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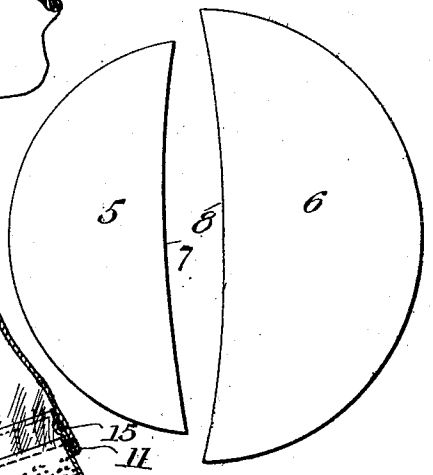


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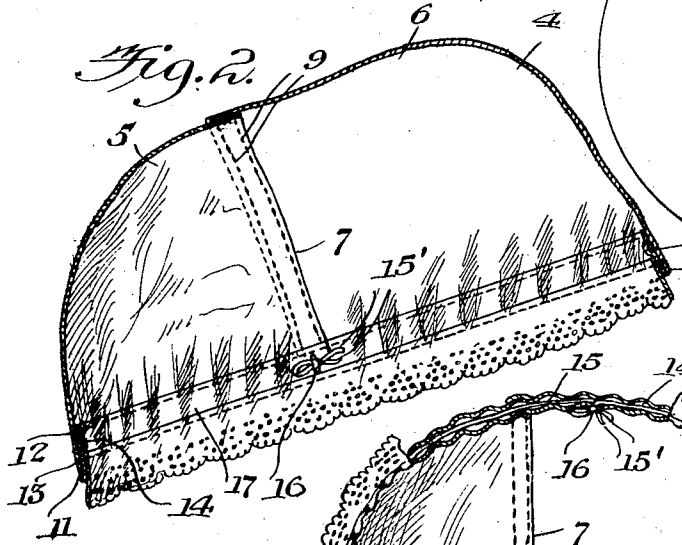


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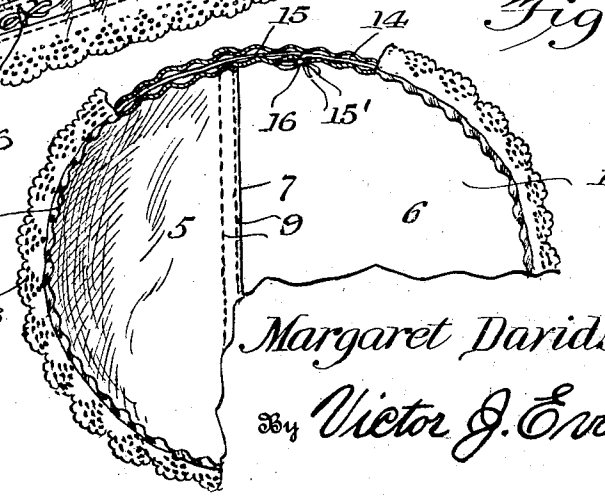


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Mrs. MARGARET DAVIDSON, residing at Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Caps, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to wearing apparel, and has for an object to provide an attractive and useful head covering chiefly designed for feminine wear.

Another object of the invention is to provide a lady's cap, primarily adaptable to be worn for evening, boudoir or morning service, and to be so designed as to conform to the head of the wearer in a natural and attractive manner, without disturbing the dressed condition of the hair.

A further object resides in a cap, or head covering garment, of attractive appearance, possessing substantial features of construction and capable of being comfortably worn; said cap including a garment composed of two principal sections having the inner edges united, and elastic means connected with the outer edges thereof to facilitate the action of positioning the cap upon the head of the wearer.

In order that the aims and achievements of this invention will be readily understood, it is advisable to state, at this juncture, that boudoir and evening caps of the above nature have hitherto been formed from a single piece of material. This construction has been proven to be unsatisfactory in a number of respects, first, when the average cap is worn, the wearer's hair will be tightly drawn and displaced, particularly when the hair is in a dressed condition; secondly, the average cap, being formed from a single piece of material, usually presents a sunken and unattractive appearance, lying closely to the head of the wearer. Third, when the cap is worn for evening wear, or when the wearer's hair is in a dressed condition, the same will be drawn or stretched to assume a bulging, distorted appearance, due to the fact that it conforms to the curvature of the hair. Fourth, by reason of the same contacting with the hair, it is impossible for the latter to retain an attractive, dressed condition, thus necessarily limiting the scope of caps of this character, hitherto in use, to morning wear.

To obviate the above disadvantages in caps of the character set forth, the present invention provides a cap of improved construction which can be readily adapted for use at any time without incurring any of the above objections; the same by reason of being formed in two sections is permitted to retain a natural fullness of material, whereby the hair of the wearer, when in a dressed condition, may be readily received within the folds of the two sections without interfering with the condition of the hair, or destroying the general appearance of the cap.

The invention accordingly consists of the features of construction and in the arrangement of parts, which will be exemplified in the construction herein described and the scope of the application of which will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawings, wherein is shown the preferred embodiment of the present invention,

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the cap, illustrating the same in its applied position,

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view taken through the same,

Fig. 3 is a bottom plan view disclosing portions of the cap in section, and

Fig. 4 is a blank view of the several sections from which the cap is formed.

Similar characters of reference denote like parts throughout the several views of the drawing.

Referring more particularly to the precise details of construction of the present invention, a cap 4 consists fundamentally of a plurality of coöperating fabric sections 5 and 6, the latter being preferably formed of some suitable light weight material, such as silk or the like, in order to present an attractive aspect and for various reasons of utility.

Sections 5 and 6 are united along their inner edges 7 and 8, this being accomplished by overlapping the said edges and by securing the same through the medium of suitable stitching 9. In securing these edges, the operation is started from the center of the garment and is continued to the outer edge thereof, this feature being particularly important in assembling the cap. The edges 7 and 8 are slightly curved, as shown in Fig. 4, so that when the same are united the cap will assume a natural semicircular contour.

The outer peripheral edges of the sections 5 and 6 are turned inwardly as at 11, and are retained in this position by means

of stitches 12 and 13. A space 14 is formed between the stitches 12 and 13 and is utilized to accommodate an elastic element 15, the element being provided to facilitate the operation of retaining the cap in relatively fixed position upon the head of a wearer, as will be clearly understood. The element 14 terminates in outwardly extending extremities 15′, which are usually tied into a bow knot 16 so that the circumference of the cap may be adjusted to allow for variation with respect to sizes. The edges 17 of the cap are also ruffled to enhance the appearance of the same, this action being augmented by providing edges 17 with a lace flounce 18. The outer surface of the cap may be suitably ornamented by the addition of lace figures, ribbons or other additions, which are designed to increase the attractiveness of the cap. Of course, the quality and beauty of the cap will be entirely governed in direct ratio to its economic cost. for instance, when the cap is employed for morning wear it will be relatively plain, but when a cap of the above character is utilized as a dress garment it may be more or less elaborate in its aspect. However, the principle of the invention remains intact and is not modified by the cost of the cap, as will be clearly understood.

In the preferred embodiment of the cap the rear section 6 is slightly smaller than the coöperating front section 5, this design being expedient due to the fact that, as a general rule, the fore part of the head will require more material than the rear, in order that the fullness of the cap, which forms an important feature of the same, will be maintained. It will be noted that the seam 10 formed by the connection between the sections 5 and 6, encircles the head of the wearer and terminates at points adjacent to the ears of the latter, thus dividing the cap into its several sections on a line whereby its fullness, when worn, may be preserved.

The sections 5 and 6 are each substantially crescent shaped as will be seen by referring to the views and it is primarily due to the mentioned configuration of the sections that the desired shape of the article is secured when the inner edges of the crescent like sections are sewed together.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:—

1. A cap of the character set forth embodying a front substantially crescent-shaped flexible section, and a rear substantially crescent-shaped flexible section of lesser size than the front section, the configuration of each of said section providthe same with a circular peripheral edge and a curved inner edge, the curved inner edges of the sections being directly united in overlapping relation by rows of stitching and forming the body of the cap, and means secured adjacent to the peripheral edge of the cap for holding the latter upon the head of the wearer.

2. A cap of the character set forth embodying a front substantially crescent-shaped flexible section and a rear substantially crescent-shaped flexible section of lesser size than the front section, the configuration of each of said sections providing the same with a circular peripheral edge and a curved inner edge, the curved inner edge of the sections being directly united with the rear edge of the front section overlapping the edge of the rear section, by rows of stitching and forming the body of the cap, the peripheral edge of each section being turned inwardly and upwardly and secured to the inner walls of said sections by rows of stitching, and means secured between the confronting faces of the sections and inturned portion thereof for holding the cap upon the head of the wearer.

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

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