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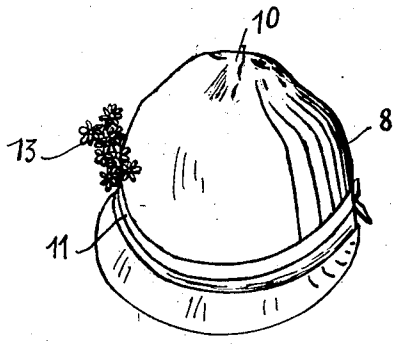


FIG. 1.

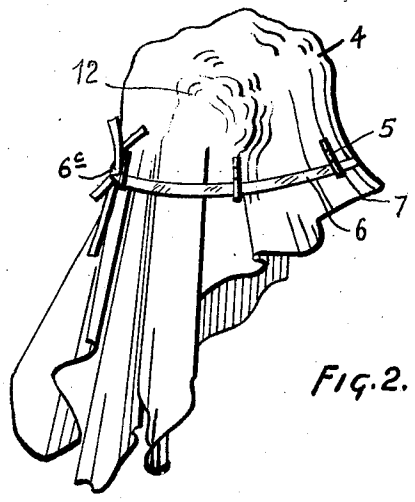


FIG. 2.

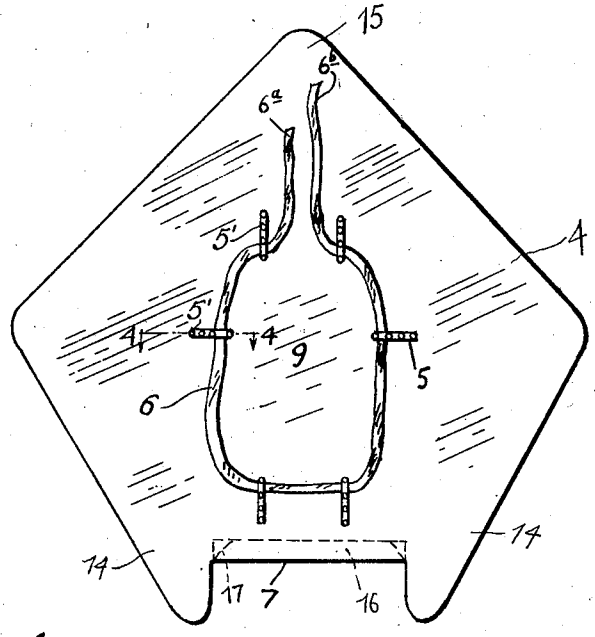
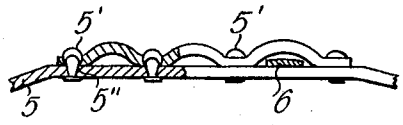


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My invention relates to protectors of hats and has for its main object to provide a device of the mentioned character which is light in weight, thin in texture, easily applicable and easily removed, which may be folded in a small space so as to be carried in a pocket, hand-bag, pocket-book and the like, and which nevertheless will fully protect the hat of the wearer against rain or snow, in case of a railroad or automobile trip, and at similar occasions.

Another object of this invention is to provide a device of the above characteristics which will be easily and conveniently adjustable after having been applied to the hat to be protected so as to avoid crushing or otherwise harming the ornaments, flowers, etc. usually found on ladies' hats.

Still another object of my invention is, to provide a hat protector which may be worn by men or women, which is artistic in its appearance, and which will protect portions of the body, especially the neck of the wearer as well as his or her hat.

Other objects of my invention will be apparent as the description of the same proceeds.

In the accompanying drawings I have illustrated one practical embodiment of the invention, but the construction shown therein is to be understood as illustrative only, and not as defining the limits of the invention.

Similar reference characters are employed to denote corresponding parts in the several views, in which:—

Fig. 1 shows a lady's hat with some flowers as ornaments thereon, and which in the

Fig. 2 is shown as being protected by my improved hat protector, while

Fig. 3 shows my hat protector in a flattened condition.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary enlarged and somewhat diagrammatic view, partly in section, of the detachable securing means in combination with my hat protector and the loops applied thereon, the section being taken about on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3.

Referring more closely to the drawings, the numeral 4 indicates a piece of very thin, possibly elastic, light material, like rubberized silk, cut in any suitable shape, but preferably in the form of a polygon of five sides, as shown in the figure. Around the center portion of this piece of material I arrange a plurality of small loops 5, preferably made of the same material as the piece 4, and following a certain predetermined configuration calculated to result in they being positioned around the band portion of the hat when applied to the same, as shown in Fig. 2. The loops are secured to the piece 4 by means indicated by the numeral 5′ and to be more fully described hereinafter, ribbon 6, is passed underneath the loops, the two ends 6^a and 6^b of the same being left free and extending to a comparatively long distance beyond the last two loops 5. The front side of the polygon 4 is partially cut away and recessed, as at 7.

The hat protector may be carried in a folded up condition in a very small space, as mentioned hereinbefore, and in case of bad weather or other occasions making it necessary to use the same, my hat protector may be opened up and the center portion 9 of the same placed on the top 10 of the crown of the hat to be protected. Ribbon 6 and the loops 5 will then come around the line of the band 11, of the hat, or about over that portion of the same where the crown and brim meet. After arranging the hat protector in a loose and neat manner over the hat, and in such a way that the recessed portion 7, will coincide with the front of the brim of the hat, over the forehead of the wearer, the lose ends 6^a and 6^b of the ribbon will be tied into a bow 6^c in the rear of the hat. The surplus material of the protector 4 will thereupon be pulled upwardly and arranged loosely to leave free, and nevertheless protect and cover, the possible ornaments on the hat, like shown at 12 in Fig. 2, corresponding to the position of the ornamental flowers 13 on the hat in Fig. 1. The recessed portion 7 will leave the eyes of the wearer free, while the overhanging side portions 14 and the long excess material 15 at the rear of my hat protector will protect the sides of the face and the back of the neck of the wearer.

It will be obvious by inspecting the drawings that my hat protector is adapted to be employed over any kind of head wear, both for men and women, protecting and nevertheless leaving unharmed and intact any kind of ornaments employed on them. My hat protector also may be made of any kind of suitable light weight, flexible and thin material and in any desirable color, the colors of the loops 5 and ribbon 6 being

chosen to match the color of the hat protector proper or of any such color as to give a neat, artistic effect. The loops 5 may be sewed on to piece 4 or they may be secured in their places in any other manner, as by snap fasteners, hook, etc. In case said loops are secured in a removable manner, they may have several sets of securing means provided on the piece 4 so as to enable the wearer to place the row of said loops at a higher or lower level, according to the shape and the size of the hat in question, and the ornaments thereon. In order to enable the wearer to adjust the hat protector to the different heights of hat crowns, the loops 5 may also be in multiple form as shown, and the ribbon may be passed through the innermost opening of the individual loops, as shown in Fig. 3, or it may be passed through some middle or through the outermost row of loops, as shown in Fig. 2, in which case the hat protector will be adapted to hats with considerably larger crowns.

In Fig. 4 an enlarged partly sectional detail view is shown of the detachable securing means in combination with my multiple loops, in this case said means being in the form of the female snap fastener units 5′ and male units 5″, the former attached to the loops and the latter to the hat protector 4 proper.

A portion of the material freed through the recessed portion 7 may be applied doubled up underneath the hat protector 4, as at 16, the two ends of the same being secured as by the seams 17, thus producing a pocket which may be slipped over the front of the brim of the hat and help to secure the hat protector thereon.

I want to emphasize that the terms and expressions employed are used as terms of description and not of limitation and I have no intention, in the use of such terms and expressions, of excluding any equivalents of the features shown and described, but recognize that further embodiments may be possible within the scope of the invention claimed.

What I claim as new, is:—

1. A hat protector comprising a piece of sheet material having a comparatively short front side continued in a pair of outwardly and backwardly directed front side edges and a pair of inwardly and backwardly directed rear side edges, said second pair of side edges meeting at about the central axis of said piece of material, part of the material at the two ends of the front edge being separated, doubled underneath the front part of the protector, secured to it at its two ends so as to form a pocket, a row of loops secured to one side of said piece of material and a ribbon slidably passed underneath said row of loops, for the purpose set forth.

2. In a hat protector of claim 1, said loops having means to attach them to or detach them from suitable receiving means arranged in several substantially parallel rows nearer and further from the center of said piece of material.

3. In a hat protector of claim 1, each of said loops being in multiple form so as to provide several substantially parallel rows of loops for said ribbon to pass it over said piece of material nearer to or further away from the center thereof.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York, and State of New York, this 12th day of May, A. D. 1925.

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