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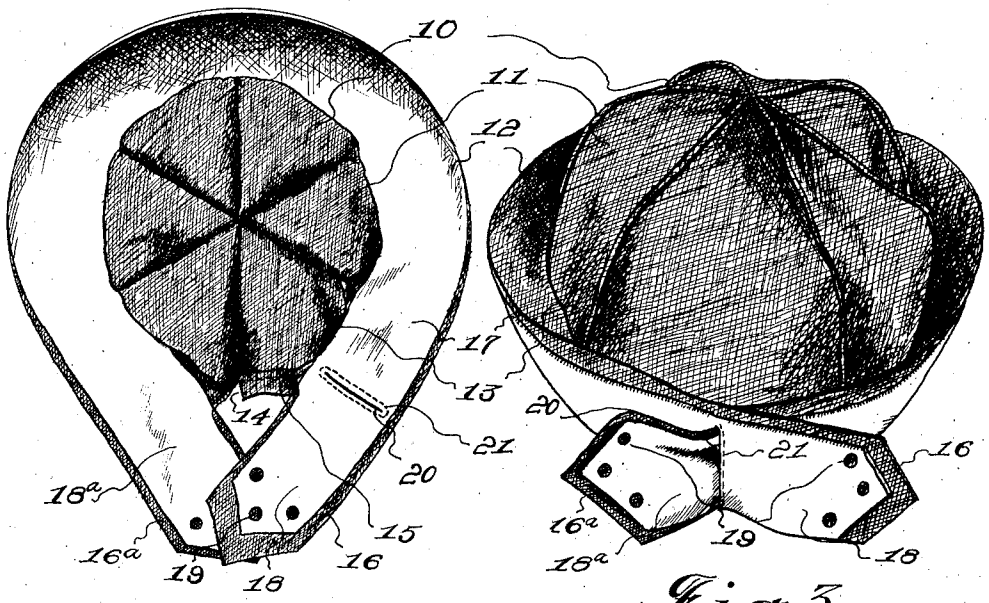


Fig. 1

Fig. 3



Fig. 2

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPHINE M. BARNHILL, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Reversible Hats, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to hats and caps, and particularly to a convertible hat or cap, the general object of the invention being to provide a hat or cap which is capable of being reversed or turned inside out and under these circumstances will be somewhat different from what it is when it is turned the other way and which has a brim so constructed that it may be changed in many different ways to thereby secure various effects.

A further object is to provide a hat with a brim of two colors so arranged that the brim may be adjusted so as to show one color on the exterior of the brim or another color on the interior of the brim as desired.

A still further object is to provide a hat of this character which is readily adjustable to suit different sized heads.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is an under side plan view of a hat constructed in accordance with my invention;

Figure 2 is a perspective view showing the hat in use and showing the brim so arranged as to show a brim having exteriorly the same color as the body of the hat but with a lining of a different color;

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the hat shown in Figure 2 and reversed so that the brim has an outer lining of a color distinctive from the body of the hat;

Referring to Figure 1, it will be seen that the hat consists of the body or crown 10, which is preferably made of soft and flexible material like light felt, and made in segments 11 sewed together so as to form the body or crown of the hat. The brim 12 of the hat is sewed to the lower edge of the segments along the line 13 and this brim 12 may be of the same color as the body of the hat. The crown of the hat at a point adjacent the lower seam 13 and at the rear of the hat is unsewed so as to leave a V-shaped notch 14. The brim 12 is left unsewed from the space 15, or in other words this brim is not stitched at one side of the brim up to the edge of the margin of the notch 14.

The brim 12 is extended beyond this portion 14, as at 16, so as to form tabs of a width practically uniform with that of the brim and sewed to one face of the brim at the junction of the crown with the brim is a second brim or lining 17, the outer edge, however, being free from attachment to the brim 12, and this lining brim 17 has tabs 18 which are less in length than the tabs 16. These tabs 18 may be ornamented by apertures 19. Both the brim 12 and the brim 17 are transversely slotted at 20 so as to form a relatively long slot extending transversely across the brim and the material of the brims 17 and 12 are sewed all around this slot, as at 21.

By having the two brims 12 and 17 and having these brims unattached to each other for the greater portion of their length except at the inner margins of the two brims adjacent the crown of the hat, it is possible to separately manipulate these brims so as to have, for instance, one brim turned up and the other brim turned down and thus some very odd and interesting effects may be secured with the hat, particularly where the two brims are made of different colored materials. It is to be noted that the segmental sections from which the crown of the hat is formed provide a plurality of radially extending seams which, when the brim of the hat is contracted by the insertion of one tab through the slit 21, causes the crown of the hat to tend to fold on the line of these seams, thus doing away with any folding of the body of the crown which would seem to be accidental or would mar the symmetry of the hat. It will likewise be noted that the tabs have a width greater than the length of the slot 21 so that the tab must be folded in order to pass through this slot and expands after it is passed through the slot, as shown in Figure 3, so that to some extent this tab is anchored within the slot and will

not pull out and does not need any additional fastening device to prevent the hat from expanding under ordinary circumstances. Furthermore, by having the tabs free from attachment to the brim after one tab has been passed through the slot at the base of the other tab, the tabs will stand out in the similitude of butterfly bows and will not lie flat against the brim as they would have to do in case they were detachably engaged with the brim.

In the use of this hat, the brim may be turned up, as shown in Figure 3, all around and then the tabs 16ª and 18ª which constitute the other end of the brim from the tabs 16 and 18 may be inserted through the aperture 20 and there will be presented a hat having, for instance, a gray body and a brim which on its inside face is gray and on its outside face may be any contrasting color as, for instance, orange and there will be at the side of the hat what constitutes a bow formed by the insertion of the tabs 16ª and 18ª through the opening 20, this bow being formed by an orange facing lying upon a gray background. The hat may be turned so that this imitation bow may be either disposed to the side of the hat, at the front of the hat, or at the back of the hat, and it will be understood that the brim may be partially turned down, only showing the orange or other colored facing 17 at one side or rear or at the front, or it may be turned up all the way round, as shown in Figure 2, so as to show the orange facing entirely around the brim.

In Figure 2, I have illustrated another manner of arranging the hat wherein the hat is turned inside out with reference to the manner in which it is used in Figure 3 and wherein the orange facing is disposed entirely upon the inside of the brim and the brim turned upward all the way around but showing a gray bow with an orange lining and the brim having an orange lining or facing. Here, again, the brim may be turned upon one side and down on the other side or the hat may be shaped in various ways inasmuch as it is made of soft felt so that the hat is adapted to a large variety of styles.

It will be understood also that in certain circumstances the outer brim might be turned down and the inner brim turned up around the body of the hat for a part of its length and thus different effects be secured. It will be seen that this hat, therefore, is capable of being formed into a large number of different shapes or styles so as to suit any particular person or character of face. Furthermore, by forming the notch 14 as disclosed and having the tabs 16 and 18ª passing through the slot 20, it is possible to contract the rim of the crown so as to make the hat fit small heads or to allow the rim of the crown to expand so that it will fit larger heads, and thus the hat is adjustable as to size.

The hat is particularly adapted for use where certain combinations of colors are regarded as the official colors of a convention, meeting, commencement or the like, as while the hat may combine these colors it is at the same time changeable into a large number of different forms. I obviously do not wish to be limited to the materials from which the hat is made or to any special colors, nor to details of construction, as these might be changed in many ways without departing from the spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims. Thus I do not wish to be limited to the use of a crown made of a plurality of segmental pieces stitched to each other of segments 11. The crown might be made of a single piece. Furthermore, while under some circumstances, as stated above, it is desirable to have the brim formed of an outer portion and an inner portion, either of which can be displayed, I do not wish to be limited to this, as the brim might consist of merely one layer of material having a member at one end formed with an opening to receive the extended other end of the brim, or in other words a brim may be made of a single piece of material formed with tabs 16 and 16ª having at one end an aperture formed therein or carried thereby through which the other tab might be passed. This would secure an adjustable crown and would permit the reversing of the hat.

I claim:—

1. A hat having a crown of soft and flexible material and having a brim formed of two thicknesses of soft and flexible material of different colors, the hat being reversible to bring either face of the brim outside, the two thicknesses of the brim being unattached to each other except at the junction with the crown throughout nearly the entire extent of the brim to permit independent manipulation of these two thicknesses.

2. A hat having a brim of soft and flexible material formed of two thicknesses of material free from attachment to each other except at the junction with the crown throughout nearly the entire extent of the brim each thickness ending at its opposite ends in tabs adapted to overlap the opposed tabs, the brim at one end adjacent the base of one of the pairs of tabs being formed with a transversely extending slot through which the other pair of tabs may be inserted to thereby constitute the similitude of a bow.

3. A hat having a crown of soft and flexible material formed of segmental sections stitched to each other from the center of the top of the crown downward to the margin thereof, the crown at one point in its margin having a V-shaped notch, the point of

the V-shaped notch coinciding with one of the seams between two of the segmental portions of the crown, the brim of the hat opposite said notch being separated from the crown and being extended to form two tabs, the brim at its junction with one of said tabs being transversely slotted to permit the insertion therethrough of the other tab whereby the hat may be drawn up to change its size.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature.

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