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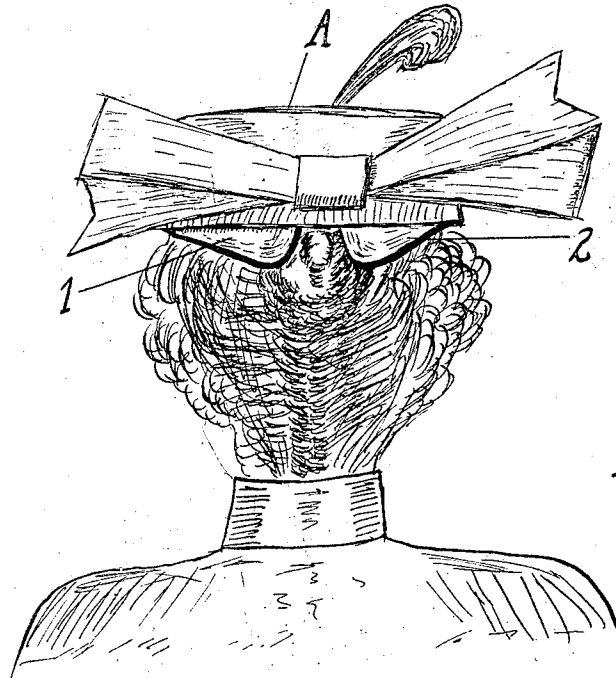


Fig. 1.

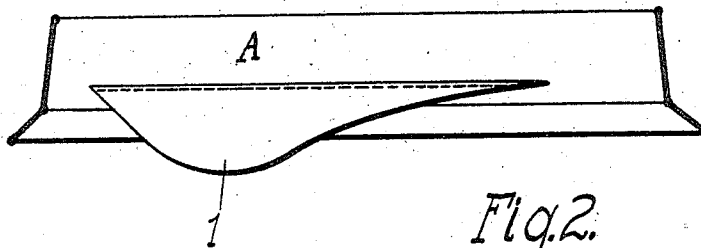


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIZABETH M. FORMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mount Clemens, county of Macomb, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Steadying Strips for Hats, and declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to means for steadying women's hats and has for its object a simple, convenient and economical device for insuring the proper carriage of the hat upon the head.

In the drawings:—Figure 1, is a view of the back of a woman's head, showing a hat having my invention secured thereon. Fig. 2, is a vertical section of the hat taken from the rear to the front.

A is the lady's hat and 1 and 2 are plates or strips of stiffening fabric, which I call steadying strips, as it is their office to steady the hat upon the head so that it will not tip from side to side, or from rear to front, or from front to rear. These strips are cut with respect to the manner of doing the hair that is used by the prospective wearer and are adapted to partially straddle the knob of hair that is usually located just below the crown of the head. These strips 1 and 2 receive lateral support from merely resting upon and about the knob of hair upon the head of a lady.

The steadying strip is fastened to the hat A on the inside, as shown in Fig. 2. The strip is somewhat triangular in shape in my preferred form, the acute angle of the strip lying near the center of the sides and the strip extending with its long edge fastened to the hat around the side to almost the mid-point of the back.

Referring to Fig. 2, it will be seen that the portion of the strip that subtends below the hat band corresponds to what would be the obtuse angle were the strip a perfect triangle. Similarly the other strip is fas-

tened on the other side of the hat-band and extends around to near the mid-point at the back. The spacing of the two strips at the back varies as the size of the lady's knob of hair varies. Also the exact shaping and fastening of the strips depend somewhat upon the style of hair worn.

It is, of course, apparent that these steadying strips may be made of such color that they are hardly visible and on large hats will often be concealed by the shape of the hat. It will be found that they form a very useful function in preventing the tipping of heavy hats from side to side, or from rear to front or from front to rear, which is so aggravating and which is so common when hats of this type are worn where it is at all breezy.

What I claim is:—

1. The combination with a lady's hat, of a pair of steadying strips attached to the rear of the hat and reaching from a point at or near the sides around to near the mid-point at the rear of the hat, the said strips being spaced from each other at such mid-point by a distance just sufficient to allow the strips to straddle the knob of hair worn by the user, and receive lateral support from merely resting upon and about the said knob of hair, substantially as described.

2. The combination with a lady's hat of a pair of steadying strips comprising substantially triangular strips of fabric or similar material that are fastened to the hat with the acute angle of the strips near the centers of the sides, while the long edges of the triangular pieces are fastened to the interior of the hat and substantially parallel the edge, the obtuse angles of the strips being thereby subtended below the hat and the rear edges of the two strips being somewhat spaced for the purpose of just straddling the hair knob, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof, I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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