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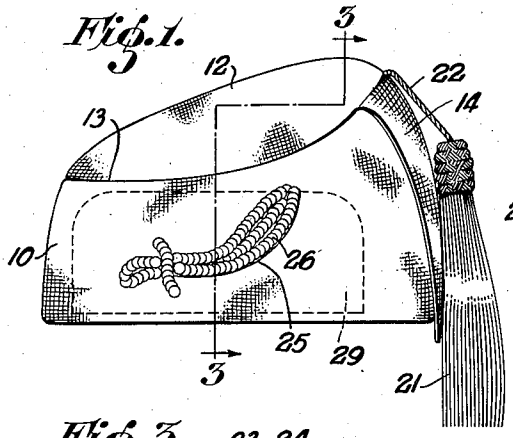


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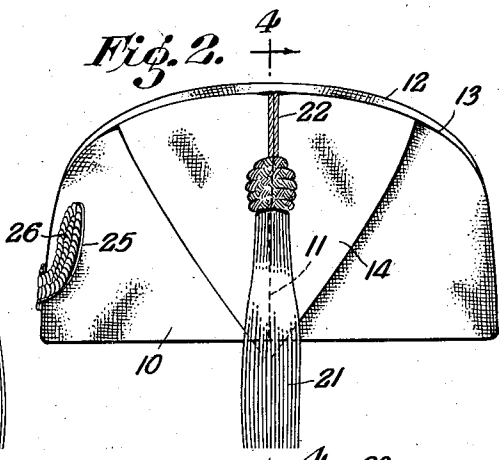


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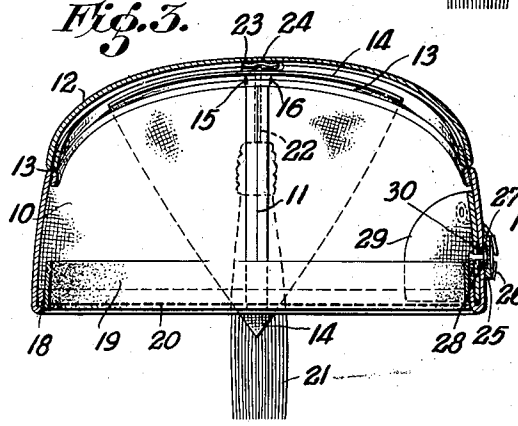


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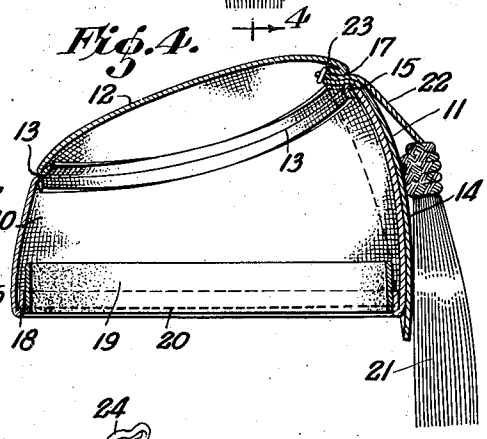


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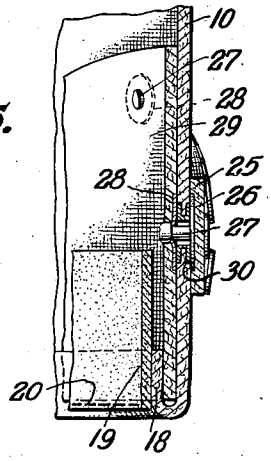
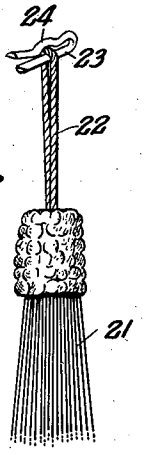


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The present invention relates to an improvement in a lady's emblematic cap, particularly of the type adapted to be worn by members of fraternal organizations, and has for an object to provide an improved cap structure which effectually lends itself to uniform quantity production methods, and at the same time produces a cap of attractive and smart appearance. Another object is to provide a cap of this type which adapts itself to production in various sizes without substantial alteration in the uniform appearance of caps of varying sizes.

Caps of this type are frequently worn at large gatherings, such as conventions, parades, and the like, and are subjected to considerable handling and rough usage, and it is an object of the invention to provide a cap structure having structural features which permit such usage while at the same time maintaining its form and smartness, to the end that the caps worn by the numerous members of such organizations will all have a substantially uniform appearance.

It is proposed to provide, as one feature of the invention, a covering flap for the vertical seam of the band portion of the cap, which flap is connected at its upper edge within the curved seam connecting the crown and band portions of the cap. Thus the downwardly hanging flap, by virtue of being rounded laterally through its connection to the curved seam of the crown, will have inherent stiffness, so that irrespective of the position of the seam, through bulging or the like, the outward appearance of the cap will remain uniform. This flap has the further function of providing a support for an ornamental tassel carried by the cap at one side, so that such tassel remains out of contact with the seam. In viewing the cap from the front, the flap will provide a substantially unwrinkled outline against which the tassel rests, irrespective of the position of the seam beneath the flap. As viewed from the side, the flap will provide an attractive and smooth background for the tassel without contact of the tassel with the seam. This is an important feature as the tassel on such cap should hang freely, and such seam would present a grooved surface which might restrain such free hanging.

Another object is to provide improved means for detachably connecting the tassel, so that it may be readily removed for the purpose of cleaning or replacement.

Another object is to provide an improved attaching structure for the emblem provided upon the front of the cap, and which allows the emblem to be readily removed for cleaning or replacement. Such emblems are usually of delicate construction, as for instance, a structure embroidered with sequins, and the user of such cap may desire to remove such emblem when the cap is not being worn in order to prevent damage to the emblem. It is particularly proposed to provide an emblem with separable fastener means, and further to provide upon the interior of the band portion of the cap a protective sheet of material carrying parts of the fastener means. It is further proposed to construct the protective sheet of suitable moisture resistant material, so as to protect the fabric of the cap from perspiration of the forehead. The detachability of the protective sheet permits it to be removed for convenient replacement. The protective sheet is preferably formed of relative stiff material, and therefore has the further function of maintaining the form of the cap at the front where the emblem is placed.

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With the above and other objects in view, an embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawing, and this embodiment will be hereinafter more fully described with reference thereto, and the invention will be finally pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a front elevation of a lady's emblematic cap, according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment of the invention.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation, as seen from the right in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view, taken along the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a transverse vertical sectional view, taken along the line 4—4 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a detailed vertical sectional view, on an enlarged scale, of the forward portion of the cap showing the emblem attaching means.

Fig. 6 is a fragmentary perspective view, on an enlarged scale, of the tassel and its securing means.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several figures of the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, the lady's emblematic cap, according to the illustrated exemplary embodiment of the invention, comprises a band portion 10, of felt or other suitable material, joined at its end edges by a vertical seam 11 disposed at one side of the cap. In the illustrated embodiment of the invention the right-hand side of the cap is higher than the left-hand side, and the seam 11 is, therefore, substantially higher

than the height of the diametrically opposite portion of the band. In forming the seam 11, the marginal edges of the material are folded upon the inner surface of the cap, so that the stitching of the seam is invisible. The upper edge of the band is secured to the crown 12, of felt or other suitable material, by a seam 13, the marginal upper edge of the band and the peripheral edge of the crown being folded inwardly so that the stitching is invisible.

A flap member 14, also of felt or other suitable material, and of substantially triangular form, has its upper marginal portion inserted between the edge of the band and the edge of the crown and secured by the stitching of the seam 13, this flap extending at each side of the vertical seam 11 and hanging downwardly over the seam to conceal it. The stitching of the seam 13 is started at one side of the vertical seam 11 and ends at the other side, so there remains an unstitched portion coincident to and at each side of the upper end of the seam 11. The ends of the stitching of the seam 13 are preferably secured by tacking stitches 15 and 16 at each side of the seam 11, as clearly shown in Fig. 3, and the space between these tacking stitches constitutes an eyelet or slot opening 17, for the detachable connection of the tassel. The lower side of this slot opening is formed by the folded-in upper edge of the flap 14, and the upper side is formed by the folded-in marginal portion of the crown, so that a smooth entrance portion is provided for insertion of the tassel cord through the slot opening, as will presently more fully appear.

The lower edge of the band portion 10 is folded upwardly within the cap, as at 18, and an inner hat band 19 is secured thereto by a line of stitches 20, this inner hat band being formed of any suitable material, as for instance, ribbon tape, or the like.

The tassel 21 is provided with a looped cord 22 to which a key member 23 is connected, this key member being of common type provided with a straight leg at one side and an outwardly indented leg at the other side, the cord being removably held in the indentation 24. In order to engage the tassel, the key is inserted endwise through the slot opening 17 to the interior of the cap, whereupon it assumes a transverse position which prevents it from being pulled outwardly. In order to disengage it, the key is inserted endwise through the slot opening 17 from the inner side of the cap.

The emblem, shown in the form of a sword, comprises a base member 25 formed of felt or other suitable flexible material upon which decorative embroidery, in the form of sequins or the like 26, is secured. To the inner side of the backing member 25, there are secured at suitable points the head parts 27 of snap fastener members, the socket parts 28 being secured to a protective liner member 29 provided upon the inner side of the forward portion of the band of the cap, its lower portion being disposed beneath the head band 19, as clearly shown in Fig. 3. The forward portion of the band is provided at suitable points with holes for receiving the snap fasteners, these holes being preferably reinforced by metal grommets or eyelet members 30 secured therein. Thus the attaching of the emblem also attaches the protective member 29, and through

cooperation of the snap fasteners and the hat band 19, the protective member is maintained in a self-sustaining position to provide support for the forward part of the band portion of the hat where the emblem is displayed. The protective member 29 is preferably of a relatively stiff flexible material which is moisture resistant, so that it maintains the form of the band beneath the emblem and protects the band portion of the cap from perspiration of the forehead.

I have illustrated and described a preferred and satisfactory embodiment of the invention, but it will be understood that changes may be made therein, within the spirit and scope thereof, as defined in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In a lady's emblematic cap, a one-piece head encircling band portion turned-in at the upper rim edge and having its end edges joined at one side of the cap by a substantially vertical side seam, a curvilinear crown portion turned-in at its peripheral rim edge in conforming relation to said turned-in rim edge of said band portion, a flap portion externally overlying said side seam having an upper turned-in rim edge extending a substantial distance forwardly and rearwardly of said side seam and disposed between and conforming to the turned-in rim edges of said band and crown portions, and crown seam stitching concealed within the cap securing together said turned-in rim edges of said band, crown and flap portions, said flap portion being free of attachment below said stitching.

2. In a lady's emblematic cap, a one-piece head encircling band portion turned-in at the upper rim edge and having its end edges joined at one side of the cap by a substantially vertical side seam, said end edges being substantially greater in vertical height than the intermediate part of said band portion at the opposed side of the cap and said upper rim edge being inclined downwardly from said end edges to said opposed side, a curvilinear crown portion turned-in at its peripheral rim edge in conforming relation to said turned-in rim edge of said band portion, a flap portion externally over-lying said side seam having an upper turned-in rim edge extending a substantial distance forwardly and rearwardly of said side seam and disposed between and conforming to the turned-in rim edges of said band and crown portions, and crown seam stitching concealed within the cap securing together said turned-in rim edges of said band, crown and flap portions, said flap portion being free of attachment below said stitching.

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