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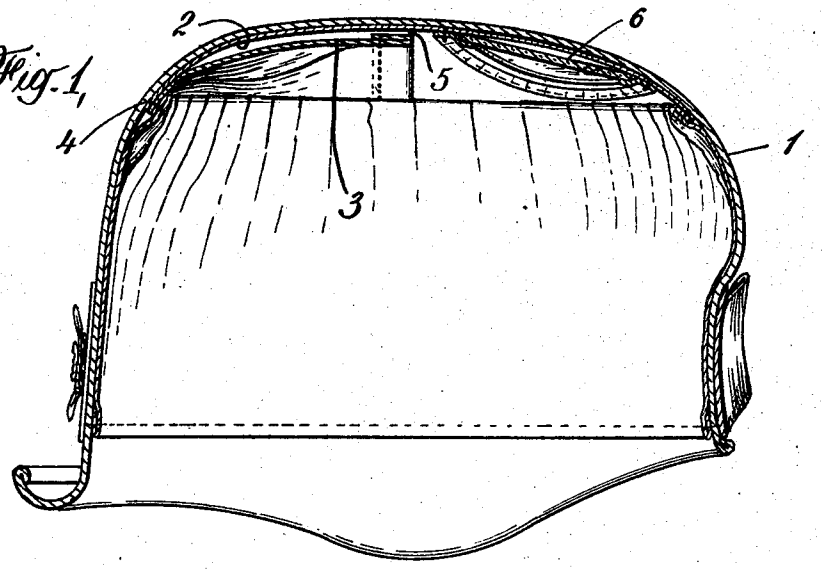
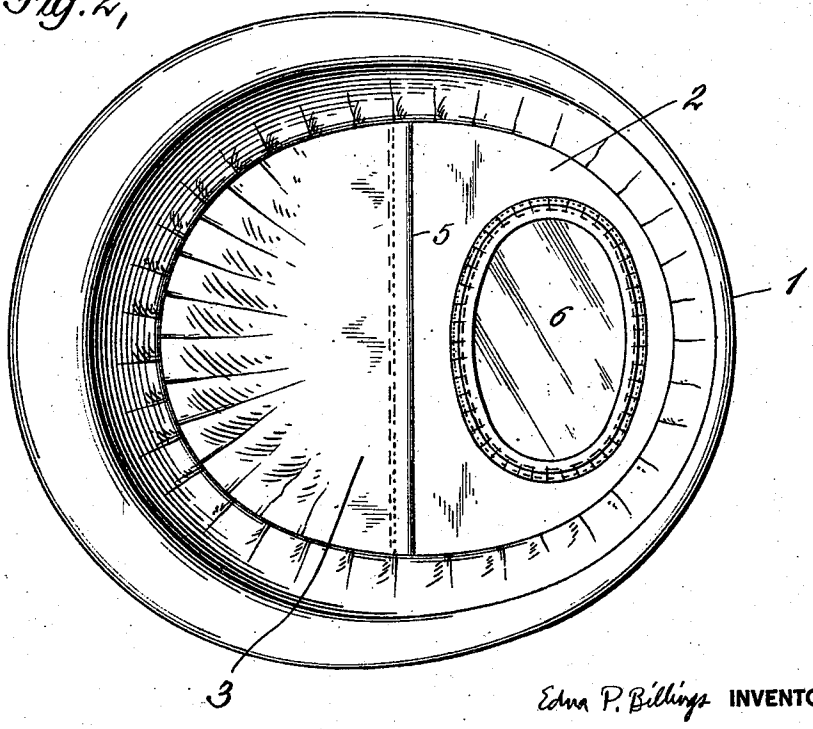


Fig. 2,



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This invention relates to improvements in hats and provides an improved hat having incorporated in and combined with the lining thereof a vanity case or pocket for containing a powder puff, handkerchief, etc.

So called vanity cases or handbags are commonly carried by girls and women for containing powder puffs, handkerchiefs, etc. According to the present invention the need of a separate vanity case or handbag is avoided and there is provided an improved hat which has in or combined with the lining thereof at the crown a pocket which serves to hold a handkerchief, powder puff, etc.

In addition to having a pocket, a mirror, etc., may be provided, either as a part of or adjacent to the pocket so that by removing the hat from the head and by reaching the hand into the pocket the handkerchief, powder puff, etc., can readily be removed and replaced and so that the mirror which is provided in the crown of the hat can be used merely by removing the hat. By arranging the pocket or the pocket and mirror in the crown of the hat they do not interfere with the wearing of the hat, but conveniently occupy the space between the head of the wearer and the crown of the hat.

In making the invention the pocket is combined with the lining of the hat and is preferably made of the same material as the lining, so that the crown of the hat does not present any different or distinguishing appearance, but gives in general the appearance of the ordinary hat lining, although the pocket may be made of contrasting material if desired. In constructing the lining the pocket is combined therewith or sewed therein so that it will blend or harmonize and form an integral part of the hat lining.

The invention will be further described in connection with the accompanying drawing showing one embodiment of the invention and in which Figure 1 shows a hat in cross section and Figure 2 shows a view of the inside of the hat. In the hat illustrated the outer body portion of the hat is indicated at 1 and may be made of felt, straw, silk or other suitable material. The hat is provided with a lining 2, which may be made of suitable material such as is commonly used in hat linings. In the crown thereof the lining has combined therewith or attached thereto a pocket which in the form shown is made up of a separate piece of fabric 3, stitched at its edges as indicated at 4 to the lining and having an opening 5. The gathering or plaiting of the fabric as shown provides a pocket suitable to contain e. g. a handkerchief, powder puff, etc. In the construction illustrated it will be noted that the pocket occupies only about one half of the space at the crown of the hat and that the natural contour of the upper part of the hat will form the back of the pocket while the front will be formed by the added piece of fabric, the plaited or gathered arrangement of which permits it to be separated from the top of the head sufficiently to contain a handkerchief, powder puff, etc. The powder puff itself may be contained in a separate envelope which protects it and the hat lining from coming into direct contact with each other. Other articles, such as are commonly carried in vanity cases and which are not too heavy or bulky may also be carried in a pocket of the kind and arrangement described. It will be noted that the edge of the pocket is not gathered or plaited but is straight across the crown of the hat. This will normally remain closed, but if desired a gathered edge may be used with elastic, etc. to insure that the pocket closes. So also, a flap may be provided for closing the edge of the pocket and this flap may be secured to the pocket e. g. by a ball and socket or other fastening.

The drawing also shows a mirror 6 applied or arranged at the crown of the hat from the other side of that containing the pocket. This mirror may be omitted or may be included. When included it should be of light construction so that its weight does not cause the lining to fall away from the hat although the lining may be stitched or otherwise secured to the hat if desired.

It will be evident that hats of different designs and shapes and materials may be used in making the improved hats of the present invention and that the size and arrangement of the pocket can also be somewhat varied, but in general this pocket will be arranged in the crown of the hat where it does

not interfere with the wearing of the hat or with the comfort of the wearer, but where it is nevertheless readily accessible when the hat is removed for the introduction and removal of the contents, such as a handkerchief, powder puff, etc.

I claim:

A woman's hat having a lining comprising a side wall and a tip, the tip being provided with a pocket extending across and substantially co-extensive with one-half of the tip, and a mirror arranged on the other part of the tip.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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