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HEAD COVERING

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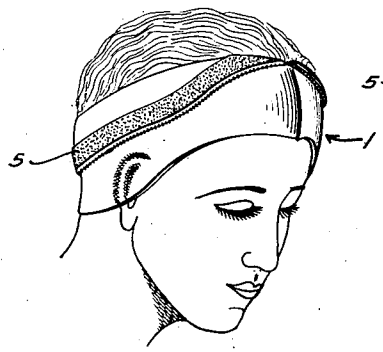


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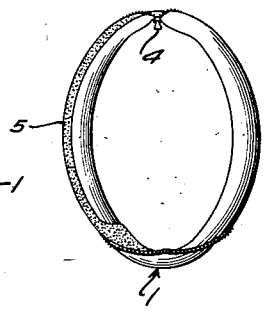
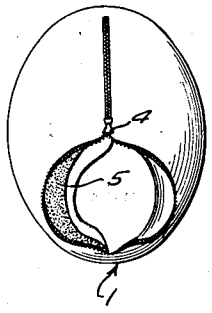


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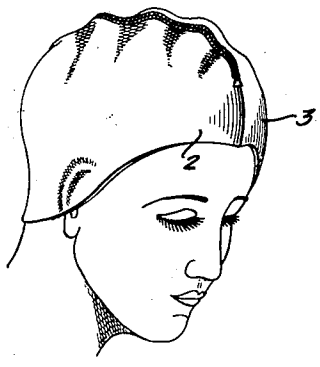


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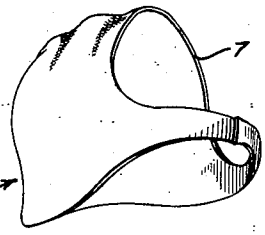
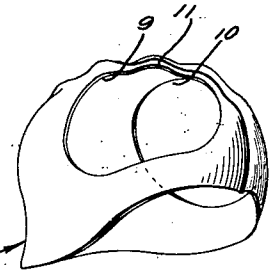


Fig. 6.



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This invention relates to caps or head coverings and has for an object to provide a bathing cap construction suitable to be used either for bathing purposes or as a make-up band for preventing the smearing of cold cream or other toilet preparations upon the hair.

It is an object of the invention to provide a cap which may be adjusted to cover and protect the hair completely when bathing under a shower but which may be partly opened at the crown for tub bathing or when it is desired to use the cap as a makeup band. These features are desirable for the reason that the material of the cap is necessarily water-tight and air-tight. If a cap which forms a complete covering for the hair is applied to the head for any substantial length of time it will inevitably cause the head to perspire and the heat and moisture will impair any artificial curl or wave which may have been present. It is desirable, therefore, to leave the crown of the head uncovered so that air may circulate and the hair and scalp may be exposed to the air.

It is necessary when shower bathing that the cap be completely closed at the top. When tub bathing, however, it is only important to cover the back of the head since it is only with reference to the back of the head that any particular care has to be exercised to keep the hair from getting wet. When making up it is important only that the hair around the face and at the back of the neck be protected. Other objects and advantages will hereinafter appear.

In the drawing forming part of the specification,

Fig. 1 is a view showing one form of cap embodying features of the invention applied to the head, the cap being shown with the crown portion open;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing the cap completely closed;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the cap of Figs. 1 and 2 showing the cap fully open;

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the same cap showing the same only partially open;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of another form cap embodying features of the invention; and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a further modified form of cap.

The cap 1 of Figs. 1 to 4 is made of thin flexible sheet rubber of the kind commonly employed in beach bathing caps. The main body portion of the cap is desirably of one piece construction although it may be made in several pieces and the pieces united by vulcanizing. As illustrated the cap comprises a piece 2 and a piece 3 which are joined together and provided with an open seam extending longitudinally from front to rear at the top. The margins of the seam are adapted to be drawn together and secured to one another by means of a "zipper" of conventional construction, the "zipper" elements being carried by strips of fabric secured to the respective rubber pieces and adapted to be drawn together or separated by the usual "zipper" slide 4. One of the pieces, as 2, is provided with a rubber flap or extension 5 which extends across the "zipper" seam to underly the opposite piece 3 of the cap for a substantial distance so as to render the seam water-tight.

When the cap is to be used for shower bathing the "zipper" is drawn forward to completely close the cap as illustrated in Fig. 2. When the cap is to be used for tub bathing the "zipper" slide is moved to a partially open position as illustrated for example in Fig. 4. When the cap is to be used simply as a makeup band the "zipper" slide is moved to the position of Fig. 3 to open the crown of the cap as widely as possible. The top of the cap is then folded down outside the side marginal portions as illustrated in Fig. 1.

In Fig. 5 disclosure is made of another form of cap adapted to be used either for tub bathing or for makeup. The cap 6 is made of rubber and is like the ordinary rubber bathing cap except that a substantial opening 7 is provided in the upper part of the cap to expose the crown of the head.

The embodiment of Fig. 6 is similar to that of Fig. 5. The cap 8 of Fig. 6 is a rubber cap having openings 9 and 10 provided at the sides of the crown portion thereof. The openings 9 and 10 are distinct openings, however, there being a continuous center strip 11 of rubber separating them. This strip helps materially to hold the cap in shape.

While I have illustrated and described in detail certain preferred forms of my invention, it is to be understood that changes may be made therein and the invention embodied in other structures. I do not, therefore, desire to limit myself to the specific constructions illustrated, but intend to cover my invention broadly in whatever form its principle may be utilized.

I claim:

1. A head covering for protecting the hair comprising a water-proof elastic body adapted to encircle the head and having an open seam extending along the top from front to rear, and

adjustable means for closing the seam completely or to any desired extent.

2. A head covering for protecting the hair comprising a water-proof elastic body adapted to encircle the head and having an open seam extending along the top from front to rear, and adjustable means for closing the seam completely or to any desired extent and a sealing flap disposed to extend beneath the seam to interfere with the ingress of water through the seam.

3. A head covering for protecting the hair comprising a water-proof elastic body adapted to encircle the head and having an open seam extending along the top from front to rear, and a "zipper" for connecting the edges of the seam and adjustable to close the seam completely or to any desired extent.

4. A head covering adapted for use either as a bathing cap or as a makeup band comprising a body of flexible rubber for encircling and gripping the head, said body having a crown opening, and adjustable means for closing the crown opening partially or completely as desired.

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