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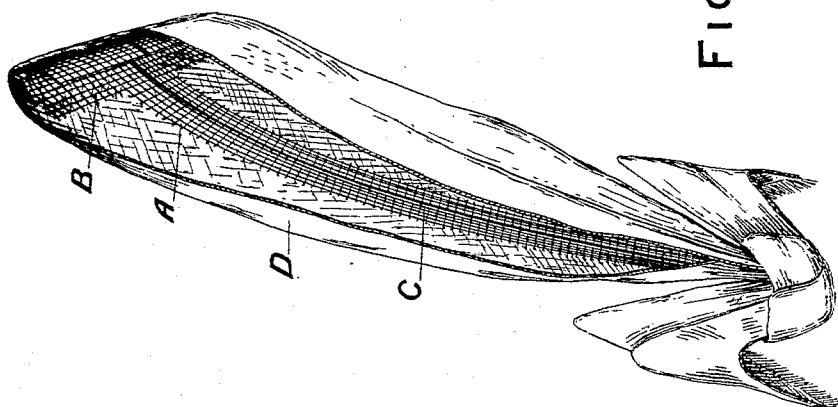


FIG. 2.

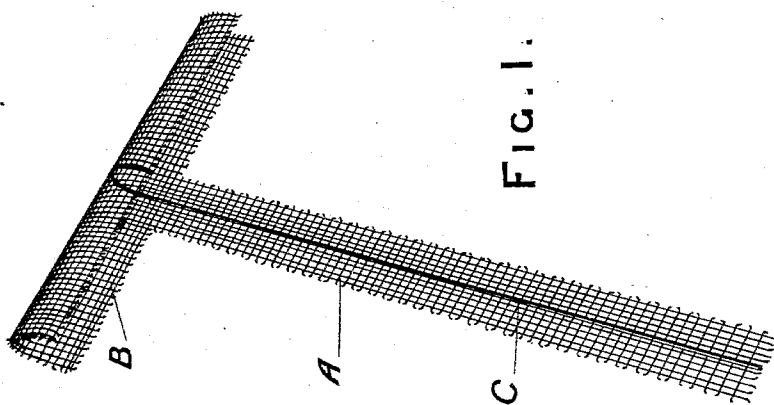


FIG. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SARAH SYMONS, milliner, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, residing at 7 Smith Street, Guernsey, Channel Islands, have invented new and useful Improvements in Millinery Trimmings and the Like, of which the following is a specification.

Heretofore bows, such as are used in millinery, have been stiffened by a bent piece of wire inserted in the lower limb or part of the bow. In actual use this stiffener is apt to slip out of the bow.

Now according to my invention I provide a stiffener made of light wire-gauze open enough to allow the needle to pass freely therethrough and thus enable it to be tacked on in one or more places, if required. This stiffener when applied to ladies' bows is generally more or less of the contour of a crutch, that is to say, an upright part or leg having a cross-bar at one end, all cut out of one piece of wire-gauze. The upright part only is stiffened by means of a thin wire inserted or threaded therein or otherwise connected thereto. The cross-bar part is bent over with a gentle curve, or otherwise, and takes its place in the bottom of the lower limb of the bow, thus keeping it in shape.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the stiffener, and Fig. 2 is a like view illustrating it in its application to a bow.

The said stiffener consists of the upright part or stem A and a crutch or cross-bar B below, all (by preference) cut out of one piece of wire-gauze, having a central stiffening-wire C woven in. The lower edge of the cross-

bar is bent up, as shown, and takes its place in the bottom of the lower limb of the bow D, thus keeping it in shape, the stem A being tacked to the bow at its upper end, which is generally found sufficient for keeping it in place in the bow.

These stiffeners of wire-gauze are painted over to keep them from rusting and thereby soiling the fabric to which they are applied.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new therein, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a bow, of a T-shaped wire-gauze brace or stiffener having the outer edge of its cross-bar recurved or bent inwardly to form a curvilinear bearing for the outer end of the bow and prevent the abrading or cutting of the material, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with a bow, of a T-shaped brace or stiffener having the outer edge of its cross-bar recurved or bent inwardly to form a curvilinear bearing for the outer end of the bow, said brace or stiffener made of wire-gauze having a stiffening-wire C extending longitudinally thereof, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. The combination with a bow, of a T-shaped wire-gauze brace having the outer edge of its cross-bar recurved or bent inwardly to form a bearing for the outer end of the bow, and having its stem or leg stiffened, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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