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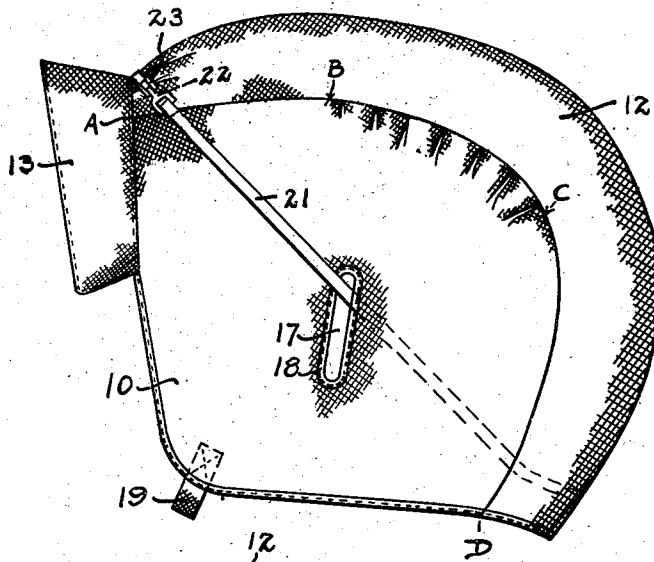


Fig. 1.

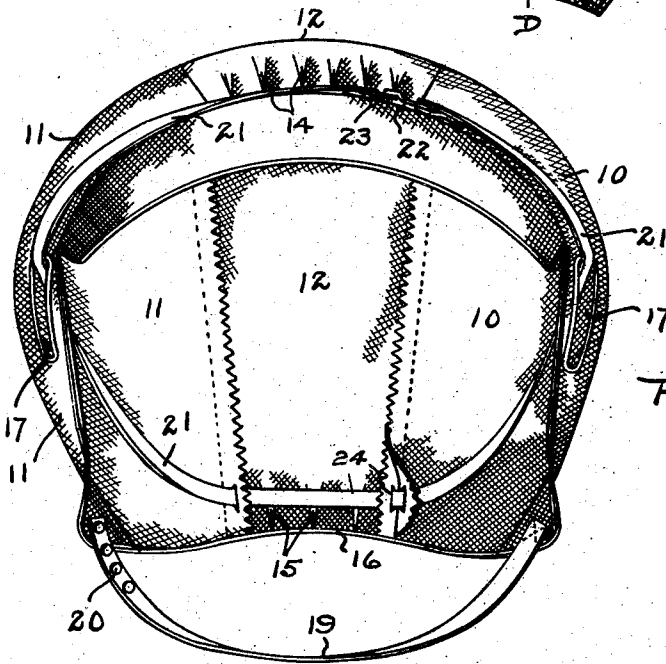


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to caps, particularly of the type to be worn by women to protect their hair in factory work and the like. A primary object of the invention is to provide an exceedingly simply constructed cap that is light in weight which at the same time will be quite durable and most effective in covering the hair of the wearer.

A further primary object of the invention is to provide a structure that may be quickly adapted to a range of sizes of heads or amounts of hair without employment of complicated mechanism.

These and other important objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent to those versed in the art in the following description of one particular form as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a view in side elevation of a cap embodying the invention; and

Fig. 2, a view in front elevation.

Like characters of reference indicate like parts throughout the several views in the drawing.

The cap may be made out of any suitable pliable material, such as fabric, the material preferably being of light weight and permitting air to pass through to some extent at least.

The side panels 10 and 11 are respectively attached along the longitudinal edges of the central panel 12. In so doing, the side panel 10 will be gathered along a part of its edge, such as between the points B and C, in order to provide a fullness or the proper degree of curvature in the side panel. The other side panel 11 will be attached to the opposite edge of the central panel 12 in the same manner.

Both the front and rear ends of the central panel 12 will have gathers 14 and 15 formed therein respectively, as best indicated in Fig. 2, in order to further form the united elements into proper fitting conformation. These gathers will be held in place by suitable transverse stitching or by a hem 16 across the lower end particularly.

The visor 13 will be attached to extend equidistantly from the center of the center line of the front end of the central panel 12 and will be of sufficient length to carry down a distance on each of the side panels 10 and 11. If this visor is made somewhat rigid, it will serve as a guard against injury to the wearer of the cap should the wearer lean over against some moving piece of machinery in which event the visor would first strike the machinery to hold the head out of contact therewith.

Both panels 10 and 11 are provided with slots 17 opening approximately over the ear of the

wearer of the cap. The edges of these slots may be finished in any suitable manner, such as by running a tape 18 therearound. The front lower corners of the panels 10 and 11 may be drawn one toward the other by a chin strap 19 secured to one panel corner and detachably engaging with the other corner by any suitable means, such as by glove fasteners 20, Fig. 2. The exact form of fastener or means of engaging the free end of the strap with this panel 11 may vary, depending upon what material may be available and what may be desired by the wearer of the cap.

Now in order to draw the back lower edge of the cap snugly up under the hair of the wearer of the cap, a strap 21 is provided to be held by this lower rear portion of the cap and to pass respectively through the slots 17 of the two side panels and come up over the forward edge of the cap immediately at the back edge of the visor 13 where the strap may be secured in variable adjustment as may be required.

In the form herein shown, the strap 21 is passed through slots 24 provided through the inturned edges at the seams between the side panels 10 and 11 and the intervening central panel 12, as indicated in Fig. 2. The free ends of the straps are respectively carried through the slot 17 of each side panel 10 and 11 and then brought around over the top, outside of the cap, to interengage by any suitable means, herein shown as by a hook 22 on the one end of the strap engaging in an eye 23 on the other end of the strap. By use of this structure, the strap 21 is confined within the cap until it reaches the upper level of the wearer's ears from whence the straps curve around over the top of the cap. By so doing, the exterior of the cap is kept free from exposed straps about its lower side and rear portions so as to eliminate the danger thereof in catching upon parts of machinery. Furthermore this simple structure permits quick and easy production and assembly of the cap without the use of an undue number of metal or plastic parts as securing agents. The straps 19 and 21 may be made out of the same material as that employed to make the panels 10, 11 and 12, or they may be made out of other less pliable material, all as may be desired. The fabric material, however, works exceedingly well.

While I have herein shown and described my invention in the one particular form, it is obvious that structural variations may be employed without departing from the spirit of the invention and I therefore do not desire to be limited

to that precise form beyond the limitations as may be imposed by the following claims.

I claim:

1. A cap comprising in combination a pair of side panels each having substantially straight front and bottom edges approximately ninety degrees apart and having an edge extending from the top of the front edge generally rearwardly and thence rounding around and downwardly to the rear end of said lower edge; and a central panel intervening between and united along its side edge portions with said last edges of the side panels, said central panel being generally rectangular in section with its ends narrower than the central portion; said union between said side and central panels being by seams with marginal edge portions of the panels intumed, said marginal edge portions of the panels being slotted adjacent the lowermost portion of the rear side of the cap; and a strap passed through said marginal edge portion slots and carried upwardly and forwardly to the top, forward part of the cap; each of said side panels being provided with an opening through which said strap emerges from the inner side of the cap to its outer side.

2. A cap comprising in combination a pair of

side panels each having substantially straight front and bottom edges approximately ninety degrees apart and having an edge extending from the top of the front edge generally rearwardly and thence rounding around and downwardly to the rear end of said lower edge; and a central panel intervening between and united along its side edge portions with said last edges of the side panels, said central panel being generally rectangular in section with its ends narrower than the central portion; said union between said side and central panels being by seams with marginal edge portions of the panels intumed, said marginal edge portions of the panels being slotted adjacent the lowermost portion of the rear side of the cap; and a strap passed through said marginal edge portion slots and carried upwardly and forwardly to the top, forward part of the cap; and a visor secured to and extending forwardly from the front edge of said central panel and the upper portions of said front edges of said side panels, the juncture of said visor with said panels forming in effect a depression across which said strap may pass and be held against slipping forwardly and downwardly.

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