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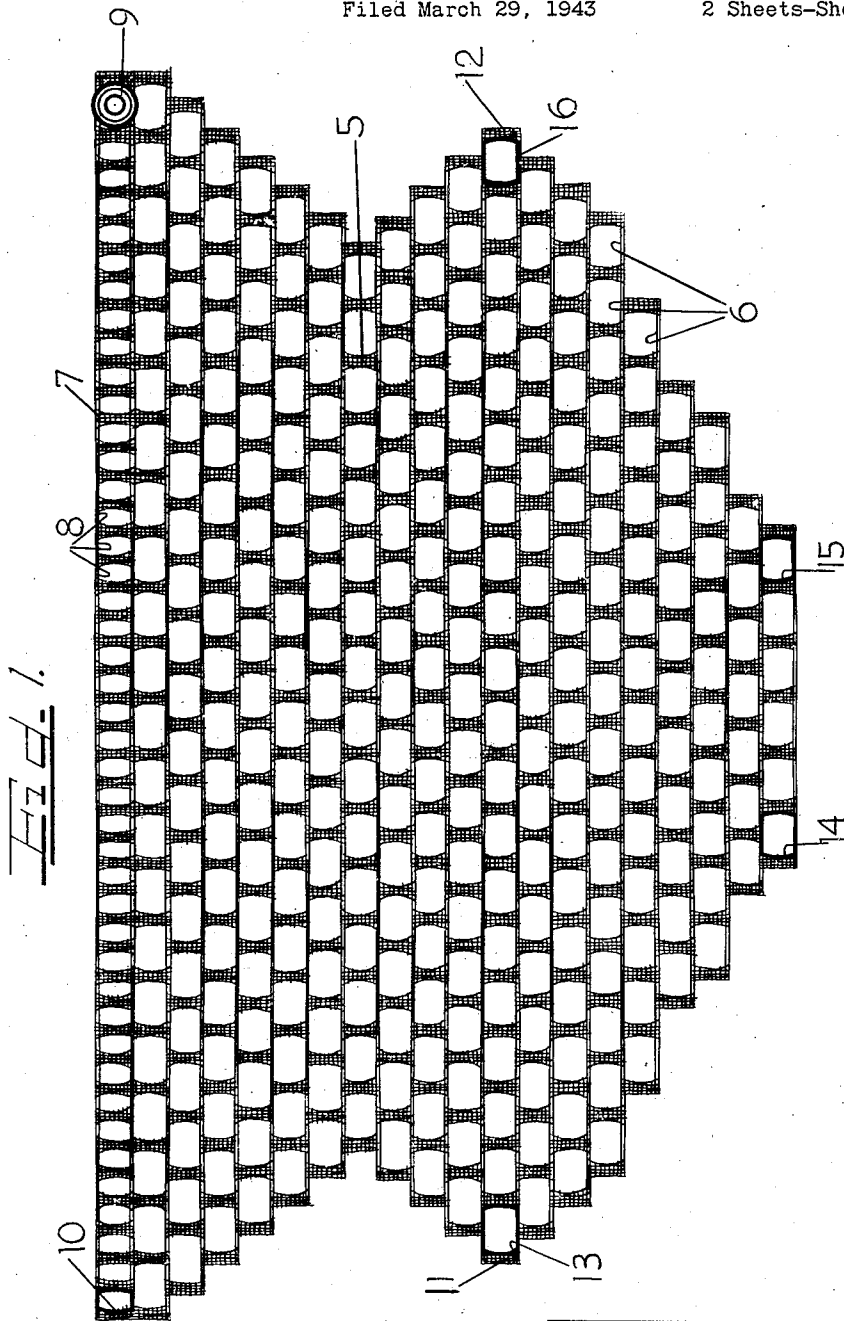
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Fig. 3.

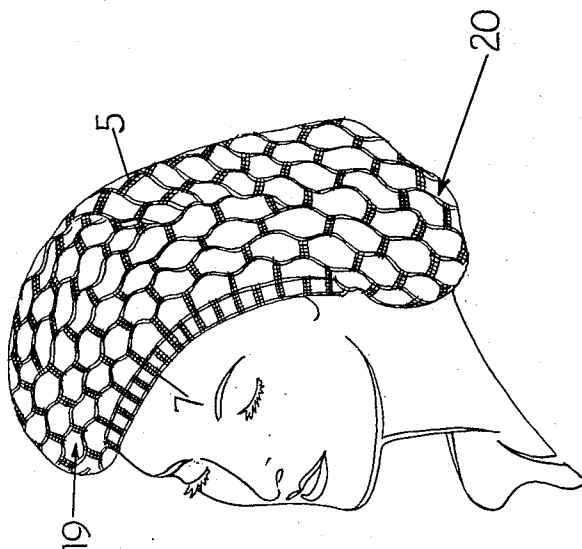
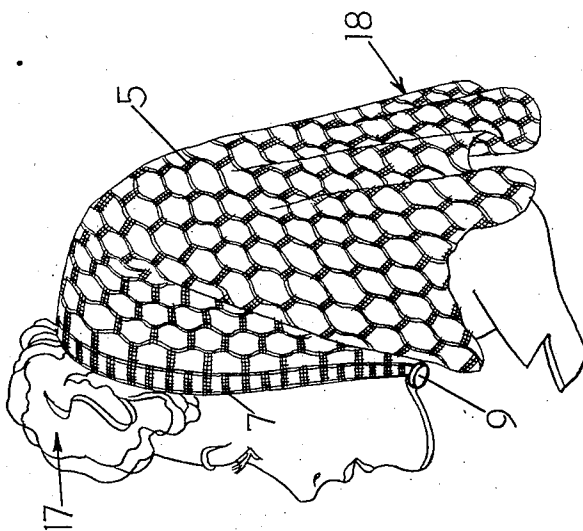


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to improvements in a snood or fascinator, although the invention may have other uses and purposes as will be apparent to one skilled in the art.

In the past, many and various types of snoods, fasciators, and the like have been developed, but these formerly known devices were too frequently impractical, difficult to put on, wear, or remove without damage to a coiffure, would not perform any but a solely decorative function, could not be worn with a desired degree of universality so as to be adaptable for use with various types of costumes, and were objectionably expensive.

With the foregoing in mind, it is an important object of the instant invention to provide a snood or the like capable of not only functioning as a decorative adjunct or accessory to other apparel, but also being capable of functioning in the manner of a hair net preventing wisps or strands of hair straying without the confines of the snood in an unsightly manner.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a snood or the like arranged for attachment to the head of a user in any of numerous different positions so that the snood may be used as a proper adjunct or accessory to various types of apparel.

Also an object of this invention is the provision of a snood or fascinator which carries its own anchoring means and which is so arranged that the anchoring means may be associated with substantially any desirable part of the device itself.

A further feature of the invention resides in the provision of a snood or fascinator arranged for attachment to the head over substantially any type or style of coiffure, and which may be put on, worn, or taken off without damage to the coiffure.

It is also a feature of the invention to provide a snood or fascinator so constructed as to be readily reversible and adjustable to fit substantially any size head and to intimately enclose any desired portion of substantially any type of coiffure.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a snood or fascinator made of open-work material, carrying a fastening element, and of such shape as to define certain prominent locations readily susceptible for engagement with the fastening element, all in a manner to adapt the snood or fascinator for attractive disposition upon the head in a multitude of different positions.

While some of the more salient features, characteristics and advantages of the instant invention have been above pointed out, others will become apparent from the following disclosures, 60

taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of a snood or fascinator embodying principles of the instant invention;

Figure 2 is a diagrammatic view illustrating the use of the snood or fascinator of Figure 1 on the head of a wearer; and

Figure 3 is another diagrammatic view illustrating the use of the snood or fascinator in a different position on the head of a wearer.

As shown on the drawings:

With reference to Figure 1, it will be seen that the illustrated embodiment of this invention comprises a snood or fascinator which is preferably in the form of a single substantially flat sheet 5 of open-work, which may be made of any suitable or desirable material. The material may be woven, knitted, crocheted, or made in any other desirable manner into an open-work pattern having numerous openings 6 therein, as illustrated. It may, of course, be desired to have a decorative design embroidered or formulated in some other fashion in the intermediate part of the snood, or to have the intermediate part of the snood either solid or of much finer open-work so that the openings will be considerably smaller, but in keeping with the instant invention it is desirable to have the snood completely bordered therearound by an open-work arrangement including relatively large openings.

Along one side of the snood a border 7 is provided, which is preferably integral with the fabric forming the remainder of the snood. This border may be fashioned with openings of slightly less size, as indicated at 8, than the remainder of the snood if so desired, so that the border will have greater durability. Near one end thereof the border is preferably provided with a suitable securing element which may be in the form of a button 9. At the other end thereof a button-hole 10 is preferably worked in the border through which the button 9 may be anchored to hold the snood in position on the head of a wearer. It will be appreciated of course, that the button 9 may likewise be anchored through any of the openings or interstices 8 in the border 7. This feature, coupled with the fact that the border is stretchable by virtue of the way the fabric is cut or formed, enables the user to positively and securely anchor the snood to the head.

One of the main features of the instant invention resides in the fact that the snood may be adjusted, shaped, or arranged in substantially any manner to fit the head in any desirable position and enclose at least a portion of substantially any type of coiffure. Such adaptability of the snood results in part from the fact that the button 9 may be engaged through any of the openings 6 in the fabric of the snood, and par-

ticularly through any of the openings bordering the snood. This adaptability of the snood is also augmented by the general shape of the article which is preferably substantially irregular so as to define certain prominent points as indicated at 11 and 12. The openings in the fabric in the region of these points may be readily engaged with the button 9 and the snood will still retain an attractive and decorative configuration when on the head.

Usually, the button 9 will be engaged through one or more openings in the border of the snood. Frequently these openings will include the buttonhole 10 and one or more of the openings emphasized for the purpose of clarity in Figure 1 and indicated by reference numerals 13, 14, 15 and 16. For example, a pouch-like arrangement may be made by engaging the button 9 through the buttonhole 10 and the openings 13 and 16, permitting the remainder of the snood to hang from the head in a graceful manner, or tucking it under the hair, as may be deemed most expedient or pleasing to the individual user.

It will be understood, however, that while the openings 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16 may be most utilized with the button 9, the button may be engaged through any opening in the snood, thus permitting substantially any desirable arrangement of the article. The flexibility of the snood and the fact that it is stretchable in substantially any direction aid materially in the proper fitting of the snood to the head and the proper shaping of it over a portion of a coiffure, and the proper adjusting of it to a desired degree of tightness, so that it may not only function as a decorative accessory to the other apparel of the wearer, but will perform the additional function of retaining the hair in place in the manner of a hair net.

In Figure 2 I have illustrated one manner in which the snood or fascinator may be worn, for example, with a sports costume. In this instance, the coiffure embodies a pompadour, generally indicated by numeral 17, and the band 7 of the snood is brought over the top of the head behind the pompadour, downwardly over each side of the face in front of the ear, and the button 9 is engaged through the buttonhole 10 beneath the chin. The remainder of the snood is permitted to drape and hang loosely over the back hair, as generally indicated by numeral 18, the snood being worn in somewhat the manner of a babushka, but by virtue of its general construction and shape giving a neater and more attractive appearance than is possible with a babushka.

In the arrangement illustrated in Figure 3, the snood is worn in somewhat the manner of a soft tam-o'-shanter. In this instance, the coiffure includes a high pomp roll, generally indicated by numeral 19, and a low-hanging neck roll, generally indicated by numeral 20, and all of the hair is enclosed by the snood. The band 7 is brought over the forehead, downwardly at each side of the head over or just in front of the ears, and secured by anchoring the button 9 through the buttonhole 10 at the back beneath the neck roll. Certain of the openings 13, 14, 15 and 16 supplemented by certain of the other openings 6 around the border of the article, if necessary, may likewise be engaged over the button 9 to provide the pouch-like arrangement. The other edge portions of the snood may be folded back or tucked under the hair to render them invisible, so that the snood completely encases the

hair and effectively retains the hair in place without damage to the coiffure.

It is obvious that a combination of the showings in Figures 2 and 3, with the band 7 brought over the head behind the pompadour and secured at the back beneath the neck roll and other openings in the snood engaged over the button if desired, may be had with equal facility. Other and various arrangements of the snood or fascinator may be made in keeping with the other apparel or hair dress of the wearer. Such adaptability of the snood permits it to be worn in lieu of a hat or other article of head dress and with substantially any character or style of other apparel.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that I have provided a snood, fascinator, or similar article of apparel which is simple in construction, may be made in any desirable color and provided with any desirable ornamental formations or embellishments, may readily be applied to the head in any of numerous positions and over substantially any type or style of coiffure, and so it is adaptable for wearing with various different types of costumes. Further, it will be noted that the article may function to hold the hair in position in the manner of a hair net as well as functioning as a decorative adjunct to the other apparel of the user, the article being so made and arranged as to be applicable to the head with substantially any desired degree of tightness. It will also be appreciated that the article is economical to manufacture in a durable and lasting quality.

It will, of course, be understood that various details of construction may be varied through a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention, and it is, therefore, not the purpose to limit the patent granted hereon otherwise than necessitated by the scope of the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A snood including a substantially flat open-work piece of material of irregular shape, and an anchoring element carried by said piece of material and lockingly engageable through any of the openings in said material.

2. A snood including a fabric open-work, a border along one side thereof having an opening adjacent an end thereof, and a securing element adjacent the other end of said border lockingly engageable in said opening and any of the openings in the fabric to permit shaping of the snood to the head in any of a plurality of different arrangements.

3. A snood including a substantially flat open-work sheet, an integral border along one side of said sheet having openings of lesser size than the remainder of said sheet, and a securing element carried by said border and lockingly engageable in any of the border openings as well as any of the openings in the remainder of the sheet.

4. A snood comprising a sheet of open work fabric of substantially symmetrical but irregular shape, a band-like border along a margin of said snood, a fastening element carried by said border, said border having an opening therein to lockingly receive said fastening element, said fastening element being also lockingly engageable in any of the openings in said fabric to provide for different arrangements of the snood on the head, and said fabric being reinforced around each of a series of openings most frequently engaged by said fastening element.

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