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CAP

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Fig. 1

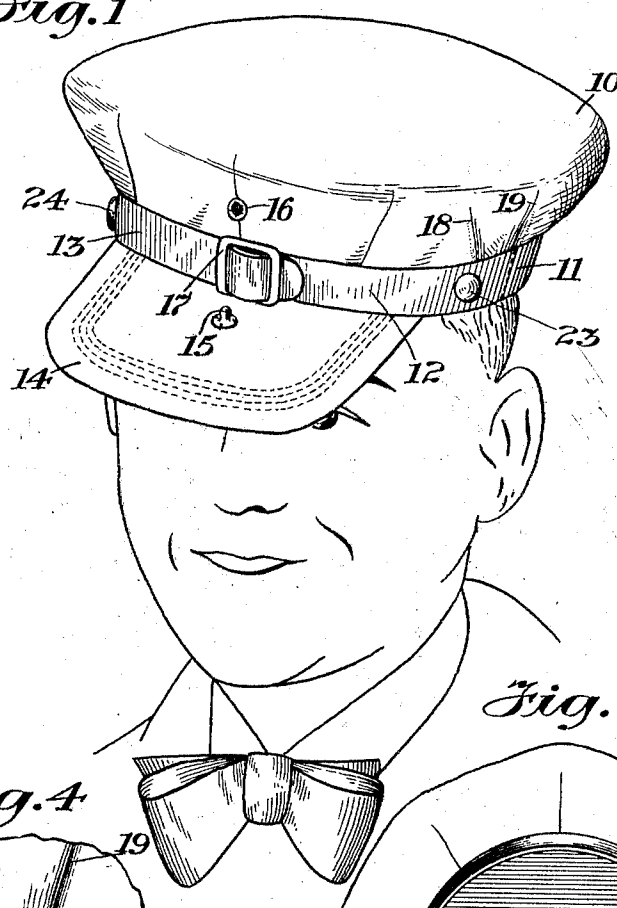


Fig. 2

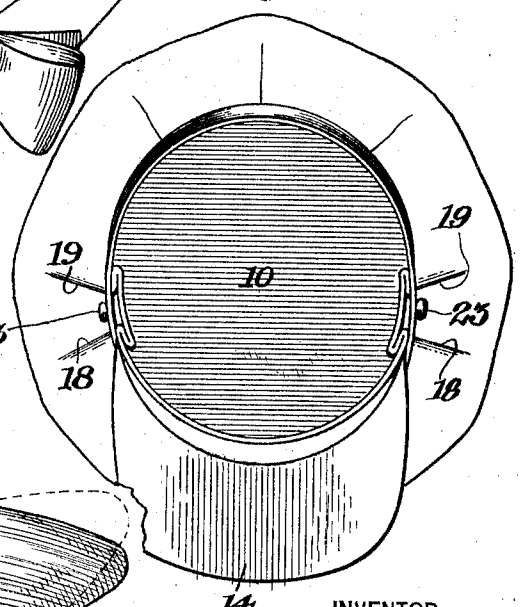


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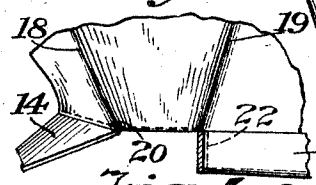
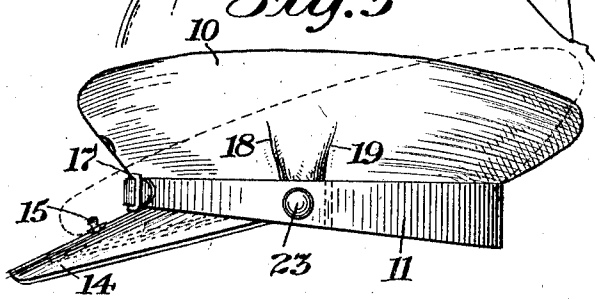


Fig. 5



Fig. 3



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MORRIS OSTROVE, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Brooklyn, county of Kings, city and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Caps, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates to an improvement in caps and more particularly to that type of caps which is so constructed as to be adjustable not only to fit the heads of different sizes but to adapt itself for various conditions of use on one and the same head. I am aware that heretofore various types of caps have been contructed with this object in view. So far as has come to my knowledge, however, all such caps as heretofore made have been so constructed that in the adjustment of the same the appearance of the cap has been more or less marred, praticularly is this the case when relatively large adjustments are made. The object of my invention is to overcome this disadvantage and to so construct a cap that irrespective of the extent of its adjustment to make the same fit any particular head the appearance of the cap is not changed to any noticeable extent.

In carrying out the invention the cap made in accordance therewith is preferably provided with oppositely disposed sets of plaits which are placed adjacent the ends of the visor or peak and diverge from the edge and fade into the body of the cap, together with adjusting straps or other means attached to the lower edge of the crown or body of the cap and adapted to be adjustably connected over the visor or otherwise so as to cause the extent or size of the plaits to vary in the adjustment of the cap to position without any appreciable change being made in the appearance of the cap. As preferably constructed the lower edge of one plait is secured to the cap adjacent one end of the visor and the lower edge of a complementary plait to one edge of the corresponding strap and the adjustment is effected between these points of attachment which are made to take up the material in making the cap smaller and to let out the intermediate material in making the cap larger so that this intervening portion at the edge of the cap in making adjustments is absorbed or taken up unnoticeably between the plaits, as will be hereinafter more particularly described.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view illustrating a cap made in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is an inverted plan of the same.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the cap.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged elevation of one of the plait sections, and

Fig. 5 is an edge view of one of the plait sections.

Referring to the drawing it will be seen that in carrying out my invention the cap made in accordance therewith preferably comprises a body member or crown 10 which is made of any suitable cloth or other material and preferably in one piece, although it may be constructed of any desired number of sections. As is customary the body member or crown 10 is provided with a band 11. The band 11 is attached to the edge portion of the body member and in accordance with my invention extends from the side portions of the cap around the back thereof. As will also be understood the body member or crown of the cap may be provided with a lining of any suitable material. As illustrated in the drawing the band member 11 is continued or provided with extension straps 12 and 13 for adjusting and determining the size of the cap as hereinafter more particularly described. The cap also includes the usual visor or peak 14 which is secured to the lower front portion of the body member or crown in the usual or any desired manner. In a suitable position in the visor a stud member 15 is secured. This stud member 15 is adapted to engage with a socket member 16 to secure the front portion of the body member of the cap to the visor in the customary manner. It will be understood, however, that any other suitable fastening means may be employed and the snap fastener structure shown and described is merely illustrative of the manner in which the front portion of the body of the cap may be detachably connected to the visor. Furthermore as also clearly illustrated in the drawing the end portions of the straps 12 and 13 may be provided with a buckle 17 or any other similar and suitable device for connecting the end portions of these straps in their adjustable relationship over the visor and

between the same and the front portion of the body of the cap.

The parts of the cap as hereinbefore described are old in the art and the feature to which the invention in the present case more particularly relates is the construction of the cap at the opposite sides thereof adjacent the ends of the visor for making it possible to effect the adjustment of the cap without appreciably changing the appearance thereof. To accomplish this purpose the body of the cap is provided with oppositely disposed plaits preferably diverging from the edge of the cap between the ends of the visor and the ends of the band 11. On one side of the cap these plaits are indicated at 18 and 19. As hereinbefore stated these plaits are oppositely disposed, that is they are formed in reverse position and diverge upwardly from the edge of the cap fading into the body member or crown thereof. It will be understood that a similar pair of plaits is employed at the opposite side of the cap. As these sets of plaits are precisely similar but one set thereof will be described in detail.

By particular reference to Figs. 4 and 5 of the drawing, it will be seen that the lower end of the plait 18 is permanently connected to the lower edge of the cap for example by stitches 20 by which also the adjacent end of the visor or peak is also connected to the lower edge of the body of the cap. In a similar manner the forward edge of the adjacent end of the band 11 is connected to the lower end of the plait 19 by stitches indicated at 22 whereby the lower ends of these plaits are fixed in position relatively to the edge portion of the cap. It will also be understood that the extensions of the band 11, that is the straps 12 and 13 whether made integral with the band or otherwise overlie the lower ends of the plaits and extend over the visor as hereinbefore described. Also as shown in the drawing the straps or extensions 11 and 12 of the band member 11 may be provided with buttons indicated at 23 and 24 respectively.

From the cap as illustrated in the drawing and from the foregoing description it will now be understood that the adjustment of the cap to various sizes is effected by determining the relative positions of the extremities of the straps by their connection with the buckle or any other suitable and equivalent means. Furthermore it will be apparent that this adjustment determines the position of the visor relatively to the band member of the cap or the lower edge portion of the body or crown thereof and that the adjustment is effected between the permanent points of attachment of the lower ends of the plaits, that is the attachment of the plait 18 by the stitches 20 adjacent one end of the visor and the attachment of the lower end of the plait 19 by the stitches 22 at the end of the band and that the intervening material in reducing the size of the cap is taken up between these points and is absorbed in the plaits so that the adjustment is not noticeable in the body of the cap. In so doing this material swings or pivots as it were at the point of attachment to the lower end of the plaits 19 to the end of the band where they are connected by the stitches 22, or the same movement is effected by a swinging or pivoting movement at the lower end of the plait 18 where the same is attached by the stitches 20 at the end of the visor.

I claim as my invention:

1. A cap comprising a body, a visor attached to the body at the front lower edge thereof, the lower edge of the back of the body of the cap having extensions which are adapted to overlie the visor, permanently formed plaits at the sides of the body extending from the edge thereof upwardly, the ends of corresponding plaits being made permanent at a predetermined point in the lower edge of the back of the body member, the ends of other corresponding plaits being made permanent adjacent the ends of the visor, and means for connecting the said extensions over the visor to adjust the position of the same and determine the size of the cap.

2. A cap comprising a body, a visor attached to the front of the body, a band attached to the back of the body and extending partway around the same, permanently formed plaits at the sides of the body extending from the edge thereof upwardly, the ends of corresponding plaits being made permanent at the ends of the said band while the ends of other corresponding plaits are made permanent at the end of the visor, the said band having extensions overlying the lower portions of the plaits and extending over the visor, and means for connecting the said extensions over the visor to adjust the visor to position and thus determine the size of the cap.

Signed by me this 14th day of February, 1924.

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