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Fig. 1.

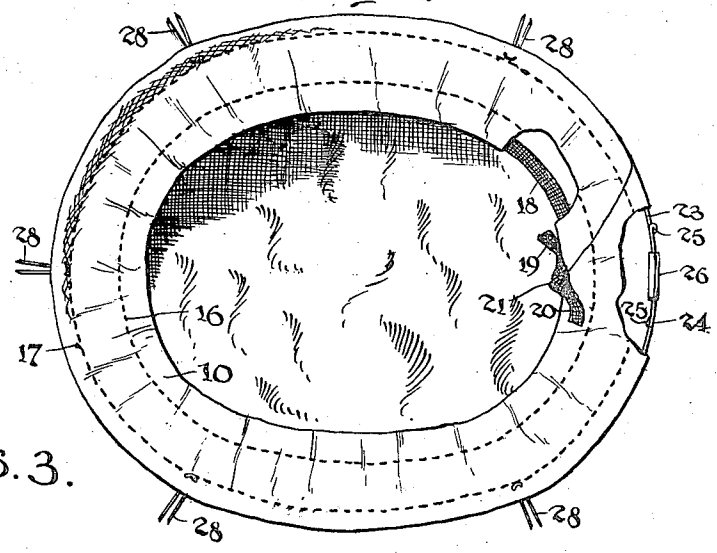


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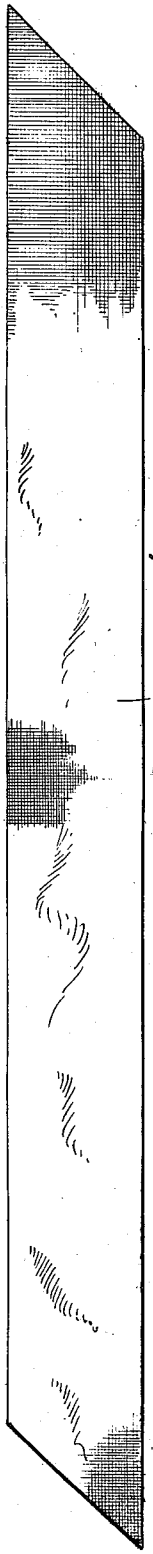


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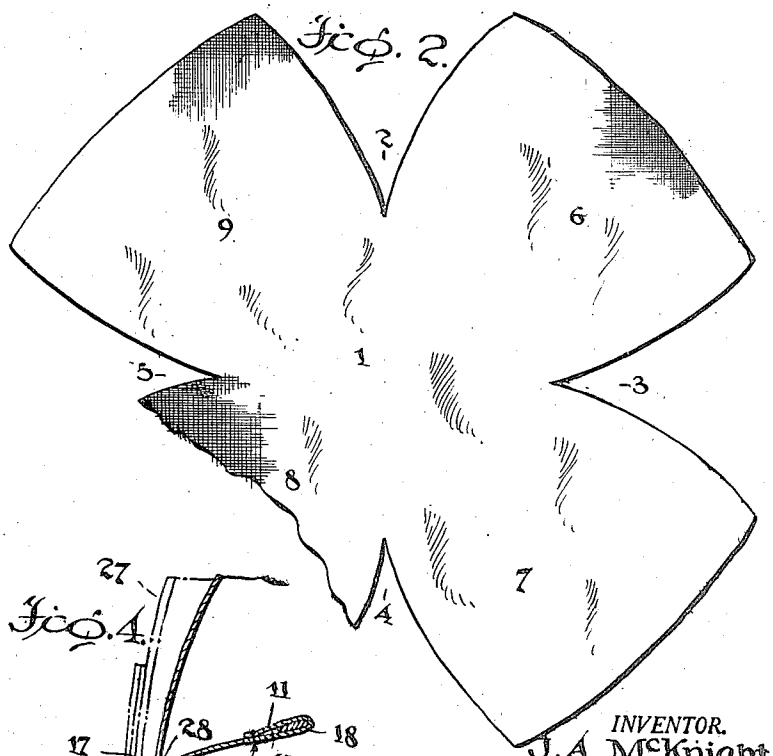


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JANIE A. McKNIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lincolnton, in the county of Lincoln and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Hat Linings and Bandeaux, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a combined lining and adjustable bandeau for use in connection with hats, and has for its object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a combined lining and adjustable bandeau capable of being detachably secured within a hat and overcoming the necessity of separately sewing the lining to the crown of the hat, and further providing for a dealer to position the combined lining and adjustable bandeau into a hat without the cooperation of the manufacturer of the hat, or in other words it enables a dealer to conveniently provide a hat with not only a lining but also an adjustable bandeau for the purpose of obtaining a snug fit.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a combined lining and adjustable bandeau provided with means for detachably securing the same within the crown of a hat when occasion so requires.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a combined hat lining and adjustable bandeau including means to overcome the necessity of securing the lining and bandeau in position within the hat by sewing.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a combined lining and adjustable bandeau having means to provide for the adjustment of the bandeau for different size hats and further with means to set up a snug fit of the hat with respect to the head of the wearer.

Further objects of the invention are to provide a combined lining and adjustable bandeau for the purpose set forth and in a manner hereinafter referred to, which is simple in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable, thoroughly efficient in its use, conveniently secured within the crown of a hat, and inexpensive to manufacture.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter more specifically described and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein is shown an embodiment of the invention, but it is to be understood that changes, variations and modifications can be resorted to which come within the scope of the claims hereunto appended.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote corresponding parts throughout the several views:—

Figure 1 is a bottom plan view, broken away, of a combined lining and bandeau in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is a plan view, broken away, of the lining element of the combined lining and bandeau prior to the securing of the lining to the bandeau.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the strip of material from which the body portion of the bandeau is formed.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary sectional view of the combined lining and bandeau.

The lining of the combined lining and bandeau is formed of a body portion 1 of suitable fabric, provided with V-shaped slits, four in number, as indicated at 2, 3, 4 and 5, to form projections 6, 7, 8 and 9 of substantial width. Each projection increases in width outwardly from its inner end for a portion of its length and then slightly decreases in width towards its free end. This construction is formed, in view of the fact, that the walls of each of the slits are arcuate, but the curvatures are in opposite directions with respect to each other.

When the lining is formed, the walls of each of the slits are secured together and which provide what may be termed a crown or dome-shaped lining.

The body portion of the bandeau is formed from a strip of fabric 10, cut on the bias, and which has its upper marginal part inturned, as at 11, to form a hem, or rather a pocket 12. The inturned portion 11 is positioned adjacent the lining.

The body portion of the bandeau is arranged against the lower portion of the lining and the latter together with the lower marginal part of the body portion of the bandeau is inturned in an upward direction, as indicated at 13, 14, and by this arrangement the inturned part of the body portion of the bandeau incloses the inturned part of the lining. See Figure 4. The inturned upwardly extending part of the lining provides a pocket 15. The inturned part 11 of the body portion of the bandeau is se-

cured therewith by a row of stitching 16, for the purpose of closing the pocket 12.

The inturned upwardly extending parts 13, 14 of the lining and the body portion of the bandeau are secured together, as well as to the lining and to the body portion of the bandeau by a row of stitching 17, for the purpose of closing the pocket 15.

Mounted in the pocket 12 is a length of elastic 18 and which has the end terminals thereof projecting from a slit formed in the body portion of the bandeau, and said end terminals of the elastic 18 are indicated at 19, 20, and are tied together, as at 21 for the purpose of maintaining the elastic 18 in the position to which it has been adjusted, and by this arrangement it provides for the proper fitting of the bandeau to the head. The elastic 18 is flat so that when the bandeau is worn it will not cause any inconvenience to the wearer and which would be the cause if the elastic was rounded or cylindrical.

Arranged within the pocket 15 is a loop formed from a length of a spring wire 22, capable of being adjusted to provide for the bandeau fitting different size hats, and which furthermore acts as a means to reinforce the bottom of the bandeau to prevent the gathering or buckling thereof.

The end terminal portions of the wire 22 are indicated at 23, 24, and each terminus of the wire is enlarged, as at 25. The end terminal portions 23, 24, are seated upon each other and are connected together by a coupling sleeve 26 which provides what may be termed a frictional clamp for retaining said end terminal portions 23, 24 in adjusted position relative to each other under normal conditions. When the wire 22 is shifted to increase the length of the end terminals 23, 24, the size of the loop formed by the wire 22 will be reduced, and when the wire is shifted to decrease the length of the end terminal portions 23, 24, the size of the loop formed by the wire 22, will be increased, and by this arrangement the bandeau can be made to fit varying sizes of hats.

The combined lining and bandeau is detachably secured to the crown of the hat by the retailer, so, therefore, it is not necessary for the manufacturer to set up a hat with the combined lining and bandeau sewed therein, or the lining sewed therein, and the bandeau connected in position. In other words, by employing the combined lining and bandeau it does not necessitate the manufacturer setting up a hat with a lining and sweat band secured therein.

In Figure 4 of the drawings, there is shown in dotted lines the crown of a hat as indicated at 27 and detachably secured to the crown 27, near the bottom thereof, is the combined lining and bandeau. The means employed for detachably securing the combined lining and bandeau in position consists of a series of spaced bendable staples 28, which are carried by the lower portion of the bandeau and lining, extend therethrough in an outward direction, as well as projecting outwardly from the inturned portions 13 and 14. Each of the staples 28 is of a length to extend through the crown 27 and then bent to engage the outer face thereof, whereby the combined lining and bandeau is secured in position. The staples 28 also act as a means to arrest upward movement of the wire 22 within the pocket 15.

The flat elastic 18 overcomes the uneasy feelings which are present in the use of elastic of the cylindrical type, and furthermore sets up a binding action of greater area than would be obtained by elastic of the cylindrical type. The combined lining and adjustable bandeau is so constructed as to conform readily to the size of the head of the wearer, as well as to provide for snugly fitting and overcoming any discomfort when employed, and further enables the retailer to employ the device for hats of different sizes, which are not provided with linings, and at the same time enables the retailer to adjust the bandeaus so that snug fit will be had on the head of the wearer.

It is thought the many advantages of a combined lining and adjustable bandeau set up in accordance with this invention, can be readily understood from the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, but it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction can be had which will fall within the light of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:—

1. An attachment for hats for the purpose set forth, comprising a crown-shaped lining provided with a pocket at its lower end, an adjustable loop formed of spring wire mounted in said pocket, a bandeau arranged within the lining and projected away from the lower portion thereof and provided with means within its upper end for adjusting its size, means for securing the lower end portion of the bandeau and the lower end portion of the lining together, said adjusting means projecting from the bandeau to provide for the adjusting of said means, and a series of independent removable elements extending through the lower portion of the bandeau and lining in proximity to said loop for detachably securing them in position within the crown of a hat.

2. An attachment for hats for the purpose set forth, comprising a crown-shaped lining provided with a pocket at its lower end, an adjustable loop formed of spring wire mounted in said pocket, a bandeau arranged within the lining and projected away from the lower portion thereof and provided with a flat elastic within its up-

per end for adjusting its size, means for securing the lower end portion of the bandeau and the lower end portion of the lining together, said flat elastic having the end terminal portions thereof projecting from the bandeau to provide for the adjusting of the elastic, and a series of independent removable elements extending through the lower portion of the bandeau and lining in proximity to said loop for detachably securing them in position within the crown of a hat.

3. An attachment for hats comprising a crown-shaped lining having an outwardly arranged upturned lower portion to provide a pocket, a bandeau arranged within and projecting from said lining, said bandeau having an upturned lower portion overlapping the upturned lower portion of the lining, said upturned lower portion of the lining providing a pocket, means for securing the lining, bandeau and said upturned portions together, said bandeau having arranged within its upper portion an adjustable flat elastic to vary the size thereof, a loop formed of an adjustable spring wire mounted in said pocket, means overlapping the end terminal portions of said wire for securing it in adjusted position, and removable means for detachably securing the lining and bandeau to and within the crown of a hat.

4. An attachment for hats comprising a crown-shaped lining having an outwardly arranged upturned lower portion to provide a pocket, a bandeau arranged within and projecting from said lining, said bandeau having an upturned lower portion overlapping the upturned lower portion of the lining, said upturned lower portion of the lining providing a pocket, means for securing the lining, bandeau and said upturned portions together, said bandeau having arranged within its upper portion an adjustable flat elastic to vary the size thereof, a loop formed of an adjustable spring wire mounted in said pocket, means overlapping the end terminal portions of said wire for securing it in adjusted position, and a series of independent removable fastener elements extending through the lower portion of said lining bandeau and upturned portions for detachably connecting the same to and within the crown of a hat.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

JANIE A. McKNIGHT.