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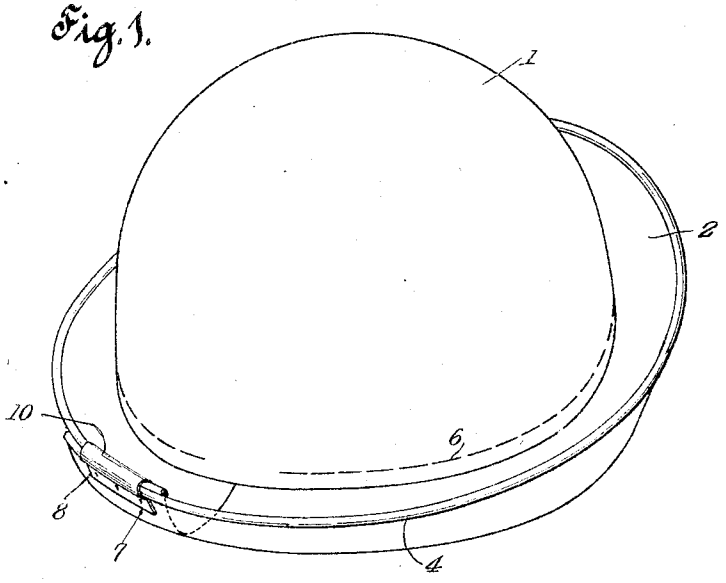
Fig. 1.



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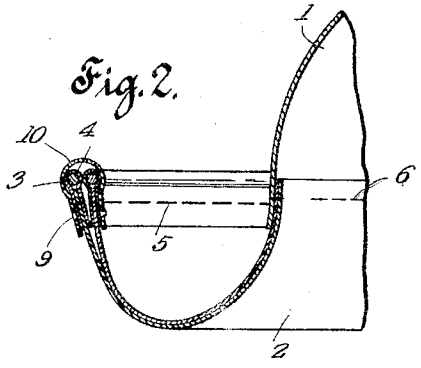

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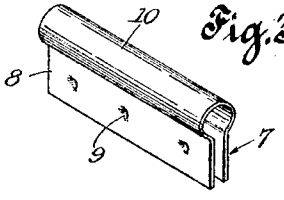

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MOE BRENNER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Far Rockaway, county of Queens, State of New York, have invented a new and useful Adjustable Head-Size Hat, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hats, more particularly ladies' hats, and has for one of its objects the provision of a hat so constructed as to have an adjustable head size to enable the hat to fit itself to heads of varying sizes when placed thereon. A further object of the invention is to provide a hat frame for attachment to a suitable crown and adjustable as to head size to fit heads of different sizes.

In certain kinds of ladies' hats the foundation of the hat comprises a crown shaped from suitable material and having stitched loosely thereto a suitably shaped hat frame having a portion to extend upwardly into the crown to receive such stitching and a portion, corresponding to a brim, projecting outwardly from the lower edge of the crown. The hat frame usually consists of a single strip of substantially inextensible material properly shaped and provided with a stiffening wire bound thereto at its outer edge, the ends thereof overlapping at the rear where they are secured together. Although the crown and hat frame are loosely connected, they will be held in the proper relative positions when the hat is completed. In such hats the hat frames are substantially fixed in size and, unless the purchaser is fortunate enough to get a proper fit, full satisfaction and comfort will not be obtained.

According to the preferred embodiment of the invention, the overlapping ends of the hat frame are held frictionally together by a suitable device, such as a clip, engaging said ends adjacent the overlapping ends of the stiffening wire and, when a hat frame of slightly smaller size than required is drawn down over the head, such overlapping ends will be drawn in opposite directions to the extent required and will be maintained in their final positions by the clip. Such clips may be made in different forms but preferably such provisions are made that there will be relative slipping between the clip and one end only of the overlapping ends of the hat frame.

Other features and advantages will hereinafter appear.

In the drawings:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a hat body having a frame illustrating one form of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary sectional view in a plane transverse to the clip; and

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the clip.

The hat body is disclosed as comprising a crown 1 and a suitably shaped hat frame 2 preferably formed of a single piece of material of which the ends overlap at the rear. At its outer edge the hat frame 2 is provided with a stiffening wire 3 bound thereto by means of a strip 4 of suitable material folded over the wire 3 and the edge of the hat frame to which it is secured by a line of stitching 5. At its inner edge the hat frame is provided with an upturned portion extending upwardly within the crown 1 and loosely secured thereto by stitching 6.

The overlapping ends at the rear of the hat frame 2 are frictionally held together by a metal clip 7 to receive the overlapping portions of the stiffening wire 3 and the bound outer edge of the hat frame 2 and to be pressed by a suitable implement into such shape that flat portions 8 of the clip will press against the opposite faces of the overlapping ends of the hat frame. The clip will then hold such overlapping ends against relative movement against any force ordinarily exerted thereon but will permit relative movement of the ends when the size is to be adjusted and will then hold them to maintain the head size for which the adjustment was made.

Although good results may be obtained with a clip permitting movement of either end of the hat frame with respect thereto it has been found desirable to have such movement between the clip 7 and only one of the overlapping ends of the hat frame. To this end one of the flat portions 8 is indented from the outer face so as to provide projections 9 at the inner face thereof to engage frictionally the outer face of the outer overlapping end and to prevent relative movement therebetween.

The stitching 6 may be loose enough to permit movement of the hat frame 2 relative to the crown 1 and although they will also be held together by the covering mate-

rial in the finished hat, the hat frame may still be expanded and contracted within certain limits and will retain the size to which it is adjusted. In practice a fit may readily be obtained by taking an adjustable head size hat of this kind and of a slightly smaller size than that required and drawing it down over the head. In this operation the hat frame will be expanded to the desired size which will be retained.

As shown in Fig. 3 the clip 7 is formed with a tubular portion 10 to permit the ends of the stiffening wire 3 to be inserted from opposite ends. The formation of the inner projections 9 may conveniently be effected after the clip is otherwise completed. In this case the inner flat portion will be correspondingly indented.

It should be understood that variations may be resorted to within the scope of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

An adjustable head size hat frame comprising a suitably formed strip arranged to overlap at its ends, and a clip folded around the outer edges of the overlapping ends and effecting sufficient frictional engagement between said ends to retain them in adjusted position, the inner face of one side of the clip being relatively smooth and the inner face of the other side of the clip having projections to engage the corresponding strip end and prevent movement thereof relative to the clip during adjustment to the size of the frame.

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