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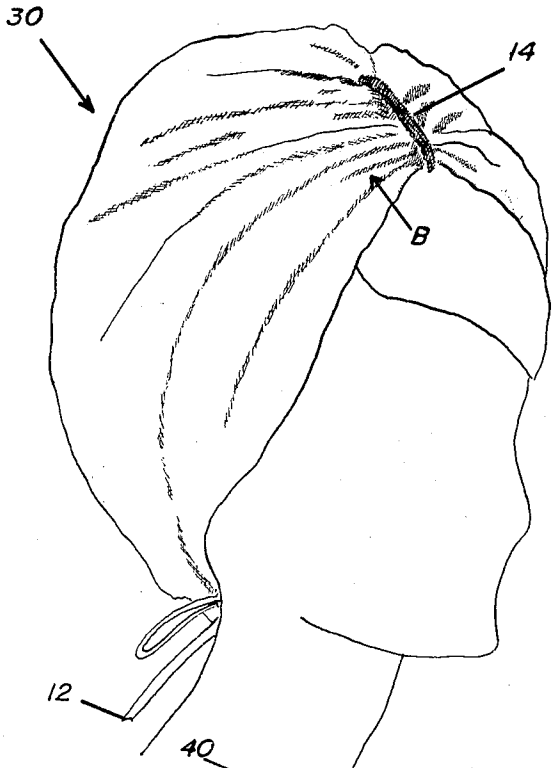


Fig 1

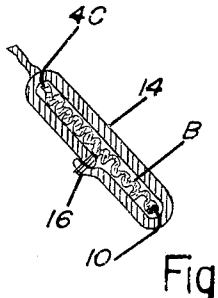


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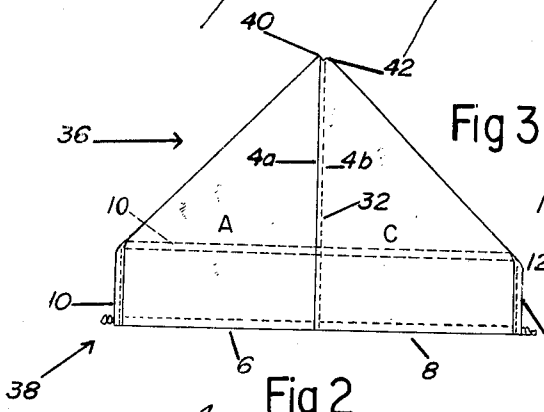


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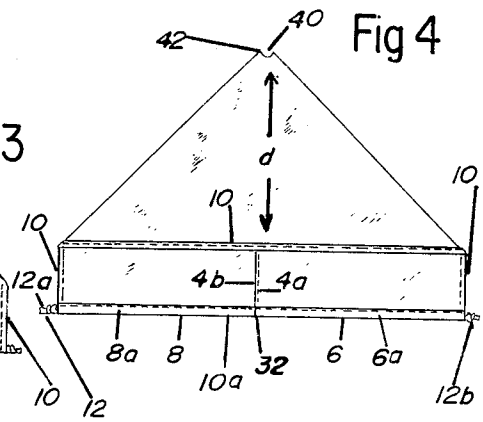


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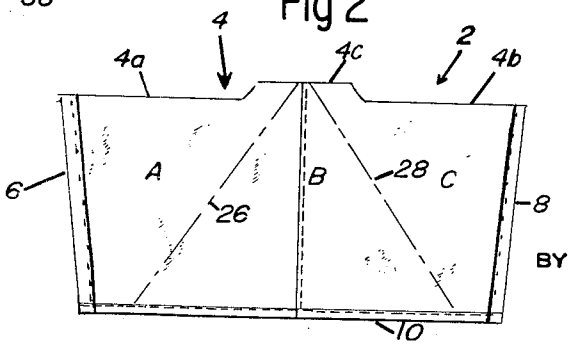


Fig 2

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This invention relates generally to head coverings and is particularly concerned with a turban-type cap having a shirred upper front crown portion which is adjustable to accommodate asymmetrical hairdos and hair arrangements.

With the advent of asymmetrical hair styles in recent years, women have been somewhat limited in the types of head coverings which they can use to accommodate the hair styles. Moreover, problems have been faced with asymmetrical hair arrangements where rollers or like devices are used in preparation for a particular hair style since the rollers or other devices are not easily enclosed within conventional types of head coverings or sleep bonnets.

The aforesaid problems are not severe in nature where the user wishes to employ a loose-fitting head covering for a particular occasion. However, when it is desired to have a somewhat tight fitting head covering and an asymmetrical hair style or arrangement is involved, the user was previously faced with a choice of either securing a head covering which was essentially too large so that it would accommodate a larger portion of the arrangement and "hang" on the smaller portion, or of securing a head covering which was essentially too small so that it would press against the larger portion of the asymmetrical arrangement.

The reason underlying the above disadvantages was that the head coverings were formed symmetrically and the components were generally so fixed in relative position that no adjustment in shape sufficient to accommodate larger and smaller portions of a hair arrangement was permitted. In other words, the prior constructions were not readily shiftable so that one portion of the covering could accommodate a projecting area and another portion could accommodate a smaller area, all while presenting an attractive appearance.

The present invention has as its primary object the provision of a turban-type head covering which is attractive in appearance, which is of the relatively tight fitting type, and which is so constructed as to be shiftable to accommodate asymmetrical hair styles and arrangements. Consistent with this object, it is a further and more specific object of the present invention to provide a turban-type attractive cap which has a shirred and adjustable upper front crown portion wherein the shirring is achieved by means of a closed loop through which the material of the cap can be easily shifted to accommodate asymmetrical shapes.

Additional and yet more specific objects of the invention include: (a) the provision of such a turban-type cap which is provided with drawstring means for tightening the cap on the head of a user and adjacent the back of a user's neck; (b) the provision of such a turban-type cap which can be used equally well with asymmetrical hair styles and arrangements and with symmetrical hair styles and arrangements through easy manipulation of the material forming the body of the cap; and (c) the provision of such a turban-type cap which can be produced comparatively inexpensively so as to be available for widespread use by the average female consumer.

The invention resides in the combination, arrangement and disposition of a cap-forming blank and associated component. It will be better understood, and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent,

when consideration is given to the following detailed description. Such description makes reference to the annexed drawing which illustrates the invention.

In the drawing:

FIGURE 1 is a perspective view of the turban-type cap provided hereby as the same would appear when in use on a person having a generally symmetrical hairstyle;

FIGURE 2 is a plan view of a blank utilized in forming the cap of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 3 is a plan view of the back of the blank of FIGURE 2 as initially folded in accordance herewith to form the cap of FIGURE 1;

FIGURE 4 is a plan view of the front of the blank as folded in FIGURE 2; and

FIGURE 5 is a cross-sectional view of that fragmental part of the cap of FIGURE 1 wherein the body of the cap is maintained shirred.

In order to understand the construction of the overall cap generally designated by the numeral **30** in FIGURE 1, it is helpful to initially consider the blank from which the cap is formed as well as the folding operations which are performed on the blank. Thus, reference is initially made to FIGURE 2.

By referring to such figure, it will be noted that the blank **2** has first and second side edges **10** and **4** respectively and first and second end edges **6** and **8** respectively. The blank is formed of a fabric material, preferably jersey.

The first side edge **10**, as shown, is at least substantially straight. In contrast, the second side edge **4** has substantially straight first and second outer side edge portions *4a* and *4b* which extend parallel to the side edge **10**, and a centrally located outwardly projecting third edge portion *4c*. The third edge portion *4c* which is outwardly offset from the outer side edge portions *4a* and *4b* connects the outer side edge portions, but in the ultimate construction, the offset portion *4c* defines or extends about an opening whereas the connected outer side edge portions are joined together along a seam as explained below.

From FIGURE 2, it is apparent that the end edges **6** and **8** converge inwardly from the second side edge **4** toward the first side edge **10** but join the outer extremities of such respective side edges. This converging relation, as also explained more fully below, permits the outer side edge portions *4a* and *4b* to meet along a medial seam when the blank **2** is folded along respective diagonal fold lines **26** and **28**.

Before performing the folding operations referred to above, the blank is folded over upon itself and stitched along or adjacent the first side edge **10** to provide a banding **10***a* (FIGURE 4) therealong. The blank is further folded upon itself and stitched adjacent each of the first and second end edges **6** and **8** to provide the respective hollow bandings *6a* and *8a* therealong. It will be understood that this folding operation which is performed in each instance specified in this paragraph involves the folding over of a narrow portion of the blank along the edges in question. The banding **10***a* is decorative and the fold can be very narrow. The hollow bandings *6a* and *8a*, however, ultimately receive a drawstring **12** therethrough and therefore the fold-over along the edges **6** and **8** must be somewhat wider than the fold required along the edge **10**.

The stitching mentioned above, as well as the stitching mentioned below is shown by dotted lines in the drawing without numerals referring thereto. It is believed that the construction is apparent without numeral reference since the folding operations and stitching in question is conventional for the bandings.

Once the blank has been folded and stitched as described immediately above, the same is further folded, as

indicated, along the fold lines **26** and **28** to render the blank generally triangular as shown in FIGURES 3 and 4. As so folded, the first and second outer side edge portions **4***a* and **4***b* mate along the medial axis of the blank, and these mating edge portions are stitched together thereby providing the rear seam **32** (FIGURE 3). It is to be noted that the blank as folded in FIGURES 3 and 4 has the first and second end edges **6** and **8** aligned to form the rear or the lowest edge thereof and this edge is disposed below the first side edge **10**, as shown in FIGURE 4. Specifically, while the shape of the folded blank is generally triangular, the blank actually comprises, as folded, an upper triangular portion **36** and a lower rectangular portion **38**, with the lower rectangular portion having top and bottom edges defined respectively by the central portion of the first side edge **10** of the blank and the now aligned first and second end edges **6** and **8** of the blank.

The seam **32** joins the mating edges of the respective hollow bandings **6***a* and **8***a* so that such bandings form a continuously hollow banding extending along the rear of the head covering. The continuously hollow banding receives therein a drawstring **12** which has end portions **12***a* and **12***b* which project or extend beyond opposite ends of the continuous hollow banding formed by the initially separate hollow bandings **6***a* and **8***a*.

Since no stitching or joining is provided about or along the side edge portion **4***c* of the blank even when the blank is folded, such side edge portion extends about and thus defines an opening **40** in the folded blank. This opening is centrally disposed at the peak of the blank as folded and is incorporated for purposes of receiving a closed loop member **14** therethrough. The loop member **14**, as shown in FIGURE 5 consists of a fabric band having its free ends stitched together at **16**. This band has a longitudinal dimension, as folded, that is substantially shorter than the distance between the peak **42** of the folded blank and the edge **10** thereof, such distance being designated as *d* in FIGURE 4.

The closed loop **14** extends about the edge **10** of the folded blank and then through the opening **40** to thereby shirr the front portion B of the blank or in fact the ultimate cap **30**. It is important to note that the loop member **14** maintains the shirring but is free of any fixed attachment to the blank. Thus, respective portions of the blank material on opposite sides of the loop **14** can be shifted therethrough so that the cap is asymmetrical in shape and can accommodate asymmetrical hair styles and arrangements. This ability to shift the material through the loop permits the construction hereof to satisfy the need for an adjustable tight fitting type cap which can conform substantially contiguously to the wearer's hair style contour. When the cap **30** is worn, the edge **10** forms the forward edge thereof which follows generally along the forward edge of the wearer's hairline. The aligned edges **6** and **8** form the rear edge of the cap which, when the drawstring **12** is properly adjusted, conforms to the rear or neck hairline of the wearer.

After reading the foregoing description, it should be apparent that the objects set forth at the outset of the specification have been successfully achieved.

What is claimed is:

A head covering adapted to conform to asymmetrical hair styles, said covering having a crown portion adapted to overlie a user's hair and a rear portion adapted to be tightened about the back of a user's neck, said head covering comprising a blank of fabric material having first and second side edges and first and second end edges, said first side edge being an at least substantially straight edge, said second side edge having substantially straight first and second outer edge portions extending parallel to said first side edge and a centrally located outwardly projecting third edge portion connecting said first and second side edge portions, said end edges converging inwardly from said second side edge toward said first side edge, said blank being folded over upon itself and stitched adjacent said first side edge to provide a first banding therealong, said body being folded over upon itself and stitched adjacent each of said first and second end edges to provide a hollow banding therealong, said blank folded along a first fold line extending from the center of said third edge portion to a point spaced inwardly from one outer end of said first edge and being folded along a second fold line extending from the center of the third edge portion to a point spaced inwardly from the opposite outer end of said first edge, said folding along said first and second fold lines rendering said blank generally triangular with said first and second outer edge portions mating along a medial axis of said blank, said first and second outer edge portions being stitched together, said blank being folded that said first and second end edges are disposed in alignment below said first side edge, the hollow banding along said first end edge being joined with the hollow banding along said second end edge to form a continuously hollow banding along the rear of said head covering, a drawstring extending through said continuously hollow banding and having end portions extending therebeyond, said centrally disposed third side edge portion defining an opening in the peak of said blank as folded, and a closed loop member extending through said opening and about said first side edge to shirr said blank between said opening and said first side edge, said loop being free of fixed attachment to said blank, said crown portion be selectively movable through said loop member to cause an excess of crown portion material to be disposed on one side of said loop member to conform to an excess of hair disposed on said one side of said loop member whereby said covering will conform substantially to the contour of the user's asymmetrical hair style.

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