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Fig. 1

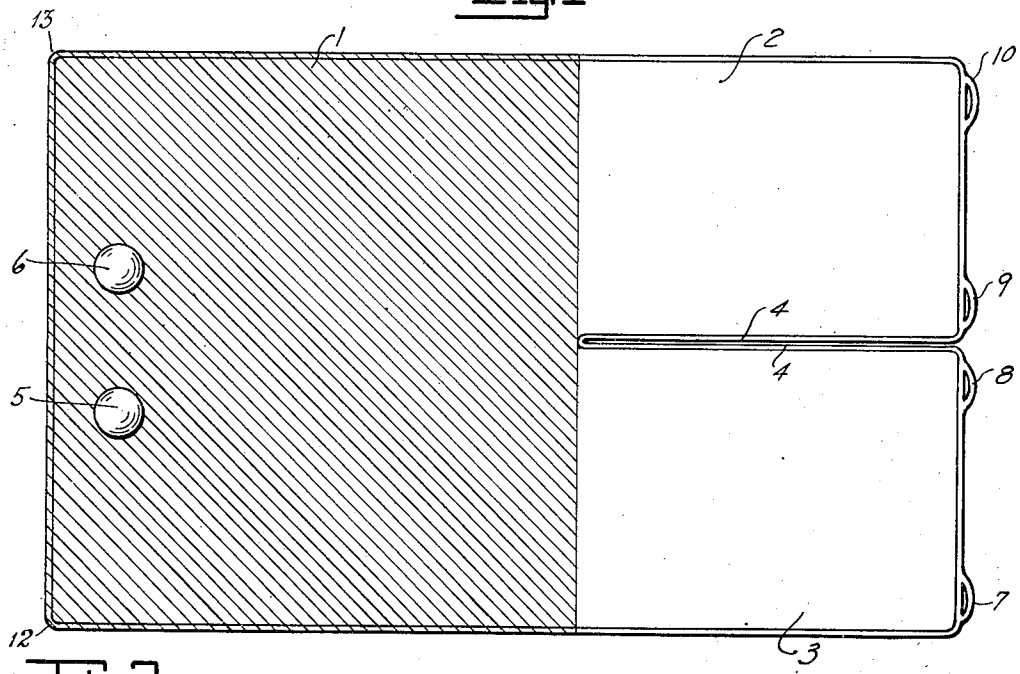


Fig. 2



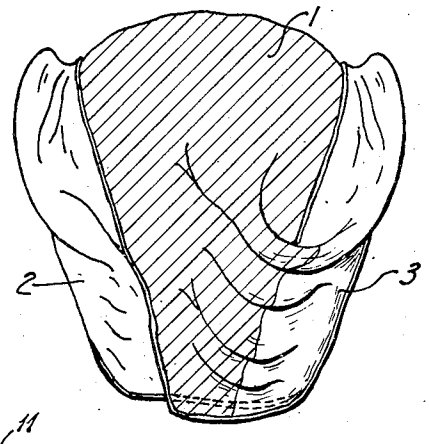


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This invention relates to a lady's head covering or cap.

The object of the invention is to provide a lady's head covering which has certain utilitarian characteristics and certain decorative characteristics. The utilitarian characteristics of this invention are: that it is inexpensive to manufacture; the major portions thereof can be made by machinery; it can be carried in a handbag, rolled or folded, without creasing or becoming unsightly; it can be laid upon the head and adjusted without disturbing the wearer's coiffure; it readily takes head confirmation; can be quickly adjusted and removed; will not shift or displace when the wearer is exposed to high winds, and provides warmth in cold weather.

Its decorative characteristics are: that it assumes a neat, attractive and smart appearance by the method of adjustment of the same and by varying color effects as will appear more clearly hereafter.

In the drawing, Fig. 1 is a plan view of the head covering in its normal, flat condition; Fig. 2 is a ¾ face view of a wearer with the head covering arranged upon her head showing the crown, the front and the right side of the head covering; Fig. 3 is a rear view of the head covering as worn by the wearer; Fig. 4 is a front view of the head covering, per se, of Figs. 2 and 3.

The body 1 and the left and right wings 2 and 3 of the head covering are made of knitted material, having two-way stretch, and may be knitted upon a knitting machine in one continuous operation, or the body and wings may be made as individual parts and united by knitting or crocheting to form a unit as of the character illustrated in Fig. 1. The body portion 1 is preferably made substantially 11 inches long and substantially 12 inches wide and each wing is substantially 8 inches long and 6 inches wide. The wings 2 and 3 are independent of one another but continuous of the body 1 and in the flat condition, their inside edges 4—4 practically touch. The body portion is provided with two buttons 5 and 6. These buttons can be made either of a wooden core covered, with a knitted or crocheted fabric matching the wings, or be of metal or plastic. The buttons 5 and 6 are secured to the face end of body 1 about 1½ inches from the front edge of the body 1 and 4½ inches inside of both side edges of the body 1 thus leaving a space of substantially 2 inches between the buttons. At these positions, when the head covering is adjusted to the head of the wearer, the buttons 5 and 6 lie on the front of the coiffure above the wearer's forehead and

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will therefore be symmetrically disposed. Each wing 2 and 3 is provided with two integral crocheted loops 7 and 8, 9 and 10. All of the outer edges of the body 1 and wings 2 and 3 will be reinforced on the inside by a straight line of knitting to prevent excessive stretching, or with a flexible overlocking or narrowing stitch as is well known in the knitting industry.

The user, when she desires to wear the head-dress lays the same upon her head with the two buttons 5 and 6 above the forehead. The wearer may initially lay the head covering upon her head in such position as she may deem to be most advantageous or pleasing to her from the point of view of her coiffure or other considerations. This leaves the two wings 2 and 3 initially hanging downwardly at the back of the head. The central portion of the body 1 will thereby be positioned over the crown of the wearer's head. If the initial positioning of the head-dress is not satisfactory to the wearer, by reason of carelessness in placing the head-dress upon the head, it is preferable that the head-dress be lifted entirely from the head and then repositioned, rather than attempting to pull it to desired position over the head. This practice in positioning the central portion of the head-dress exactly with respect to the head and hair of the wearer is recommended inasmuch as one of the features of the invention resides in the fact that the central portion of the head-dress is initially laid in the position it is to occupy when fully adjusted and arranged. The correct position of the central portion of the head-dress should be carefully adjusted so as to avoid pulling or shifting across the hair thus disarranging the coiffure. Inasmuch as the head-dress is knitted, it does not have an anti-friction surface but rather, with the hair, creating friction and a tendency of the hair and the undersurface of the central portion of the head-dress to cling together, avoiding creeping or shifting when the wings 2 and 3 are adjusted. In addition, as the knitted material is soft and readily conforms to the head contour, the wearer merely presses thereon before the wings are adjusted. The wearer then grasps the wing 2, with the outside surface exposed, and lays the same across the back and side of the head and secures loops 9 and 10 to the button 5, first buttoning the loop 9 to the button 5 and then superposing the loop 10 over the loop 9. Wing 3 is then crossed at the nape of the neck, over wing 2, and loops 8 and 7 are successively attached to button 6. Should it be more convenient, the wing 3 may first be adjusted and buttoned and the wing 2 then properly positioned. The wearer

should be certain that the wings cross at the nape of the neck and that the upper edge of each wing is visible. The head covering, when positioned and secured in the manner heretofore explained, causes the formation of a deep V from the nape of the neck to the crown of the head, as appears from Fig. 3, the wings lying in soft folds from the back of the neck to the buttons 5 and 6, all of which creates a smart effect. This procedure of adjusting and securing the head covering holds the covering tightly in place.

The material normally lying between a pair of loops, after the loops have been fastened to the buttons, are pulled outwardly to the configuration of points or ears 11—11, thereby creating a decorative effect. In order to keep the head-dress symmetrical and attractive, the two corners 12 and 13 of the body 1 are drawn beneath the respective wings 2 and 3. This may be accomplished by grasping the body 1 of the head covering inside of the top edges of the wings 2 and 3 and gently drawing thereon until the corners 12 and 13 lie underneath and are covered by the wings 2 and 3, inasmuch as it is not desirable to have the corners 12 and 13 visible. Such adjustment relieves whatever pressure may be on the coiffure and creates a softer appearance. If the wearer desires to have a fairly tight fit or dome configuration to the body portion overlying the head, this may be accomplished by pulling downwardly on the corners 12 and 13, away from the wings 2 and 3 and when the desired pressure or contour is obtained, turning the corners 12 and 13 backwardly upon themselves and tucking such corners entirely underneath the wings 2 and 3 so that they are not observable.

If desired, the wearer may partly overlie the top of her ears with the wings 2 and 3 exposing the lower portion of the ear and earrings, as illustrated in Fig. 2, or she may draw the wings, after they have been buttoned in position, downwardly to entirely cover the ears for decorative effect or for warmth. If desired, the wearer may vary the appearance of the head-dress by double folding the wings so that the two loops on each wing overlie and then adjust the wings around the back and the side of the head and button the loops upon their respective buttons. Such a variation is not as attractive as the arrangement shown in the drawings but it illustrates the wide adaptability of the head covering of this invention to the personal choice of the wearer.

The relative dimensions heretofore given of the head covering of this invention are such as to require that but a single size be manufactured. The required adjustment to accommodate heads of varying sizes or hair mass or hair dress being provided by reasons of the stretchability of the material in all directions. The sizes and proportions of the standard unit of head-dress are such that even with the smallest head, the wings will be put under tension. The amount of pull required to anchor the wings 2 and 3, in order that they reach the buttons 5 and 6, is slight and the degree of pressure developed by such slight pull in adjusting the wings, simultaneously lays the body 1 upon the wearer's head and shapes the same to the configuration heretofore set forth. Inasmuch as the two wings cross at the nape of the neck and are under tension throughout their length when buttoned, they securely fix the entire head covering to the head.

It is preferred to make the body and wings of contrasting colors. Such contrasting colors may be blue for the body 1 and red for the wings 2 and 3, or black for the body and mustard or peach for the wings, or brown for the body and green for the wings, or if desirable, three or more color combinations can be arranged for various portions of the head covering. It will therefore readily be understood that the color contrast will be attractive to the eye. Thus, for instance, if the blue and red combination is used, the entire portion of the covering overlying the head directly would be blue and the wings would show a red border. At the back, as illustrated in Fig. 3, the separation of the color scheme would end at the neck, the diagonal lines forming a V representing the body portion in blue and the portions to the left and right representing the wing portions in red.

The head-dress can be made not only of knitted wool, but also of knitted rayon, silk, merino, mercerized cotton or a rayon straw yarn without materially changing any of its characteristics. The head covering of this invention could, therefore, be used at all seasons of the year and at any time of the day. For instance, by putting jewelled buttons on a head covering made of silk, nylon or rayon, it would be sufficiently dressy to be used for evening wear. Its size would obviate the necessity of removing it in a theater which would make it a very desirable article in any woman's wardrobe. Another use to which this head covering may be put, if made of a heavy mercerized cotton or merino, would be to cover hair curlers so frequently worn by women for many hours of the day. Such a use would not only be attractive but would protect the wearer against contracting cold after a shampoo or a permanent hair wave, or after any of the hair curling processes, during the process of which the hair is dampened.

I claim:

1. A lady's head covering comprising a rectangular section of knitted material, of a single thickness throughout and of substantially uniform width throughout, a body portion, two independent wings at one end thereof joined to the body portion, fastening elements on each of the wings and cooperating fastening elements on the body portion thereof, the said body portion being adapted to be laid upon the head of the wearer and said wing portions being adapted to be crossed at the back of the wearer's head and said fastening elements secured together at the forward part of the wearer's head.

2. In a lady's head covering of the character set forth in claim 1 in which fastening means on each wing consist of a pair of loops positioned near the edges of each wing and the cooperating fastening elements consist of a pair of buttons positioned one on each side of the center line of the body portion near the forward edge thereof.

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