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Fig. 1.

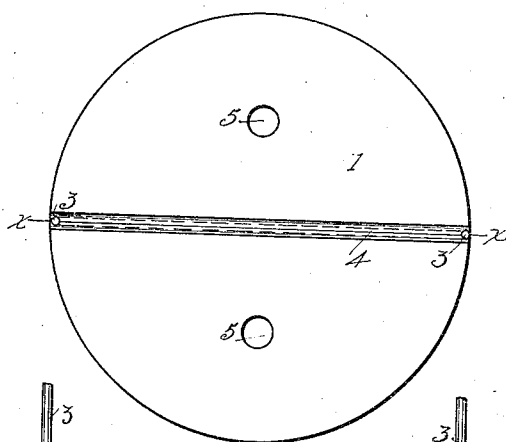


Fig. 2.

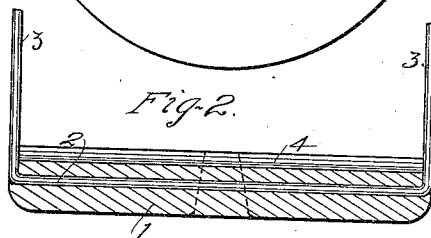
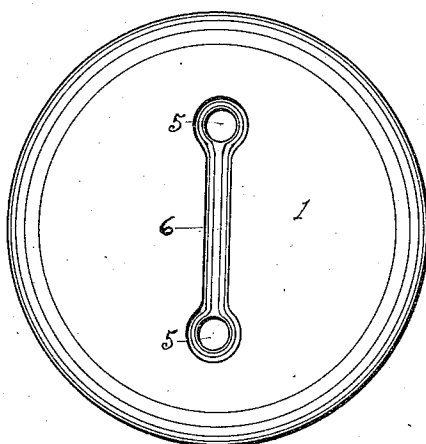


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DOROTHY NELSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Seattle, in the county of King and State of Washington, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat-Weights, of which the following is a full, true, and exact specification.

This invention relates to hat weights and has for its object to provide a simple, inexpensive and inconspicuous weight so constructed that the same may be quickly attached and detached to a lady's hat at different distances from the crown thereof until a point has been reached to which the weight may be permanently attached so as to properly and evenly balance the hat against the weight of the trimming upon the opposite side.

The invention will be fully described and shown in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan view, showing the surface of the device which, when the same is in place, contacts with the cloth. Fig. 2 is a sectional view upon the line $x-x$ of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a bottom view, showing the opposite surface of the device to that shown in Fig. 1.

1 is the body of the weight preferably of lead or similar material, 2 a wire which is molded into the body 1, and upturned at right angles as at 3, 4 a channel across the body 1, of a depth slightly greater than the diameter of the wire 2.

5 designates apertures through the body 1 by means of which the same may be sewed to a cloth surface such as the brim of a hat. The channel 6 extending from one of the eyes 5 to the other receives the thread in a manner well known, so that the weight when sewed to the brim of a hat presents a smooth and neat appearance.

In ladies' hats it frequently occurs that the trimming, in order to produce the desired artistic effect, is unequally disposed upon the hat, one side being heavier than the other. If the hat be of small shape this unevenness of weight causes but little an-

noyance to the wearer, but in cases where the brim is of considerable dimensions much pain and inconvenience is caused, due to the fact that such hats are generally pinned to the hair of the wearer and the tendency to displacement of the hat pulls or tears the hair. The use of hat pins for this purpose has also been found dangerous to persons in close proximity to the wearer. The broad desirability of a counter weight for the general purpose of this invention, to be sewed or similarly attached to the hat would readily suggest itself, and may be old in the art, but it is obviously impossible to at once determine the point at which to attach such a weight upon the lighter side so that it will properly balance the heavier side of the hat, which renders it desirable to combine with the permanent attaching means other temporary attaching means which will serve to rapidly attach the weight to different points until the proper point is located. It will also be appreciated that an article of this nature must be inconspicuous as well as effective; that the temporary attaching means be adapted to be folded into the weight in such manner as to permit the surface of the weight to contact and fit closely to the brim of the hat when the weight is permanently attached, and to be afterward unfolded and used over and over again.

It is believed that, from the foregoing, the construction and use of my device will be readily understood by those skilled in the art.

Many changes in details will readily suggest themselves to others without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, and I do not, therefore desire to be limited to the exact details of construction herein described.

What I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent of the United States is—

The combination in a hat weight of a relatively thin but heavy main body, a flexible wire extending through said body and having its ends bent upwardly at right an-

gles thereto, a channel through the main body and above that portion of said wire which extends through the same, the depth of which channel is greater than the diameter of said wire and into which said upwardly bent ends may be folded, thread receiving eyes through the main body and a channel leading from one of said eyes to the other.

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