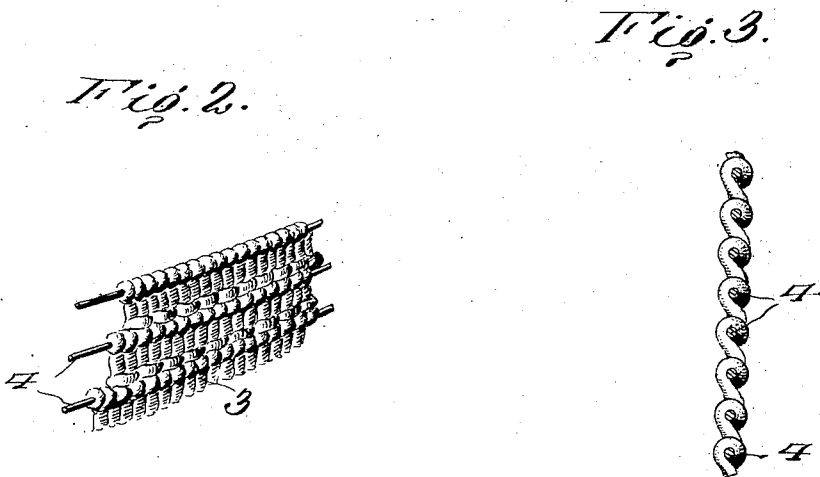
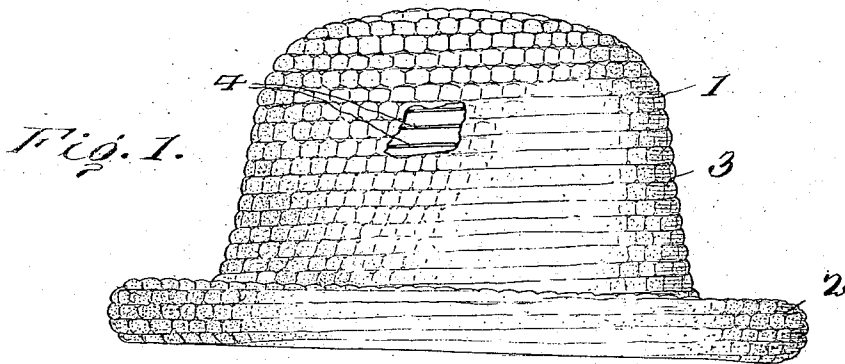


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LUELLA STILWELL KINNARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at 708 North Main street, Anderson, in the county of Madison, State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Articles of Wearing-Apparel, of which the following is a description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the figures of reference marked thereon.

The invention relates to new and useful improvements in articles of wearing apparel and more particularly to articles of this character made from knitted or crocheted fabric.

An object of the invention is to provide an article of the above character which is so constructed that a pliable wire or some suitable equivalent may be located entirely within and concealed by the enchainment loops forming the knitted or crocheted article, whereby said article may be bent or shaped as desired, and retain said shape.

In the drawings, which show by way of illustration one embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a head covering embodying my improvements; Fig. 2 is an enlarged section showing three adjacent knitted chains joined together, each of which encircles and conceals a pliable wire core; Fig. 3 is a section through the head covering transversely of the knitted chains.

The invention consists broadly in the forming of an article by the enchainment of loops of thread or yarn or other suitable material, and the laying of these enchainment loops spirally and joining adjacent rows as they are formed. In order that the article thus formed may be shaped as desired and held in such position, I have formed each knitted or crocheted chain or row of loops around a pliable wire which will be concealed by the loops of yarn or thread, and at the same time retain the article in the shape in which it may be bent.

Referring more in detail to the drawings, my invention consists of a head covering 1, which, as herein shown, is in the shape of a hat having a rim 2. The body portion of the head covering, which includes the rim, is formed by a spirally laid knitted chain 3. Each chain is 1

terlocking or interlooping loops of yarn or thread so as to form a chain of loops and each spiral row is joined to the adjacent spiral row by the interlooping or interlocking of the loops in one row with the loops in the next adjacent row. I prefer to interlock the loops of one row with the next adjacent row, in order to secure the chains together in the forming of the head covering. It will be obvious from certain aspects of the invention that the enchainment loops in one row may be otherwise joined to the next adjacent row.

While I have referred to the chain of loops as a knitted or crocheted chain, it will be understood that I do not limit myself to any particular way of interlooping or interlocking the loops. The interlocked loops are formed about a pliable wire, which extends entirely throughout the head covering from the outer edge of the rim to the crown of the head covering. The loops forming the chain completely cover and conceal the wire core running therethrough, and, therefore, in the finished head covering the pliable wire which serves to hold the head covering in the desired shape, is not visible either from the inner or outer faces of the head covering.

It will be obvious from the above description that my improved head covering may be quickly made by the interlocking or interlooping of loops of yarn or thread, and simultaneously with the forming of each knitted chain the wire is placed centrally of the chain so that when the head covering is completed the pliable wire is placed and the head covering finished so far as the construction and insertion of the forming or shaping member is concerned. The ends of the wire may be bent or curled in any desired way to hold the same properly positioned relative to the ends of the chain of loops.

While I have described my invention specifically as embodied in a head covering, it will be understood from the statement of the invention and the claims and the general description of my device, that the invention relates to all articles of wearing apparel which may be formed by a knitted or crocheted chain, and made as above noted, and formed around a pliable wire.

It is obvious that minor changes in the detail of construction and the arrangement

of parts may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention, as set forth in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. An article of wearing apparel comprising a body portion formed by a spirally laid knitted or crocheted chain, adjacent rows interlooping with one another, and a pliable core located within and concealed by the loops of said spiral chain and extending substantially throughout the entire length thereof, whereby said body portion when bent or shaped as desired will be retained in said shaped position by said pliable core.
2. An article of wearing apparel comprising a body portion formed by a spirally laid knitted or crocheted chain, adjacent rows interlooping with one another, and a continuous pliable wire core located within and concealed by the loops of said spiral chain and extending substantially throughout the entire length thereof, whereby said body portion when bent or shaped as desired will be retained in said shaped position by said wire core.
3. A hat comprising a crown portion and

a brim formed by a spirally laid knitted or crocheted chain, adjacent rows interlooping with one another, and a pliable core located within and concealed by the loops of said spiral chain and extending substantially throughout the entire length thereof, whereby said crown and said brim when bent or shaped as desired will be retained in said shaped position by said pliable core.

4. A hat comprising a crown portion and a brim formed by a spirally laid knitted or crocheted chain, adjacent rows interlooping with one another, and a pliable wire core located within and concealed by the loops of said spiral chain and extending substantially throughout the entire length thereof, whereby said crown and said brim when bent or shaped as desired will be retained in said shaped position by said pliable wire core.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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