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Fig. 1.

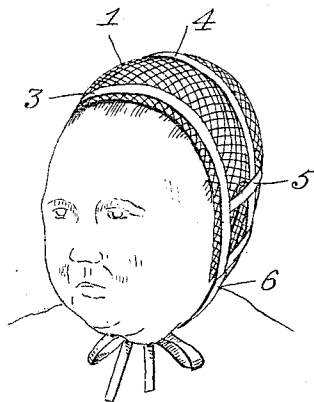


Fig. 2.

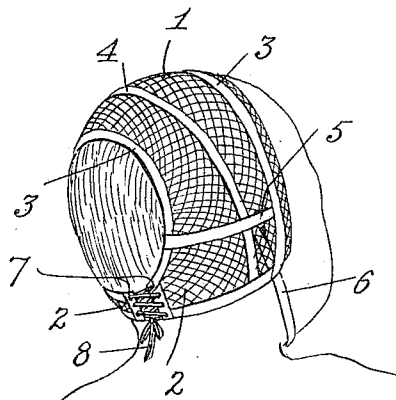
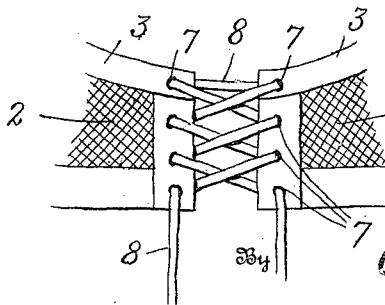


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GERTRUDE A. MONDORF, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Caps, of which the following is such a full, clear, and exact description as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The object of this invention is to provide a light and comfortable cap to be worn by children to keep their ears flat while sleeping which may be readily adjusted to the growing head.

The desired object is attained by the use of the structure illustrated in the accompanying drawings and the invention consists in certain novel features of the same as will be hereinafter first fully described and then particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a child's cap embodying the invention in position on the head, and Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the rear of the cap. Fig. 3 is a detail view showing the lacing means for varying the size of the cap.

In carrying out the invention, I employ a light netting which is shaped to present a band, 1, adapted to pass over the top of the head and down the sides to cover the ears while just in rear of the ears the lower ends of the band are extended backward, as shown at 2, to fit around under the back of the head. The edges of the band are bound with tapes, 3, which will lie flat against the head of the wearer and a central longitudinal flat tape, 4, is sewed to the band in order to lend sufficient strength to the cap to prevent tearing of the netting. The ends of this longitudinal strengthening tape are brought somewhat close to the ends of the tape along the front edge of the cap so as to pass over the ears and at a proper distance from the ends of the cap to pass over the ears are transverse flat tapes, 5, which extend from the front edge to the back edge of the cap. Flat fastening tapes, 6, are sewed to the central longitudinal tape at its junction with the transverse tapes and pass obliquely to the front corners of the cap from which they depend freely being adapted to be passed under the chin of the wearer and tied to hold the cap on the head. It will

be observed that these fastening tapes are secured to the netting constituting the body of the cap and form diagonals for the spaces inclosed by the tapes 3, 4 and 5, thereby passing over the ears, the result being that when the cap is fastened in position on the head the ears will be held flat against the sides of the head and be caused to grow in that position so that the disfiguring and prominent outstanding ears will be prevented.

The rearwardly projecting extensions, 2, are formed with a series of perforations, 7, through which is passed a small flat lacing tape, 8, by means of which the said extensions are drawn together at the back of the head. As the head grows, the lacing may be loosened so as to permit the cap to accommodate itself to the increased size of the head without causing any tearing of the cap or any discomfort to the wearer. Furthermore, a single size of cap may be readily adjusted to heads of various sizes. The shape of the band is such that a large open back is presented above the lacing and as the body of the cap is a light netting, the cap is light cool and comfortable. By using wide flat tape, marking of the head is avoided and the ears are held in the desired position without any uncomfortable pressure thereon while the netting extending over the entire area prevents the ears falling out between the tapes and holds the hair in place.

The tapes are inelastic so that they prevent distortion of the cap and tearing or breaking of the netting band.

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

1. An infant's cap comprising a hood of open-mesh ventilating material and crossed strips of relatively rigid material to which the open-mesh material is sewn, the strips being so arranged that they will cross at points opposite the ears of the wearer, and tie strings for securing the cap in position, whereby when the cap is adjusted the ears of the wearer will be firmly held in proper position with respect to the head.

2. An infant's cap comprising a hood of open-mesh ventilating material and crossed strips of relatively rigid material to which the open-mesh material is sewn, the strips being so arranged that they will cross at points opposite the ears of the wearer, said

hood being provided with tie-strings and being open at the back, and having means for varying the size of the opening whereby the cap may be adjusted to heads of different sizes.

- 5 3. An infant's cap comprising a hood of open mesh ventilating material and strips of relatively rigid material to which open mesh material is sewn, one of said relatively rigid strips being arranged to pass over the top of the head and across the rear edges of the ears of the wearer and a second relatively rigid strip being arranged to extend from the forward lower corners of the cap upwardly and rearwardly to the first mentioned strip to overlie the ears
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of the wearer, the lower ends of said latter strips depending from the lower forward corners of the cap and forming tie-strings, said hood being open at its back, and a lacing means at the rear lower portion of the cap and adapted to vary the size of the opening in the back of the hood, whereby the cap may be adjusted to heads of different sizes.

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In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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