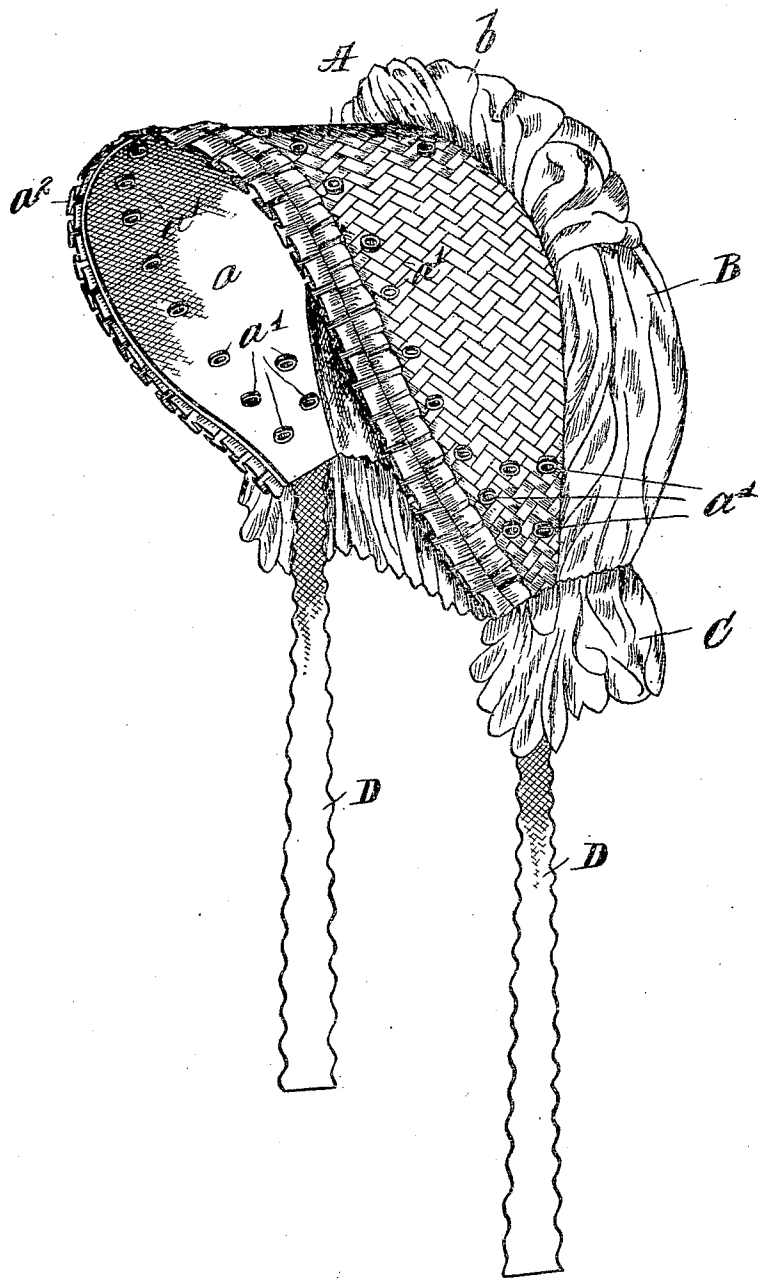


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARY E. BALDWIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sunbonnets, of which the following, taken in connection with the drawing, is a description.

My invention has for its object the production of a bonnet designed for women's and children's wear, which shall be light, cheap and simple in construction, and one which affords many advantages over the old style starched bonnets heretofore used.

This bonnet is particularly desirable for use as an outing bonnet, and is constructed with a head piece preferably of Japanese straw which is not affected by dampness as are the starched bonnets.

One of the principal features embodied in my improved bonnet resides in the use of the matting head piece and the means employed therein for ventilation, and also the means provided to facilitate hearing.

A great objection to bonnets as heretofore constructed has been the fact that they fit closely over the ears of the wearer and obstruct sounds. In my improved bonnet I provide apertures through the head piece in a position directly opposite the wearer's ears, thereby producing a bonnet which overcomes the aforesaid objection entirely.

In the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, and in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts, I have illustrated one form of device embodying the essential features of my invention, although the same may be carried into effect in other ways without departing from the spirit thereof, and in the drawing the figure represents a perspective view of a bonnet embodying my improvements.

In carrying out my invention A is the head piece of the bonnet, the outside of which is preferably made of Japanese straw matting which may be first steamed and pressed to toughen the fiber thereof. This head piece A is crescent shaped as shown in the drawing and is provided with a lining *a* of any desired material which is cut the same shape as the matting portion, but sufficiently larger to permit of it being turned

over and bound around the rough edges of the straw head piece A. The straw matting portion A, together with the lining *a* is provided with apertures *a'* therethrough, to permit a circulation of air around the head of the wearer, thus overcoming one of the greatest objections to the starched bonnets in which there is no ventilation. At the two corners of the head piece A I arrange a plurality of these apertures at a point which will come directly opposite the ears of the wearer, which facilitates hearing as well as affording ventilation.

B is a crown which may be of silk, cotton, linen or like material, cut sufficiently large to permit of the same being gathered at the top as at *b* where it is secured to the matting portion A. The skirt C of the bonnet is gathered and secured to the crown B and to the ends of the matting portion A as shown. Strings D are secured to the ends of the head piece A and are held in position by the stitching which secures the other parts of the bonnet to the matting A.

The bonnet may be trimmed in any way to suit the wearer, as for instance by a ruffle *a''* arranged as shown in the drawing.

It will be observed that I have provided a bonnet of such construction as not to obscure the side view of the wearer as in sun bonnets as heretofore constructed and I have provided one which is extremely light, cool, and cheap in its construction, and by using the straw matting for the head piece A of the bonnet it never becomes flimsy as is always the case with a starched bonnet in a very short time, especially if exposed to dampness.

I do not desire to be limited to the size of the bonnet here shown or the particular style thereof, as some of the details may be varied without departing from the spirit of my invention, which consists essentially in providing a head piece of such shape that it will be a protection to the face without obscuring the side view of the wearer, and to provide means for ventilation as well as to facilitate hearing.

I claim:

A sun bonnet comprising a crescent shaped head piece of flexible washable material, a fabric lining corresponding in shape to the

head piece and secured thereto, eyelets permanently affixed through said head piece and lining to afford ventilating means therein, a fabric crown secured between the  
5 ends of said crescent, a skirt portion secured to said crown and meeting the ends of the crescent, and fastening strings, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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