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Fig. 1.

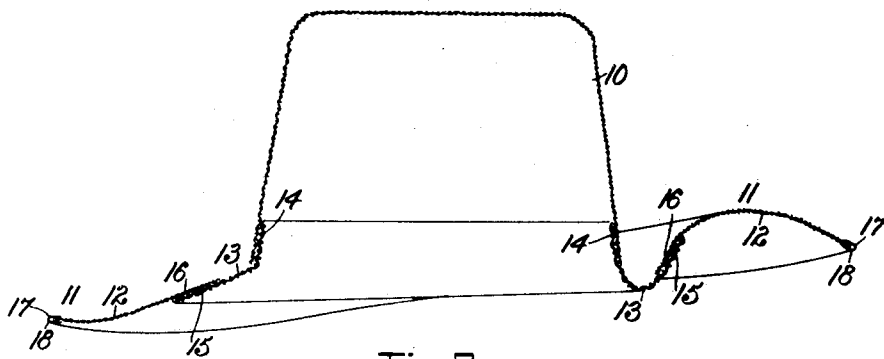
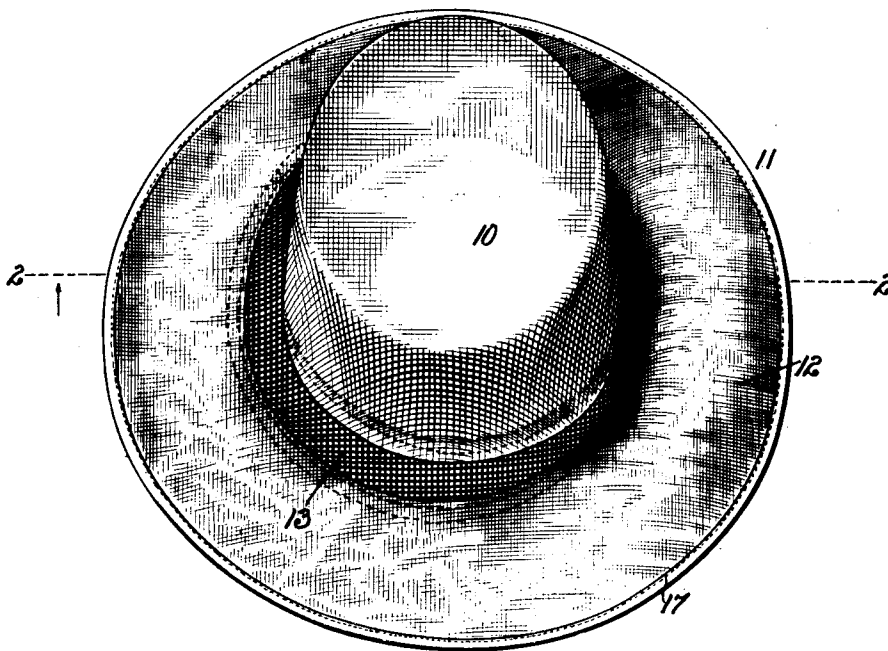


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB HUTTER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Frame for Women's Hats, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of the invention is to provide a new and improved frame for women's hats arranged to permit the milliner or the wearer of the hat to vary the shape of the entire brim or any part thereof to suit the individual taste. In order to accomplish the desired result, use is made of a brim formed of an outer and an inner section, of which the inner section is made of an open mesh relatively stiff material, and the outer section is made of a flexible or pliable material capable of being bent to assume and retain the desired shape.

A practical embodiment of the invention is represented in the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved frame for women's hats; and Fig. 2 is a sectional side elevation of the same on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Frames for ladies' hats as heretofore constructed were made of stiff net buckram or willow, but both of these materials are of heavy body or are starched or sized in order to give the same the desired thickness. In order to give the desired shape to a hat frame made of these materials it is necessary to have a top and bottom die between which the material is placed while in a moistened condition. The dies are heated and subjected to pressure and on being removed the heavy material has the shape of the dies but only one shape or frame can be made between a pair of dies and it is practically impossible to alter or change the shape of a frame made by such pair of dies. With the improvement presently to be described in detail it is possible to use other flexible materials besides buckram and willow and especially such materials as can be

given any desired shape to suit the taste of the milliner or the wearer. Such flexible pliable materials include imitation panama, the various soft willows, soft net and bonalean. A brim produced of these materials can be rolled, turned up or down and otherwise bent so as to give the desired shape to the brim to suit the taste of the milliner or wearer.

The hat frame in its general construction consists of a crown 10 and a brim 11, of which the crown 10 is preferably made of stiff buckram or willow while the brim 11 is made of an outer annular section 12 and an inner annular section 13. The inner annular section 13 is preferably made of the same stiff material as the crown 10 and is provided along its inner edge with an upturned flange 14 sewed or otherwise fastened to the lower rim of the crown 10. The outer marginal portion 15 of the inner section 13 is overlapped by the inner marginal portion 16 of the outer brim section 11 and the overlapping portions 15 and 16 are fastened together by stitches or other suitable means. The outer brim portion 11 is made of a flexible pliable material such as above referred to and capable of being bent by hand into any desired shape by the milliner or wearer according to the taste of the same, it being understood that in the manufacture of the hat frame the inner section 13 is given a predetermined shape by subjecting it to pressure by a pair of heated dies, the same as the crown 10 above mentioned. The outer edge of the outer brim section 12 is preferably provided with a suitable binding 17 containing a reinforcing wire 18 which aids in preserving the shape given by the milliner or wearer to the outer brim section 12. It is understood that the crown 10 and the inner brim section 13 are preferably made of open mesh stiff buckram or willow capable of being shaped in a pair of heated dies under the application of pressure, while the outer section 12 is of a comparatively close mesh and is of a material capable of assuming and retaining a desired shape without being subjected to a shaping action between heated dies.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

As a new article of manufacture a lady's hat, comprising a crown and a brim formed of two annular sections, the sections being secured together and the inner section secured to the crown, the crown and inner sec-

tion of the brim being of relatively stiff open mesh material, and the outer section of the brim being of flexible close mesh material, whereby provision is made for giving a fixed shape to the inner brim section and a variable shape to the outer section.

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