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RAIN BONNET

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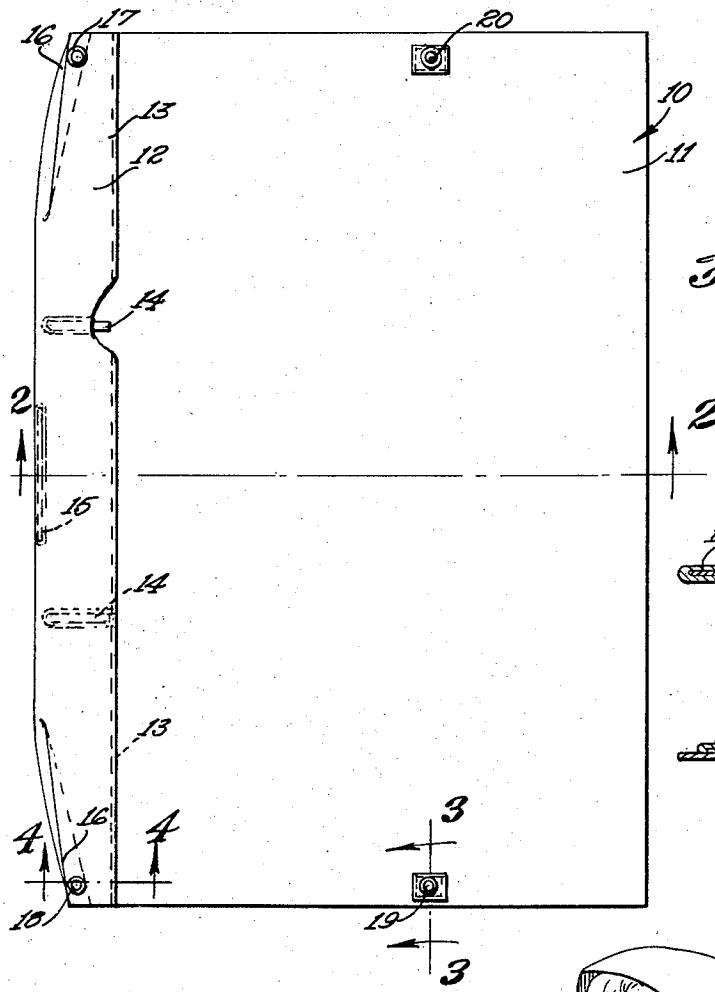


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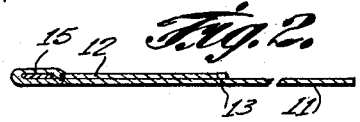


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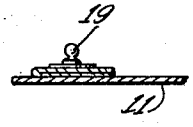


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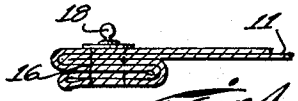


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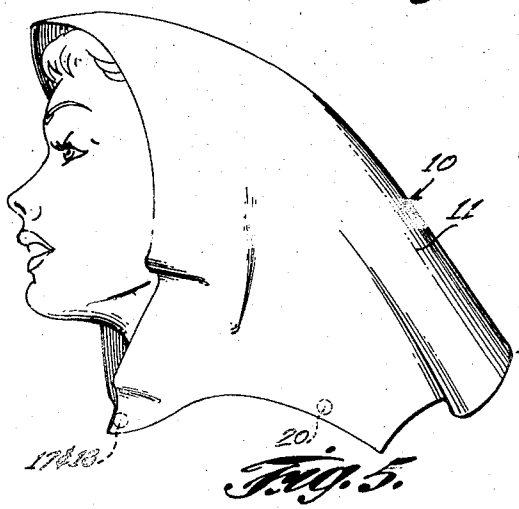


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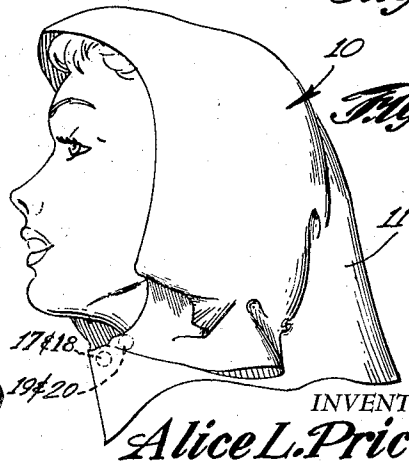


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This invention relates to an article of apparel such as wearing apparel, and more particularly to a headpiece or head cover member.

The object of the invention is to provide a head covering which is adapted to be used for protecting a person's hat or head from adverse weather conditions such as rain or snow.

Another object of the invention is to provide a bonnet which is adapted to be made of suitable material such as flexible plastic material so that when the bonnet is not being used it can be conveniently folded to occupy a small amount of space whereby the device can be conveniently carried in a pocketbook, or a person's pocket or the like.

A further object of the invention is to provide a rain bonnet which is extremely simple and inexpensive to manufacture.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent during the course of the following description.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this application, and in which like numerals are used to designate like parts throughout the same.

Figure 1 is a plan view of the rain bonnet, constructed according to the present invention, and with parts broken away and in section.

Figure 2 is a sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a sectional view taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a perspective view showing the first step in fastening the bonnet on the head.

Figure 6 is a perspective view illustrating the next step in fastening the bonnet on the head.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the numeral **10** indicates the rain bonnet of the present invention, and the bonnet **10** is adapted to be made from a suitable material such as a piece of flexible plastic material. The bonnet **10** includes a major portion **11** which has a substantially rectangular shape, Figure 1, and as shown in the drawings, one long edge of the device is folded over so as to define an upper front or hem portion **12**, and the free edge of the hem portion **12** is secured in place to the major portion of the device, as for example by means of a suitable line of stitching **13**.

Mounted in the hem portion **12** is a first pair of stays **14** which are arranged in spaced parallel relation with respect to each other, and the stays **14** have their longitudinal axes extending parallel to the short edges of the bonnet. Also mounted in the hem portion **12** is a second stay **15** which is arranged at right angles with respect to the first stays **14**. The stays **14** and **15** coact to help maintain the upper front or hem portion **12** of the bonnet in its proper position above the head as shown in Figures 5 and 6 for example, whereby an effective guard or shield against adverse weather conditions such as rain is provided.

As shown in Figures 1 and 4, front end portions of the hem portion **12** are gathered in so as to define reinforced corner sections **16**. A first set of male and female snap fasteners **17** and **18** are secured to the reinforced sections **16**.

There is further provided a second set of coacting male and female snap fastener elements **19** and **20**. The snap fasteners **19** and **20** are spaced rearwardly from the snap fasteners **17** and **18** as shown in the drawings, and this arrangement provides a means whereby the bonnet can be secured in place on the person's head, as for example, as shown in Figures 5 and 6.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that there has been provided a head covering or bonnet which is adapted to be used for protecting a person's head from inclement or adverse weather conditions such as rain, snow or the like. When the bonnet **10** is not being used, it is adapted to be folded so that it occupies a small amount of space whereby it can be conveniently carried in a lady's pocketbook, pocket or the like, and this folding is possible since the device is preferably made from a flexible type of plastic material. When the bonnet is to be used, as for example, when a person is walking out-of-doors during inclement weather conditions, the bonnet is unfolded and then arranged over the head as shown in Figure 5 for example. Then, the snap fasteners **17** and **18** are connected together and then the snap fasteners **19** and **20** are fastened together and this arrangement provides a means of maintaining the bonnet on the head so that the same will not be blown off by wind or the like. Furthermore, the snap fasteners provide a means of maintaining the device on the head so that it is not necessary to hold the device with the hands whereby the person's hands are free to be used for other purposes. The bonnet is constructed so that when the snap fasteners are engaged as shown in Figure 6, a tight sealing arrangement is provided around the person's neck or shoulders so that rain will not accidentally drip or run down a person's neck or back. Furthermore, the stays **14** and **15** are arranged in such a manner that the upper front portion of the bonnet provides a shield or guard to insure that driving rain or the like will be prevented from contacting the adjacent portion of the head, as shown in Figures 5 and 6 for example. The gathered-in portion **16** will insure that the bonnet will have the proper contour at the corners thereof, and these gathered-in portions **16** also provide a reinforced section for the snap fasteners **17** and **18**.

The parts can be made of any suitable material and in different shapes and sizes.

The rain bonnet can be quickly snapped on or off and the device can be folded to a flat position whereby the same can be conveniently carried in a pocket or purse and when the device is folded, it will occupy no more space than a man's folded handkerchief. The bonnet is neat in appearance and can be worn wherever desired and the bonnet can be made so that it is highly attractive. Also, the device is inexpensive to fabricate. With the device fastened in place as shown in Figure 6, rain will be prevented from running down the person's neck or shoulders.

The bonnet may be made of a suitable plastic material which may be transparent or which may be colored and the plastic may be of a type which will not stiffen in cold weather. The bonnet can be folded flat so that it occupies a small size or space when it is not being used, as for example, when the device is folded, it will be approximately the size of a man's handkerchief. With the device in extended position as shown in Figure 1, it may have a size which is 27 inches long and 19 inches wide, but these dimensions may be varied as desired. The double thickness or hem portion **12** provides a holding means for the stays **14** and **15**, and the stays may be made of plastic,

while the snap fasteners may be made of any suitable material such as metal. The device can be worn with or without a hat and the device is not bulky and the snap fasteners will prevent the device from being blown off of the head by wind or the like, and the snap fasteners retain the device on the head so that the person has freedom of both hands. Furthermore, with the bonnet on the head, a person's vision is not impaired or interfered with.

The above description of the invention is for illustrative purposes only and it is understood that modifications may be made in the construction within the scope and spirit of the following claims.

I claim:

1. In a head cover, a body member shaped to include a major portion of substantially rectangular shape, one of the longer edges of said body member forming a front edge portion which is folded over and secured to the major portion of said body member to define a hem, a first pair of spaced parallel stays mounted in said hem, the longitudinal axes of said stays being arranged parallel to the short edges of the body member, a second stay mounted in said hem and arranged at right angles to said first stays, front end portions of the front edge portion of said body member being folded upon themselves to provide reinforced sections, a first set of male and female coacting snap fasteners secured to the outer corners of said reinforced sections, a second set of coating male and female snap fasteners secured to the major portion of said body member, and both sets of said snap fasteners being positioned adjacent the short edges of said body member on opposite sides of the transverse center line of said body member.

2. In a head cover, a body member shaped to include a major portion of substantially rectangular shape, one of the longer edges of said body member forming a front edge portion which is folded over and secured to the major portion of said body member to define a hem, a first pair of spaced parallel stays mounted in said hem and longitudinal axes of said stays being arranged parallel to the short edges of the body member, a second stay mounted in said hem and arranged at right angles to said first stays, front end portions of the front edge portion of said body member being folded into an S-formation to provide reinforced sections, a first set of male and female coacting snap fasteners secured to the outer corners of said reinforced sections, and a second set of coacting male and female snap fasteners secured to the major portion of said body member, said second snap fasteners being spaced rearwardly from said first snap fasteners in parallel relation to the short edges of said body member on opposite sides of the transverse center line of said body member with the second set of snap fasteners being rearwardly of the longitudinal center line of said body member.

3. In a head cover, a body member shaped to include a major portion of substantially rectangular shape, one of the longer edges of said body member forming a front edge portion which is folded over and secured to the major portion of said body member to define a hem, a first pair of spaced parallel stays mounted in said hem and longitudinal axes of said stays being arranged parallel to the short edges of the body member, a second stay mounted in said hem and arranged at right angles to said first stays, front end portions of the front edge portion of said body member being folded upon themselves to form an S-formation to provide reinforced sections, a first set of male and female coacting snap fasteners secured to the outer corners of said reinforced sections, and a second set of coacting male and female snap fasteners secured to the major portion of said body member, said second snap fasteners being spaced rearwardly from said first snap fasteners, said first and second set of snap fasteners being positioned adjacent to and parallel with the short edges of said body member on opposite sides of the transverse center line of said body member with the second set of snap fasteners being rearwardly of the longitudinal center line of said body member, said body member being fabricated of flexible transparent plastic material.

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