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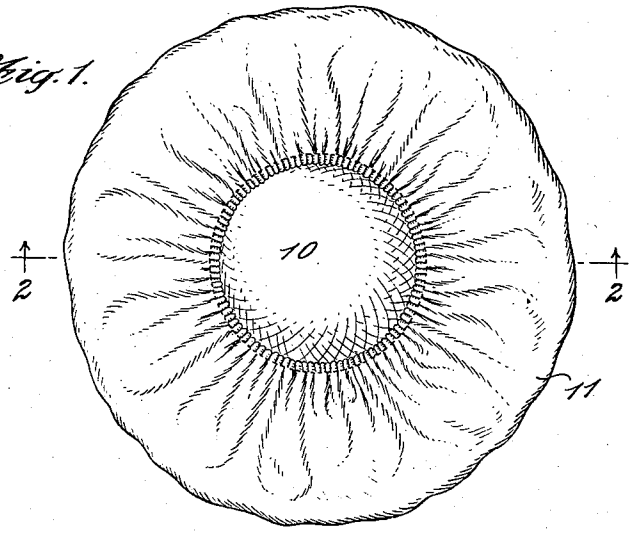


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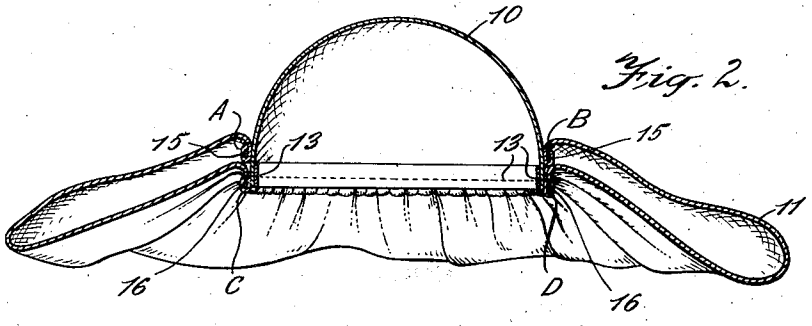


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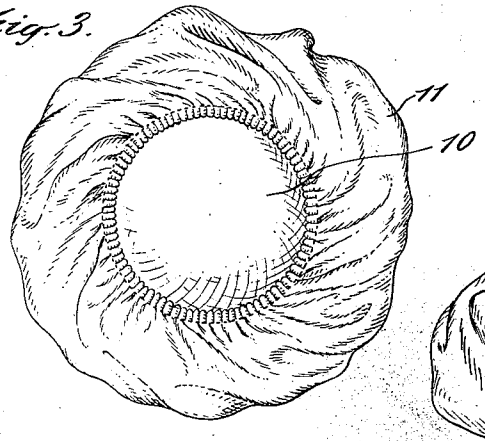
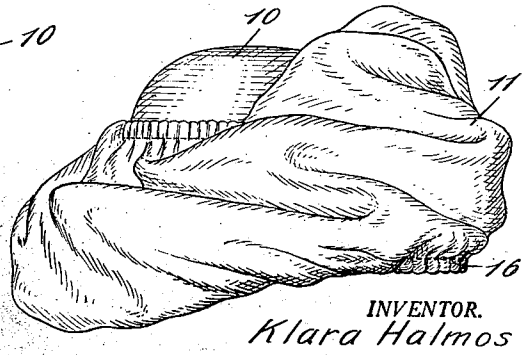


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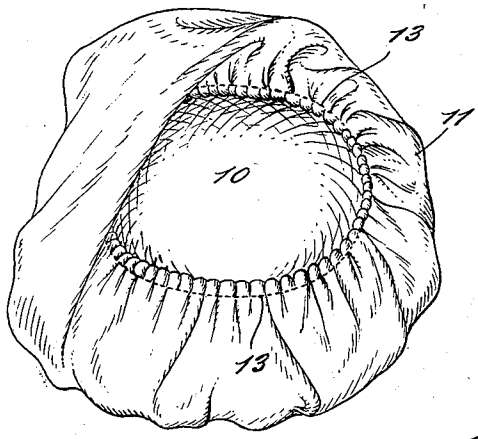


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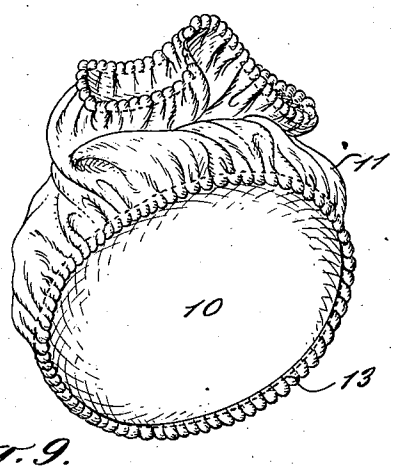


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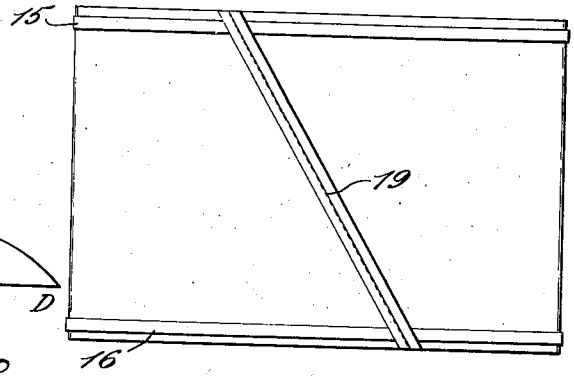


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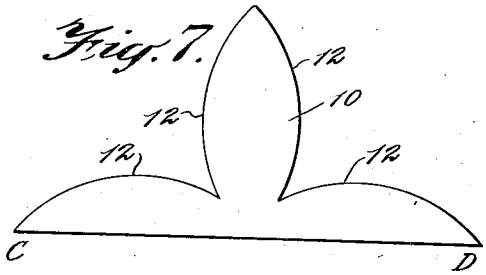
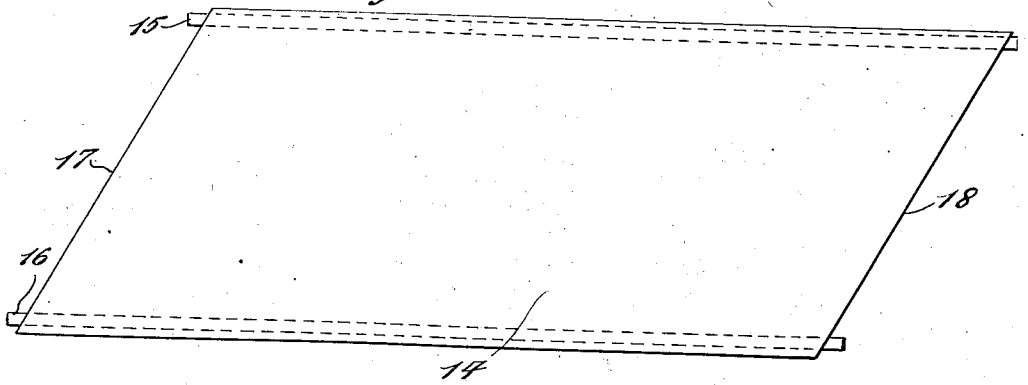


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The invention relates to a hat especially adapted for wear by women, which is of simple construction, being constituted of a brim and a crown so connected that the entire hat may be conveniently folded or maintained in a flat condition for packing, but which is extremely serviceable by reason of the fact that it may be molded with facility to various shapes or styles. In accordance with the invention, therefore, I provide a simple hat body which may be readily adjusted upon the head of the wearer to constitute a hat of any of a variety of different shapes and models. The material of which the hat body is constituted and the elements thereof are such that the hat when molded to various shapes may maintain such shapes by itself or by the simple expedient of using a hat pin or a hair pin, the molded form of the hat being retained for the length of time that the wearer desires any particular shape or style.

I am aware of the fact that various attempts have been made to produce a hat which is capable of being molded to a variety of different shapes or styles at the will of the wearer, but my inventive structure is characterized by a simplicity of construction, based upon a novel concept of structure which permits the attainment of an extremely neat and attractive appearance of the hat.

In its broadest aspects, the novel construction of my hat resides in the fact that it is composed of two parts, namely, a crown and a more or less tubular brim portion, which latter is permanently secured to the base of the crown along one of its circular edges, the other circular edge of the tubular portion being free of any connection with the crown. Both circular edges of the tubular portion are provided with an elastic cord and the hat is given various shapes by locating the elastic edge thereof, which is free, at various points along and in various relationships with the crown portion of the hat body.

A particular embodiment of my novel hat and various illustrative shapes or styles to which it may be molded are shown in the accompanying drawings, in which

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the hat;

Fig. 2 is a section along the line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a simple shape or style imparted to the hat body as shown in Fig. 1 by merely twisting the brim portion circumferentially;

Figs. 4, 5 and 6 illustrate various shapes or styles to which my novel hat may be molded by simple manipulation of the two elements thereof;

Fig. 7 is a plan view of a fabric pattern from which the crown portion of the hat is constituted;

Fig. 8 is a plan view of a fabric pattern for forming the brim portion of my hat; and

Fig. 9 is a side view of the brim when the material thereof is sewn together along its angularly disposed end portions.

Referring now more particularly to the drawings, in which similar reference characters identify similar parts in the several views, my novel hat is composed of two major parts, namely, a crown 10, and a more or less tubular portion 11. For facility of exposition, the tubular portion 10 may be described as being constituted of circular edges A—B, and C—D. The tubular portion is permanently secured by stitching to the base of the crown along the circular edge C—D while the other circular edge A—B is free, i. e. not secured to the crown.

The crown portion 10 is preferably constructed from material cut to the pattern of Fig. 7 with the arcuate edges 12 of the elements of the pattern joined together to constitute the completed crown. The lower horizontal circular edge C—D of the crown portion corresponds to the circular edge portion C—D of the tubular or brim portion of the hat and is secured thereto as shown in Fig. 2 by stitching 13.

The tubular or brim portion of the hat is formed of a flat piece of material of rhomboid configuration such as the pattern 14 in Fig. 8, the edges of which are folded over to present a pocket for receiving elastic bands 15 and 16. The brim is formed by joining the angular edge portions 17 and 18 by a line of stitching 19 extending diagonally across the strip of fabric as shown in Fig. 9.

With the crown portion 10 joined to the circular edges C—D of the brim by stitches and the remaining circular edge portion A—B being free, i. e. not connected to the crown, the crown is "floating" within the tubular brim portion 11, and may be brought to any position in relation to such tubular brim portion including the passage of the upper crown section through the aperture formed by the free circular edge A—B of the brim. By locating the elastic edge A—B, at various points, and in various relationships to the crown 10, the hat may be given various shapes. Thus, when the elastic edge A—B of the tubular brim is placed partway up the crown, as shown in Fig. 2, a hat with a wide brim and comparatively low crown is produced. This form or style of the hat is that illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2 and with a slight twisting of the brim portion

in a circumferential direction, produces a beret type of headwear with, however, a wide brim.

A turban effect of the type shown in Fig. 3 can be produced by spiralling the brim and the hat may be given various sizes of brim and crown, and comparative shape of the entire hat by further twisting the brim portion. By varying the degree of twist, the angularity of the plane made by the circular edge A—B with reference to the crown 10 and the height of such plane upon the crown, different styles are produced.

Three particular forms of the hat into which the crown and brim assembly may be formed are shown by example, in Figs. 5 and 6.

The material of which the hat is constituted may be any highly flexible material or material of some rigidity. Flannels, velours, etc. are particularly suitable as the fabric for the hat material. With more or less flexible material, once a particular shape has been produced, by twisting the brim or positioning any portion thereof with relation to the crown, a hat pin or hair pin or "bobby pin" may be used to retain the shape of the hat upon the head of the wearer.

While I have shown five specific styles of the hat into which the body may be formed, it is obvious that a great variety of shapes and styles may be produced, governed only by the whim of the wearer, and I desire not to be restricted to any specific shape, form or appearance of the hat.

I claim:

1. A ladies' hat which can be readily adjusted to a variety of different shapes or styles upon the head of the wearer, which comprises a crown portion and a substantially tubular brim portion, the latter being constituted of material folded upon itself to form two layers, an upper and lower, each having a crown engaging edge, the folded edge forming the outer brim edge, the upper edge being only in frictional engagement with the crown, whereby the crown is maintained in a floating position within the tubular brim portion, so as to extend partly above the brim portion and may be brought to any position in relation to such tubular brim portion.

2. A ladies' hat as claimed in claim 1, in which the upper brim edge is provided with elastic.

3. A ladies' hat capable of adjustment to various shapes and styles upon the head of the wearer, which comprises a crown and a brim, the latter being constituted of material folded upon itself to form two layers, an upper and lower, each having a crown engaging edge, the folded edge forming the outer brim edge, the upper circular edge of the brim being only in frictional engagement with said crown, whereby the brim may be spirally shaped or otherwise given a plurality of relative positions with respect to the crown, partly or wholly encircling such crown.

4. A ladies' hat capable of adjustment and retention in various shapes or styles upon the wearer's head, comprising a crown, a substantially tubular brim portion constituted of material folded upon itself to form two layers, an upper and lower, each having a crown engaging edge, the folded edge forming the outer brim edge and the upper edge being only in frictional engagement with said crown, whereby said crown is in a floating position with respect to the brim portion, and may therefore be secured in any relative position with respect to the brim portion, the brim portion throughout said circular edges being provided with elastic to maintain the brim and crown in their relative positions upon adjustment to such positions.

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