. One of the narrow edges, 21, is provided with clasps 22, (similar to the clasps 9, 12 and 13 of the upper member) adapted to engage with co-acting studs 23 on the other edge, or with other similar studs set farther back from the edge, in case it is desired to overlap the edges further so as to accommodate a smaller hat. Along the upper edge of the member 7 is a series of similar studs 24, which are adapted to engage with the clasps 12 on the upper member for the purpose of securing the two members together.

The method of use and operation of our invention is as follows: When it is desired

to protect only the brim of the hat, the lower member 7 is placed upon the brim and gracefully draped around the same, as shown in Fig. 1, the edges being secured by the clasps 22 and studs 23. When it is desired to protect the whole hat, the upper member 6 is placed upon the crown of the hat, the edges overlapped and secured by the clasps 9 and studs 10 or 11, and the upper member is secure to the lower member by engaging the clasps 12 or 13, as desired, with the studs 24. It will be obvious that the upper member alone may be employed, and secured by the clasps 9 and the studs 10 or 11, the lower member being omitted and the brim of the hat being left uncovered.

The advantages of our invention will be obvious from what has been above said with regard to its construction and method of use.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is as follows:

1. A detachable hat covering comprising a crown member composed of flexible fabric in a sac-like structure provided with a drawing string at its lower edge, the lower part of said structure being adjustable by means of a slit extending upward from its lower edge, and twopart fastening devices on opposite sides of said slit, parts of said fastening devices being at different distances therefrom.

2. A detachable hat covering comprising a crown member composed of flexible fabric in a sac-like structure provided with a drawing string at its lower edge and with members of two part fastening devices along its lower edge, the lower part of said structure being adjustable by means of a slit extending upward from its lower edge, and

twopart fastening devices on opposite sides of said slit, parts of said fastening devices being at different distances therefrom.

3. A hat covering comprising a brim member composed of a strip of flexible fabric provided along one edge with members of twopart fastening devices, at its opposite edges with drawing strings and at its overlapping ends with two part fastening devices, parts of which are at different distances from the ends.

4. A detachable hat covering comprising a crown member composed of flexible fabric in a sac-like structure provided with a drawing string at its lower edge, and with members of twopart fastening devices along its lower edge, the lower part of said structure being adjustable by means of a slit extending upward from its lower edge and provided with two part fastening devices on opposite sides of said slit, parts of said fastening devices being at different distances therefrom, and a brim member composed of a strip of flexible fabric provided along one edge with members of twopart fastening devices adapted to engage the cooperative members along the lower edges of the crown member, at its opposite edges with drawing strings and at its overlapping ends with twopart fastening devices, parts of which are at different distances from the ends.

In witness whereof we have hereunto signed our names this 4th day of June 1912, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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