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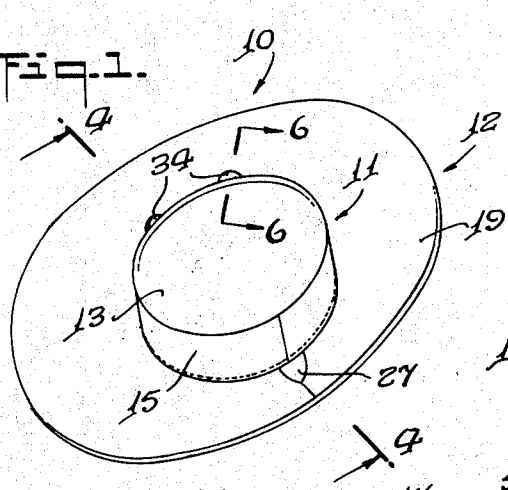


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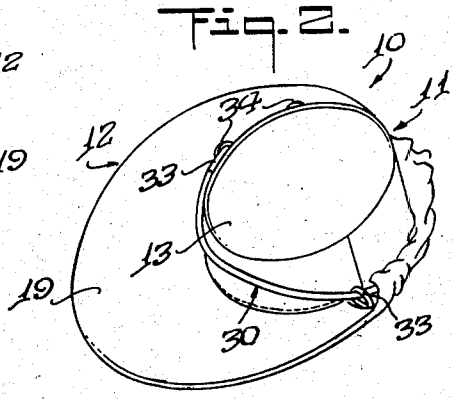


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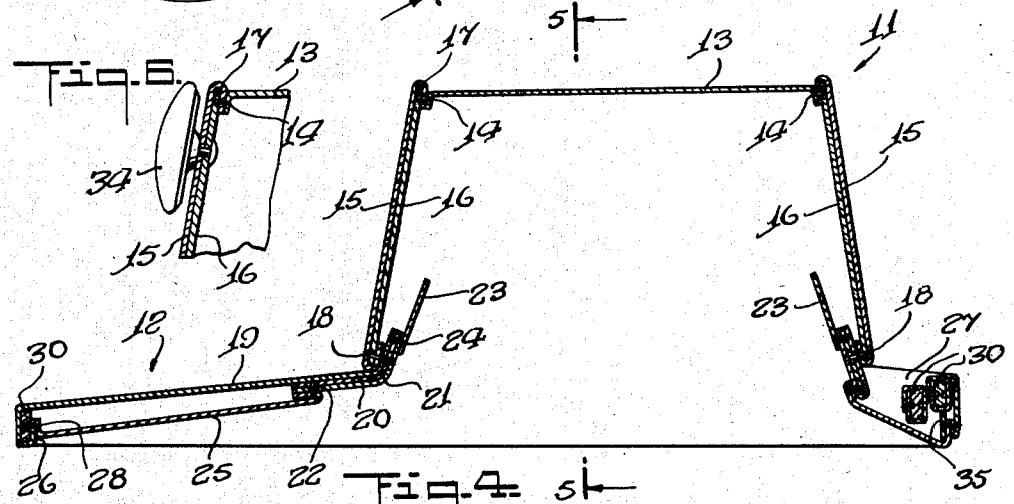


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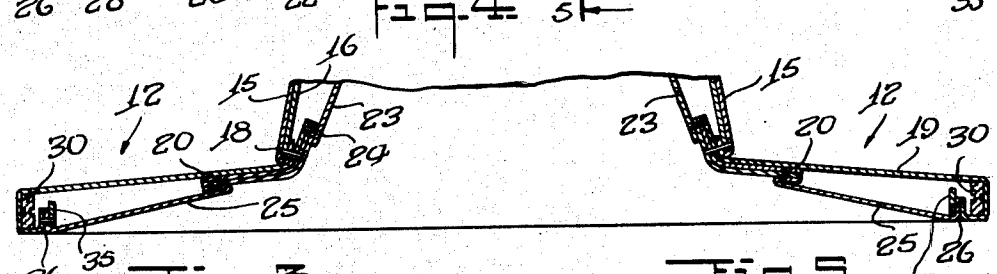


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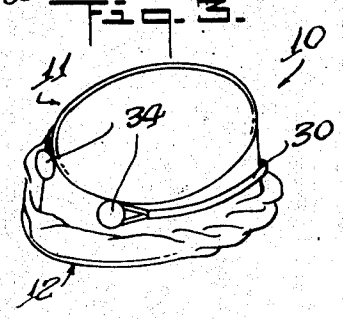
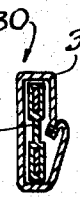


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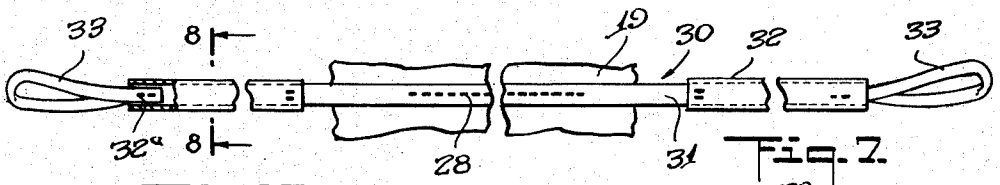
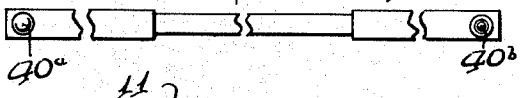


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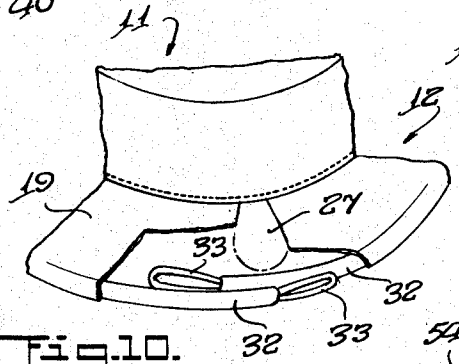


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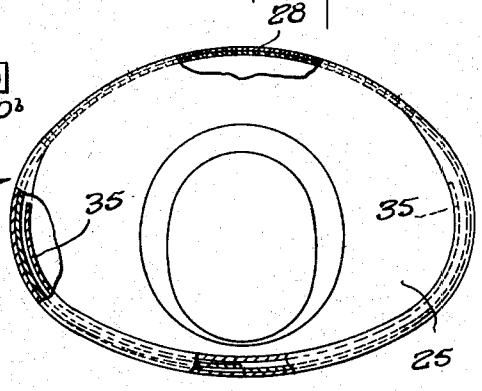


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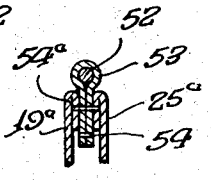


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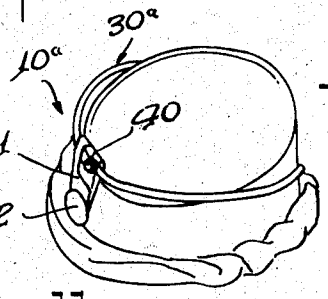


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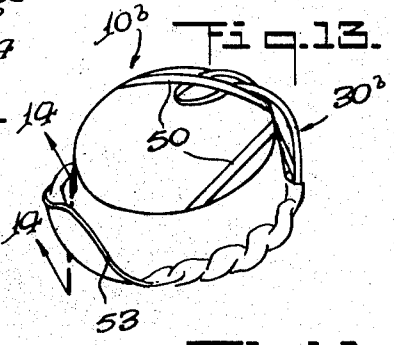


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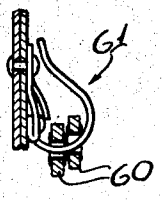


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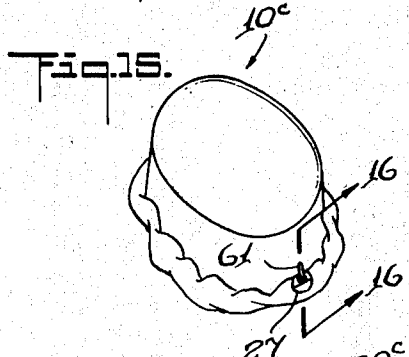


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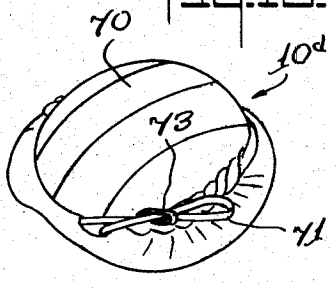


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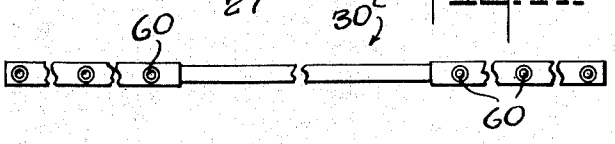


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This invention relates to hats. It is particularly directed to women's hats.

An object of this invention is to provide a hat which may be adjusted so that the same hat may have a number of different styles.

A further object of this invention is to provide a single hat which may be transformed into three or more styles, and which comprises a crown portion and a brim portion, and means to fully expand the brim to produce a large brim hat, and which is so constructed that one or the other side only of the brim may be constricted so that one part of the brim is small and another part is large, and in which construction furthermore the entire brim may be contracted to produce a hat with a small brim.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide a lady's hat comprising a crown, and a brim of flexible material, and a stiffener having an intermediate portion attached to the periphery of the brim, said stiffener being adapted to expand the brim and hold it in taut condition, and said stiffener being adapted to be pulled in or drawn to contract the brim and with the brim conforming to or clinging to the stiffener due to an elastic strip sewed therein and hence change the style or appearance of the hat.

Yet a further object of this invention is to provide a lady's hat comprising a crown and a brim, said brim being made of flexible cloth, and comprising superimposed top and bottom portions attached together at their outer edges, and a stiffener within the brim and between the top and bottom portions and attached to a peripheral portion of the brim, and said stiffener being adapted to extend all around the periphery of the brim to hold it in taut condition, and said brim having an opening at the back through which the stiffener may be pulled out or drawn, so as to contract the brim of the hat which brim follows the contour of the stiffener due to an elastic strip attached to the inner portion between the brim's surfaces, and which brim follows the stiffener in contraction until it is stopped by the stiffener panel.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide a hat of the character described in which the pulled out portion of the stiffener may be wrapped about the crown of the hat or pulled through loops on the hat or buttoned to the hat to produce various styles in the same hat.

Yet a further object of this invention is to provide a lady's hat of the character described comprising a crown and a brim, and a stiffener attached at its central portion to the front of

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the periphery of the brim and extending around the brim, and said brim having elastic portions on opposite sides of the portion of the brim which is attached to the stiffener, so that when the stiffener is drawn to contract the brim, the elastic portions will contract so as to drape part of the brim around the crown of the hat.

A still further object of this invention is to provide in a hat of the character described a stiffener having a plurality of spaced openings at opposite ends thereof adapted to engage the hook at the back of the hat so as to permit drawing the brim to various adjusted sizes.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide a hat of the character described comprising a stiffener within the brim, said stiffener having loops at its outer ends so that when the looped ends are drawn, they may be wrapped about the crown of the hat and engage with buttons at the front of the hat.

Yet another object of this invention is to provide a strong, rugged and durable hat of the character described, which shall be inexpensive to manufacture, attractive in appearance, easy to adjust, and which shall yet be practical and efficient to a high degree in use.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangement of parts, which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of invention will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawings in which are shown various illustrative embodiments of this invention,

Fig. 1 is a top perspective view of a hat embodying the invention and showing the brim fully expanded;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 but showing one end of the stiffener for the brim drawn so that only one side of the brim is contracted;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing both ends of the stiffener drawn so that the entire collapsible brim is contracted;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 5 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 6—6 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 7 is a developed view showing the stiffener in the hat of Figs. 1 to 6, stitched to a portion of the brim of the hat;

Fig. 8 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 8—8 of Fig. 7;

Fig. 9 is a top plan view of the hat shown in Fig. 1 with parts broken away and in cross-section;

Fig. 10 is a partial perspective rear view of the hat with parts broken away and in cross-section;

Fig. 11 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but illustrating a modified construction;

Fig. 12 is a top plan view of the stiffener employed in the hat shown in Fig. 11;

Fig. 13 is a view similar to Fig. 11 but illustrating a further modified construction;

Fig. 14 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 14—14 of Fig. 13;

Fig. 15 is a rear perspective view of the hat embodying another modification;

Fig. 16 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 16—16 of Fig. 15;

Fig. 17 is a top plan view of the stiffener employed in the hat shown in Fig. 15; and

Fig. 18 is a view similar to Fig. 15 but illustrating still another modified construction.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, 10 designates a lady's hat embodying the invention, the same comprising generally of a crown 11 and a brim 12. The crown 11 may be of any suitable shape and construction. It is here shown for the purpose of illustration as comprising a flat top panel 13, to the outer end of which is attached as by stitching 14 an annular tapered panel 15. A stiffening panel 16 such as buckram is located inside panel 15. A wire 17 may be inserted into the upper end of the hat, and about which the panel 15 is folded. The stitching 14 serves to stitch the panels 13, 15 and 16 together at the top. The lower end of the panel 15 is folded beneath the lower edge of the panel 16 and is stitched thereto by a line of stitching 18.

The brim 12 comprises a top flexible annular panel or sheet 19 of cloth or other flexible material, stitched to the lower edge of the crown by said line of stitching 18. Stitched to the underside of the inner portion of the brim 19 is an annular stiffener panel 20 of buckram. Underlying the panel 20 is a cloth panel 21, likewise stitched thereto by the line of stitching 18. The panels 20 and 21 are stitched together by a line of stitching 22.

The stiffener 20 and the underlying panel 21 of cloth or other flexible material may be somewhat crescent shaped, being of greater width at the front than at the back. A size band 23 may be stitched as at 24 to the inner edges of the panels 20, 21.

The brim 12 further comprises a lower flexible annular brim panel, cloth or sheet 25 stitched to the panels 20, 21 by said line of stitching 22. The brim panels 19 and 25 are stitched together at their outer periphery by a seam 26. The panels 19 and 25 may be wider at the front than at the back, gradually becoming narrower toward the back, as shown in Fig. 1. However, as the lower panel 25 is secured to crescent shaped panels 20, and 21 by stitching 22, the width of the lower panel with respect to the upper panel 19 increases toward the back. The upper panel 19 is formed with an opening 27 at the back and adjacent the crown.

It will now be understood that there is a space between the panels 19 and 25. Said panels hence form a soft, collapsible sleeve. Attached to the front of the outer periphery of the brim of the hat there is stitched to the seam 26, as by additional stitches 28, a central part of a flexible stiffener 30. The stiffener 30 may comprise an intermediate resilient flexible semi-stiff strip 31 of any suitable construction, such as is used for example as a stay or bone in a corset. The outer ends thereof may be covered by sleeves 32 of cloth which would harmonize with the cloth of which the hat is made. Stitched to the outer ends of the stiffener 30, as at 32a, are loops 33.

It will be noted that the stiffener 30 extends all around the inside of the periphery of the brim adjacent the seam 26. The outer or looped ends 33 of the stiffener are located at the back of the hat adjacent the opening 27. The stiffener thus expands the entire brim of the hat to give the appearance of a large brim hat.

Attached to the front of the hat, on opposite sides of the crown, are a pair of ornamental buttons 34 of any suitable material. On opposite sides of the line of stitching 28 the upper and lower brim panels or sheets 19, 25 are stitched together with an elastic strip as at 35.

In order to change the style of the hat from that shown in Fig. 1 to that shown in Fig. 2, one end of the stiffener 30 is pulled out through the opening 27 and drawn sufficiently so that it can be wrapped around the crown of the hat, and the loop 33 thereof engaged with one of the buttons 34. As that is done one side of the hat is collapsed, contracted or constricted, and the constricted portion due to the presence of the elastic strip 35, will be drawn in and drape about the lower portion of the crown of the hat over the top of the stiffener brim panel 20. If desired the style shown in Fig. 3 may be produced by drawing both ends of the stiffener out through the opening 27, wrapping them about the crown of the hat and engaging both buttons 34. When that is done the entire sleeve portion of the brim is contracted or drawn in and the elastic strip 35 will drape the constricted brim about the lower portion of the crown.

Referring to Fig. 2 it will be noted that either one or the other ends of the stiffener 30 may be drawn in so that the hat will have a large brim on either the left side or the right side.

In Fig. 11 there is shown a hat 10a embodying the invention and illustrating a modified construction. The hat 10a is the same as the hat 10 except that the stiffener 30a has male and female snap fasteners 40a, 40b at the outer ends respectively, thereof, which may be snapped together as shown at 40 in Fig. 11, at the front of the hat when the ends of the stiffener are drawn out. The part of the stiffener which is wrapped around the front of the hat may be held in position by a loop 41 which is attached to the front of the hat by a rivet or other fastening member 42. The latter of course may be decorated, as by a button, at the front if desired. The stiffener 30a is shown in Fig. 12 and the snap fastener portions 40a, 40b are at the ends thereof, as illustrated.

In Fig. 13 there is shown a hat 10b embodying the invention and illustrating yet another modified construction. In Fig. 13 the stiffener 30b is a continuous one piece member, that is, it is not severed at the back. The part which is drawn out through the rear opening may be brought up and tucked into one of the two loops 50 which are stitched to the top of the crown of the hat. Furthermore, stiffener 30b may comprise a core 52 having a colored piece of cloth 53 wrapped therearound and stitched together as at 54 to form a piping. The contacting portions of the binding strip may be inserted be-

tween the top and bottom portions 19a, 25a of the brim and stitched thereto as by line of stitching 54a, so that the wrapped core or piping protrudes through the brim at the front portion thereof.

In Fig. 15 there is shown a hat 10c embodying the invention and illustrating yet another modified construction. The hat 10c is the same as the hat 10 with the exception that the stiffener 30c is provided at the outer ends thereof with spaced eyelets 60. The outer ends of the stiffener may be pulled out of the opening 27. Attached to the back of the hat at the lower end of the crown and just above the opening 27 is a hook 61 which may be engaged in a pair of overlapping eyelets 60. Thus the stiffener 30c may be drawn to various adjusted degrees and engaged with the hook 61. The protruding ends of the stiffener may be tucked within the brim.

In Fig. 18 there is shown yet another modified form of the invention, comprising a hat 10d. The hat 10d has a curved crown 70. It has a brim similar to the brim of the hat 10a. The stiffener may be a one piece continuous stiffener designated by numeral 71. However, there is attached to the rear of the crown of the hat, adjacent the opening 27 through which the stiffener is pulled out, a loop 73. The portion of the stiffener 71 which is pulled out of the opening 27 may be passed through the loop 73 so as to be held in the drawn condition.

While the invention is applicable to women's hats it is also applicable to girls', juniors' and children's hats or any millinery.

The invention is applicable to hats made of straw, felt, leather or any other suitable material, and the portion that is expandable is flexible and it may be attached to any hat. It may be part of the brim, or attached to the brim, or it may be part of the crown, or attached to the crown, or to any other part of the hat. If desired the expandable portion may be made as a separate part adapted to be worn as it is, or it may be attached to a hat, or a hat band.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiment above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or which is shown in the accompanying drawings is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. A hat comprising a crown, and a flexible brim, a stiffener extending around the brim and attached at an intermediate portion thereof to the outer periphery of the brim at one side of the hat, and said brim being in the form of a sleeve and said stiffener passing through the sleeve, said brim having an opening at the other side of the hat, said stiffener having outer ends adapted to be drawn through said opening and said outer ends being adapted to be wrapped about the crown of the hat, coacting fastening means on the ends of the stiffener adapted to be secured together at the first side of the hat, and an elastic band stitched to the outer periphery of the brim to gather the brim as the ends of the stiffener are pulled through the opening in the brim.

2. A hat comprising a crown and a brim, and a one piece continuous stiffener extending around the brim and attached to the brim at one side of the hat, said brim being in the form of a sleeve, and said stiffener extending within said sleeve, said sleeve having an opening at the opposite side of the hat, a portion of the stiffener being adapted to be pulled out through the opening, and means on the hat spaced from the opening, to engage the portion of the stiffener which is pulled out through the opening, and an elastic band stitched to the outer periphery of the brim to gather the brim as the stiffener is pulled through the opening in the brim.

3. A hat comprising a crown, a brim comprising top and bottom superimposed layers stitched at their inner edges to the crown and stitched together at their outer peripheries by a seam, a stiffener band within the brim and between the top and bottom superimposed layers, said band being attached to the front of the brim at the outer periphery of the latter, said band extending all around the brim, said brim having an opening at its rear side through which the band may be drawn, and an elastic band stitched to the brim to gather the brim as the stiffener band is pulled through the rear opening in the brim.

4. An article of headwear comprising a crown, a flexible sleeve-like brim attached to the crown, an elongated stiffener passing through the sleeve-like brim and attached to the outer peripheral portion of the brim, said brim having an opening at one side thereof through which the stiffener can be drawn out of said brim, said opening being spaced from the point of attachment of the stiffener to the brim, and means to attach the drawn out stiffener to the crown at a point spaced from said opening to retain the stiffener in drawn out condition.

5. The combination of claim 4 in combination with elastic means extending around the outer peripheral portion of the brim to constrict the brim when the stiffener is drawn through said opening.

6. A headgear comprising a crown and a flexible brim attached thereto, a stiffener band extending all around the outer periphery of the brim to expand the brim, said band being attached to the brim mediate the ends of the band, means in said brim to receive the band, said brim having an opening through which the ends of the band may be drawn, and means on the crown of the headgear spaced from the opening for attachment of the ends of the drawn band to retain said band in drawn condition.

7. The combination of claim 6 and elastic means attached to the outer peripheral portion of the brim to constrict the brim upon drawing the ends of the band through said opening.

8. A hat comprising a crown and a brim, a stiffener attached at an intermediate portion thereof to the front of the outer periphery of the brim and extending all around the brim, said brim being flexible, means in the brim to receive the stiffener, said brim being formed with an opening in the rear thereof, said stiffener having loops at the outer ends thereof, the ends of said stiffener being adapted to be drawn through said opening and wrapped around the crown of the hat, and buttons on the hat spaced forwardly from said opening and engageable with said loops to retain the band in drawn condition.

9. A hat comprising a crown, a brim comprising top and bottom superimposed layers stitched at their inner edges to the crown and stitched together at their outer peripheries by a seam,

a stiffener band within the brim and between the top and bottom superimposed layers, said band being attached to the front of the brim at the outer periphery of the latter, said band extending all around the brim, said brim having an opening at its rear side through which the band may be drawn, and an elastic band stitched to the outer periphery of the brim to gather the brim as the stiffener band is pulled through the opening in the brim, said stiffener having outer end portions formed with openings, and a hook on the crown of the hat spaced from the opening in the brim and adapted to engage the openings in the stiffener so that said stiffener may be adjusted to various sizes to retain the brim of the hat in various widths.

10. A hat comprising a crown and a flexible sleeve-like hollow brim attached thereto, a drawable stiffener within the hollow brim and attached at its intermediate portion to the outer periphery of the brim at its front side, to retain the brim in expanded condition, said brim having an opening at the rear thereof through which said

stiffener may be drawn, means to retain the stiffener in drawn condition, and elastic means attached around the outer periphery of the brim at the rear thereof to constrict the brim against the drawn stiffener when said stiffener is drawn.

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