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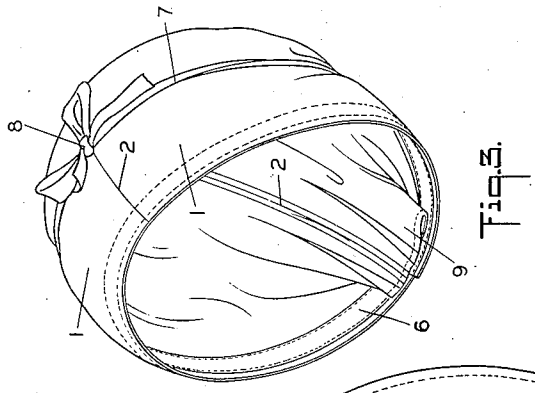


Fig. 3.

Fig. 2.

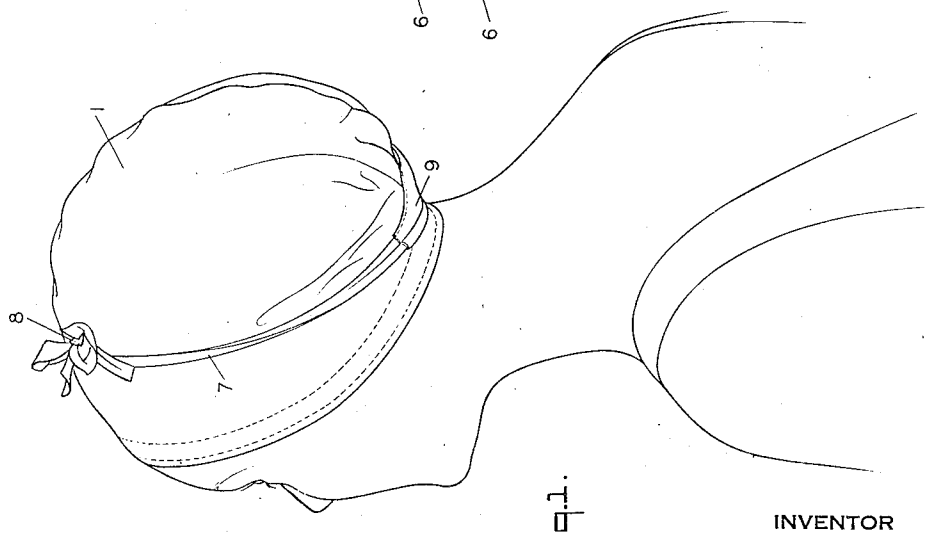


Fig. 1.

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This invention relates to wave saving caps for bathers, and has for its object to provide an improved structure whereby the discomforts inherent in commonly used rubber bathing caps may be eliminated.

While there has been no special problem in making the edge of a rubber bathing cap practically tight against the entrance of water, it fails in its intended purpose of protecting a wave or other coiffure because not preventing the detrimental effect due to perspiration. A rubber cap is so impervious as to retain all moisture, so that after prolonged wearing of a rubber cap, the hair is wet inside even without immersion, and hence the hairdressing is spoiled, besides causing discomfort to the wearer.

According to the present invention, these disadvantages are overcome by providing a cap of leather or equivalent material which has an inner absorbent surface which will absorb the perspiration without becoming wet, and an outer surface which is treated to be water-repellent when immersed, while at the same time being sufficiently porous to permit a certain amount of breathing from within out. I have found that a suitable material for this is chamois with the grain side out, and treated with a water-proofing material such as paraffin, beeswax and similar known mixtures. Preferably the edges and seams are also treated. To make the necessary fit, my cap is preferably made in two pieces with a median seam from the forehead over to the middle of the back of the neck, with darts in the back and side neck portions to provide fit, and also to contain the coiled or dressed hair. Fastening is effected by a tape attached within the front edge having end extensions so that when applied and fastened, the head is enclosed from the forehead to the back of the neck, leaving the coiffure undisturbed. For this purpose, the ends overlap as will be seen by reference to the accompanying drawing wherein

Fig. 1 shows a rear perspective of the cap while being worn;

Fig. 2 is a side view partly in section; and

Fig. 3 is a front perspective of the cap showing the disposition of material inside when being worn.

Referring to Fig. 2, the cap is composed of two sections 1 seamed together at 2 and provided in a neck portion 3 with darts 4. The lower edge is strengthened by stitching 5. At the front edge on the inside is attached as by stitching, a tape 6 having tying extensions 7 which cross at the back of the neck as shown in Fig. 1 and tie over the forehead as by knot 8. In order to well cover the ears without objectionable pressure and at the same time provide the proper watertight overlap at the back of the neck, the sections 1 are so cut as shown in Fig. 2 to form the overlapping extensions 9, which, when the cap is applied, overlap as seen in Fig. 1, with the excess material disposed inside the back as seen in Fig. 3.

The material preferred for this purpose is chamois cut to have the grain side out and treated with paraffin, beeswax or a mixture thereof, or a similar water-repellent material, which at the same time permits breathing from within out, without becoming watersoaked from outside in. In case a rubber cap is worn over this wave saver, the outside treated surface reduces friction in putting the rubber cap on, and thereby avoids disturbing the coiffure. When so used, the usual objections to rubber alone are avoided. Thus, the initial advantages of chamois are retained without becoming clammy when watersoaked, and at the same time so designed structurally as to properly fit the head, retain the coiffure without damage, and give an extremely ornamental and pleasing appearance.

The invention claimed is:

1. A wave saving cap comprising a head and neck covering portion of chamois having its exterior surface waterproofed and its interior body portion absorbent to perspiration, said head and neck portion being shaped to fit the contour of the head and retain the hair in position, and means including a tape for fastening the cap.

2. A wave saving cap comprising a head and neck covering portion of chamois having its exterior surface waterproofed and its interior body portion absorbent to perspiration, said head and neck portion being shaped by darts at the rear and neck to fit the contour of the head and retain the hair in position, and means including a tape within the front edge extending beyond the front neck portion for tying the cap over the top of the head and oppositely contracting from the back of the neck around and over the forehead.

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