

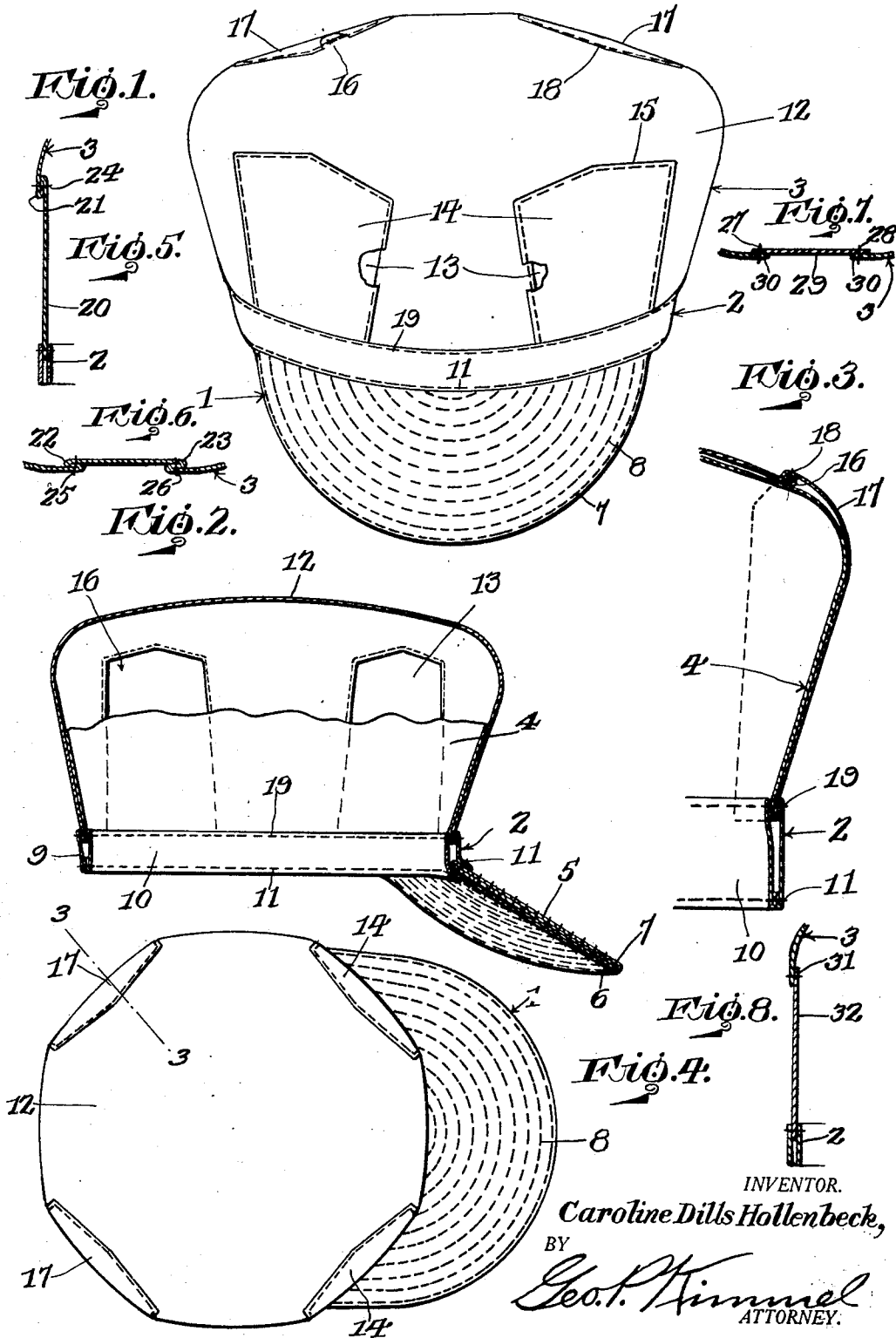
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This invention relates to caps and has for its object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an article of such class of washable material whereby the cap when
5 soiled can be washed and used again under such conditions providing for sanitation.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an article of the class referred to whereby the
10 body thereof is so formed to maintain itself in upright position and off the forehead of the wearer under such conditions permitting of the entrance of air to keep the head cool.

A further object of the invention is to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an article of the class referred to formed of washable material and including a body portion formed with panels acting to maintain
15 it off the forehead of the wearer when the cap is worn.

Further objects of the invention are to provide a cap, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, which is simple in its construction and arrangement, strong, durable, compact,
25 pleasing in appearance, readily assembled, capable of being washed when soiled for the purpose of using the cap again, readily assembled and comparatively 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
35 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 fall within the scope of the claim hereunto appended.

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

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a cap in
45 accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is a cross sectional view thereof.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary view in section and on line 3—3 of Figure 4.

Figure 4 is a top plan view thereof.

50 Figures 5 and 6 are respectively a vertical

and a transverse section of a modified form of panel.

Figure 7 is a transverse sectional view of still another modified form of panel.

Figure 8 is a vertical sectional view of still
55 another modified form.

A cap in accordance with this invention is primarily designed for use by workmen and is formed preferably of wash-proof material. The cap includes a sectional visor, a
60 sectional band and a body portion referred to generally at 1, 2 and 3, respectively. The visor comprises an upper, a lower and an inner section referred to generally at 5, 6 and 7 respectively. The sections 5 and 6
65 preferably are formed of light, thin, washable material of any suitable design, but preferably such material corresponds to the material or fabric from which the body portion 3 is formed. The section 7 can consist
70 of one or more plies of canvas or duck and which also is washable. The sections 5, 6 and 7 are connected together by rows of stitching 8 which are shaped in a manner to correspond to the contour of the visor 1.
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The band 2 comprises an inner and an outer section 9, 10 respectively. Preferably the outer section 9 is made from material corresponding to the material from which the body portion 3 or sections 5, 6 of the visor are formed. The section 10 is formed from a lining of any suitable character. The inner edge of the visor 1 is extended between the sections 9, 10 of the band 2 and is secured
80 to the latter by a row of stitching 11, and such row of stitching is extended for the purpose of connecting the sections 9, 10 together in proximity to the lower edges thereof, or in other words, the row of stitching 11 is common to the sections 9, 10 of the band and
85 visor 1. A portion of the section 9 is positioned upon the inner marginal portion of the section 5 of the visor 1 and a portion of the section 10 is positioned against the inner marginal portion of the section 6 of the visor 1.
90 See Figure 2.

The body portion 3 is of a shape to provide the top, front, rear and sides of a head covering and consists of an outer part and an inner part, the latter providing a lining for the
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former. The outer part includes reinforcing or stiffening means for maintaining it in an upstanding position to retain it from off the forehead of the wearer. The means referred to is independent of the inner part or lining 4.

The outer part includes an integral section 12 formed of washable material, preferably material corresponding to that from which sections 5 and 6 of the visor 1 and section 9 of band 2 are formed. The section 12 at its front is provided with a pair of spaced cutouts which extend from the bottom edge of section 12 to the top thereof. The cutouts are indicated at 13 and provide openings. The said openings are closed by a pair of panels 14 positioned against the outer face of section 12 and secured thereto by the rows of stitching 15. The rear of the body portion 12 is formed with a pair of spaced cutouts 16 which extend from the bottom edge of section 12 to the top thereof. The cutouts 16 provide openings which are closed by panels 17 secured to section 12 by the rows of stitching 18. The panels 14 and 17 preferably are constructed of a material corresponding to that from which the section 12 is formed and are offset with respect to the outer face of body portion 3.

The panels 14 are arranged in spaced, side-wise opposed relation and have interposed therebetween a portion of section 12. The panels 14 are termed the front pair of panels. The panels 17 are arranged in spaced, side-wise opposed relation and have interposed therebetween a portion of section 12. The panels 17 are termed the rear part of panels. The panels of the front pair are spaced from the panels of the rear pair and portions of section 12 are arranged between the pairs of panels.

The panels improve the appearance of the body portion 3 and also act to hold said body portion from off the forehead of the wearer, under such conditions enabling the entrance of air to the interior of body portion 3 for the purpose of cooling the head.

The bottom of the section 12 is inserted between the sections 9 and 10 of the band and a row of stitching 19 is employed for connecting the body portion 3 to the band 2. The row of stitching 19 is also common to the lower ends of the panels which are secured against the outer face of section 12.

The inner part of the body portion 3 is the lining 4 for the section 12 of the outer part of body portion 3. The lining 4 is of washable material and which is co-extensive with the inner face of section 12. The lining 4 also extends into the band 2 and the row of stitching 19 is also common to the bottom of lining 4.

The several elements of the cap are constructed of washable fabric whereby if the cap becomes soiled it can be washed and worn

again. By setting it from washable fabric the durability of the cap is materially increased as it does not necessitate throwing the cap away when it is soiled. It is to be understood, however, that the cap can be set up of any suitable material desired, but with the body portion 3 provided with panels for the purpose of maintaining the latter in an upright position. The panels and their designs can be arranged whereby the design will extend in a different direction from which the corresponding design of the section 12 extends, under such conditions making the cap distinctive in appearance. It will be assumed that the section 12 is formed of striped material and the panels of like material, and the panels can be secured to the section 12 whereby the stripes of the panels will extend at an angle with respect to the stripes of section 12. This gives the body portion of the head covering a very distinctive and pleasing appearance.

In the form shown in Figures 5 and 6 each of the panels is formed by insetting a part 20 of the body portion through the medium of a horizontally disposed intucked portion 21 and a pair of vertically disposed intucked portions 22, 23. The intucked portion 21 is secured together by a row of stitching 24 to provide a hem and the intucked portions 22, 23 are secured together by rows of stitching 25, 26 respectively, to provide hems. The part 20 constitutes a panel offset with respect to the outer face of the body portion and is secured to the band 2.

The form shown in Figure 7 is the same as that shown in Figures 5 and 6, with this exception that the intucked portions 22, 23 are dispensed and the body portion is slitted at 27, 28 for overlapping part 29 thereof which provides a panel offset with respect to the outer face of the body portion. The parts of the body portion which overlap the panel forming part 29 are secured to the latter by rows of stitching 30. Otherwise than that as stated the form shown in Figure 7 would be the same as that shown in Figures 5 and 6.

In Figure 8 a modification of the form shown in Figures 1 to 4 is illustrated, and which consists in securing, by stitching 31 to the inner face of the body portion the panels 32 which correspond to the panels 14 and 17. The panels 30 closing the cutouts in the body portion, are secured at their top and side marginal portions to the body portion and offset with respect to the outer face of the latter. The side marginal portions would be secured in the manner as shown in Figure 7.

As the cap is set up of washable material it is obvious that it provides for sanitation as the cap can be cleaned when desired. Further as the body portion of head-covering element or cap is maintained in extended position it allows for the circulation of air around

the head of the wearer thereby cooling the head.

It is thought the many advantages of a cap, in accordance with this invention can be readily understood, and although the preferred embodiment of the invention is as illustrated and described, yet it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction can be had which fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:

A cap having a flexible body portion providing a head covering including an outer part formed of an integral section provided with means for maintaining it in an upright position, the said means comprising a pair of front and a pair of rear panels positioned at the front and back of said section, said pairs of panels spaced from each other and having portions of said section interposed therebetween, said panels being offset with respect to the outer face of said section to position the outer faces of said panels out of alignment with respect to the outer face of said section, the panels of each pair being spaced from and opposing each other sidewise and having a portion of said section interposed therebetween, and spaced rows of stitching connected to said section, each row extending across the top and side marginal portions of a panel for securing the panels in non-aligning position with respect to the outer face of said section and further for securing the panels in position for maintaining said section upright when the cap is worn.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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