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HEADWEAR

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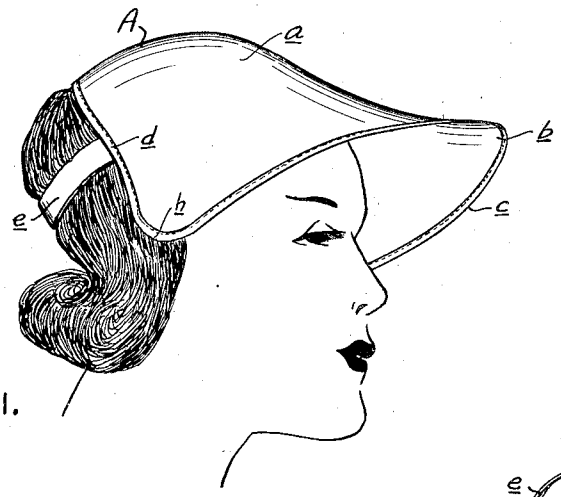



FIG. 1.

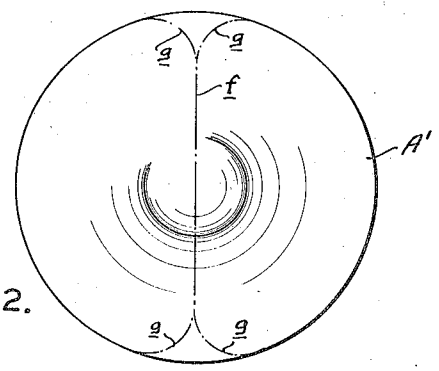



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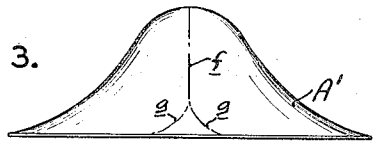



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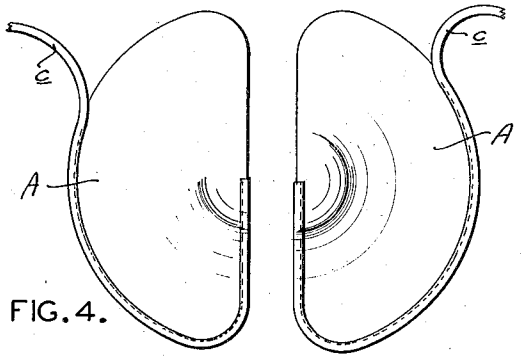



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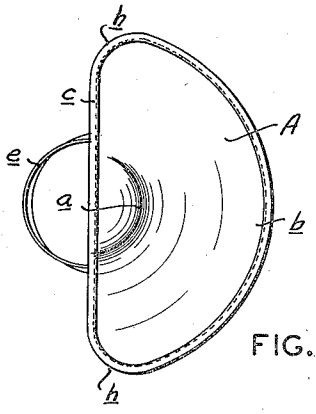



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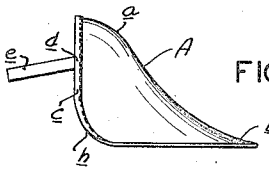



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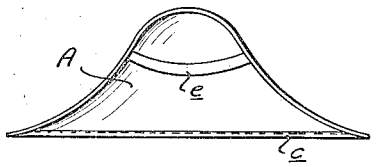



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## HEADWEAR

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This invention relates generally to headwear. More particularly, my invention relates to a certain new and useful improvement in headwear of sunshade type and has for its primary object the provision simply, economically, and conveniently of a stylish, attractive hat of sunshade type, which fits the head securely and snugly without binding or otherwise constricting the flesh about the brow, which is relatively light in weight, and which is efficient in the performance of its intended functions.

And with the above and other objects in view, my invention resides in the novel features of form, construction, arrangement, and combination of parts presently described and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view in wearing position upon the head of a wearer of a head-covering constructed in accordance with and embodying my present invention;

Figures 2 and 3 are diagrammatic plan and elevational views, respectively, of a raw hat-body from which the head covering of my present invention is constructed;

Figure 4 is a diagrammatic view of the head-covering in an intermediate stage of its manufacture; and

Figures 5, 6, and 7 are top plan, side elevational, and rear elevational views, respectively, of the completed head-covering.

Referring now in more detail and by reference characters to the drawing, which illustrates a preferred embodiment of my invention, the present head-covering A is of so-called hemi-conoidal contour and is constructed of paper, preferably of woven straw, or other suitable material, the covering A including integrally an arcuate crown *a* and an outwardly flaring somewhat semi-circular brim *b*, a suitable binding *c* being preferably stitched over the margin of the combined crown *a* and brim *b*, as shown.

Stitched to and upon the inner face of the head-covering A adjacent the rearwardly presented margin of the crown *a*, as at *d*, is a preferably elastic head-encircling band or tape-member *e* adapted to extend across the back of the head of the wearer for securing the head-covering A in place.

In manufacturing head-coverings of my present invention, I prefer to utilize a raw hat body A' fabricated of paper, straw, or other suitable material and formed in the shape of a marginally flared conoid, as best seen in Figures 2 and 3.

The hat body A' is then divided preferably in half along a selected diameter, as indicated by the dot-dash line *f* in Figures 2 and 3, and adjacent the outer margin or circumference of the hat body A', the severing or dividing cut *f* is curved arcuately outwardly, as at *g*, *g*, in the provision in the separate head-coverings A of rounded corners *h*.

The hat body A', thus severed, is divided into two similar hemi-conoidal head covering members A, the respective margins of which are preferably finished by the application of the stitched cloth binding tape *c*, as best seen in Figure 4.

The cut and bound head-coverings A may, if desired, be waterproofed and colored by the conventional application of any suitable hat lacquer or coating material, and in this connection, it may be stated that the application of hat lacquer and other decorating treatments may, of course, be employed prior to the application of the binding-tape.

Finally, the head-encircling band *e* is suitably stitched to the rear margin of the crown *a* in the formation thereby of a complete head-covering of sunshade type.

My head-covering is exceptionally attractive in appearance, is unusually simple and economical in cost of manufacture, and is most efficient and serviceable both as a sunshade and for sport wear, the arcuate crown-like portion *a* conforming in contour with the fore-portion of the wearer's head and snugly fitting the head without any discomfort.

It should be understood that changes and modifications in the form, construction, arrangement, and combination of the several parts of the head-covering may be made and substituted for those herein shown and described without departing from the nature and principle of my invention.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. A head-covering of partial-conoidal form comprising a single piece of woven material pressed and shaped to a crown form for loosely fitting disposition on the forepart only of the head of a wearer and having a brim extending in smooth outwardly flared curve downwardly and forwardly and laterally from the crown portion, said crown and brim portions having a rearwardly presented continuous margin for disposition transversely across the crown of the head of a wearer and said brim having a substantially semi-circular forwardly and laterally presented margin, a binding stitched upon the edge of the crown and brim portions, and a head encircling

band secured at its opposite ends to the crown at opposed points adjacent the rearwardly presented margin thereof and adapted to be received around the back of the head of the wearer for holding the head-covering in place.

2. The method of making a head-covering which comprises forming a single piece of woven material into a substantially frusto-conical hat-body having crown and brim portions, substantially bisecting said hat-body by cutting transversely thereacross through the crown and brim portions thereby forming two head-covering portions each having a substantially arcuate crown with a substantially semi-circular brim portion extending therefrom, and binding and stitching the edges of said head-covering members across and around the line of bisection to thereby retain the woven material against fraying.

3. The method of making head-coverings which comprises shaping and forming a single piece of woven material into a substantially frusto-conical hat-body consisting of a substantially annular arcuate crown with an encircling brim flaring therefrom, dividing said frusto-conical hat-body into two substantially similar parts by cutting across the crown and brim portions and thereby bisecting the single shaped and formed hat-body into two head-coverings each having an arcuate crown shaped for loose-fitting disposition upon the forepart only of the head of a wearer with a brim extending in outwardly flared curve downwardly and forwardly and laterally in substantially semi-circular form, rounding the corners of the brim portions of said members by cutting through the woven material thereof, turning a binding over the cut margins of said head-covering portions, and stitching through the binding and through the cut material to thus hold and preserve the cut edges against fraying.

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