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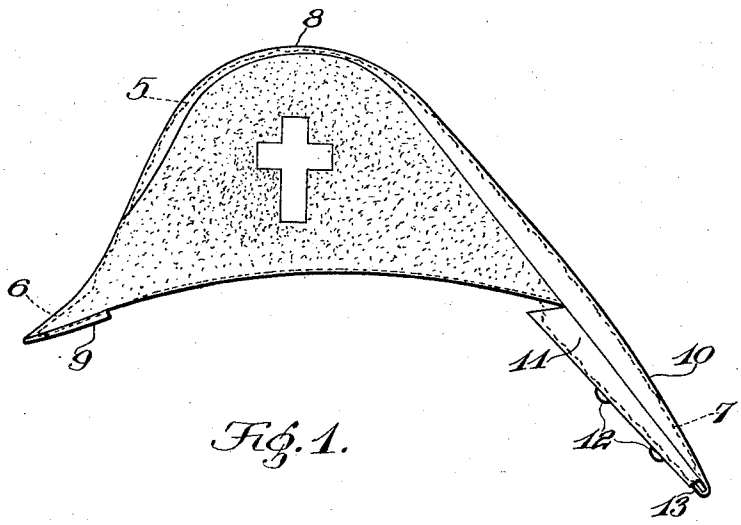


Fig. 1.

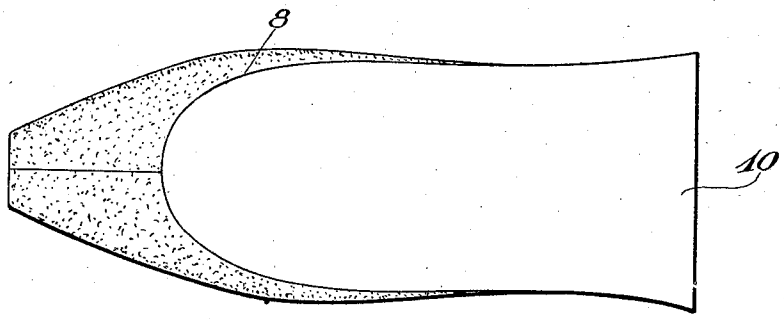
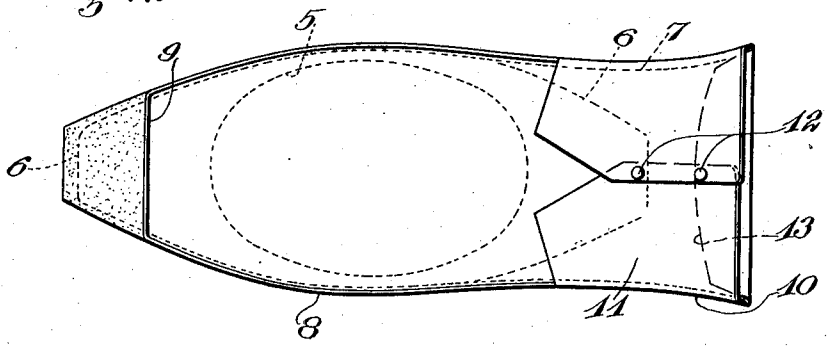


Fig. 2.



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My invention relates to military hats more commonly called chapeaux, and its object is to provide a novel cover for hats of this kind to protect them from the elements.

Due to frequent use of chapeaux outdoors for parades, drills, celebrations and like events, provision is usually made against bad weather by supplying the wearers of the chapeaux with covers or hoods. These are ordinarily of black oilcloth and soon lose their protective qualities on account of cracking in places and peeling off. Also, the loose and imperfect fit which these covers or hoods make with the chapeau causes exposure of the latter at the edges and ends, whereby dust and rain enter to soil the edges and white plume of the chapeau.

Due to the above conditions it is a further object of the invention to provide a cover which is designed to follow the lines of the chapeau, wherever protection is required, the plume being given special consideration.

Another object of the invention is to so pattern the novel cover that it simulates the chapeau when worn thereon, particularly as to combination of color so that the desired effect of the headgear is retained during inclement weather, notwithstanding the fact that the chapeau itself is concealed.

A still further object of the invention is to construct it of a tough, yet light waterproof material, which will not check, crack, peel or break down from exposure or frequent handling.

With these objects in view and other objects which may suggest themselves from the description to follow, the invention embodies a novel combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing in which:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the novel cover, the position of the chapeau therein being denoted by fine-dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a plan view; and

Fig. 3 is a bottom view, fine-dotted lines being used again to correspond to the showing in Fig. 1.

Referring specifically to the drawing, 5 denotes the plumed crown, 6 the tips, and 7 the plume-tail of a typical chapeau. The novel cover consists mainly of a hood 8 for the crown, the sides of this hood closely following the form of the crown and depending slightly below the bottom thereof to prevent its exposure. The frontal part of the hood is extended to fit the tip 6 and receive the same in a pocket 9. The rear part of the hood is also extended at 10 to cover the plume tail 7 and receive the same in a large pocket formed of underfolded lateral sections 11 of the extension 10. Figure 3 shows more clearly how these sections are folded and secured by glove clasps 12. The extension 10 is also made with a terminal tab 13 to cover the end of the plume tail, this tab being folded under and tucked into the pocket 11 as shown.

It will be seen that all the exposed parts of the chapeau are protected by the novel cover. The material for the latter is imitation kid leather, being waterproof, cloth-lined and very durable. Exposure or frequent handling will not check, crack, peel or break it down. It may be made in any color, and for this reason may be matched to the colors of the chapeau to simulate the same. The sides of the chapeau are usually black, the plumed top and tail white, and the Latin cross on the side red. Light shading in the drawing indicates black, the balance of the showing indicating white, except as to the red representation of the cross.

A chapeau cover is thus had which is simple, light and specially fitted to protect all exposed parts. In this respect the novel cover is also useful as a casing to protect the chapeau when not in use or stored away, thus preserving the whiteness of the plume for a long period.

While the preferred form of the invention has been illustrated and described, it will be obvious that may minor changes or refinements may be made in the structure or design without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention, and I desire my rights to extend to such changes or refinements.

I claim:

A cover for plumed military hats comprising a closely fitted hood for the crown, an extension of the hood with a pocket for the frontal tip, a rearward extension of the hood to cover the plume, a terminal tab from the extension foldable to retain the plume tail, and side wings of the said extension foldable under the rear tip and plume tail to receive the said tab for the enclosing of such tip and plume tail.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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