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Fig. 1.



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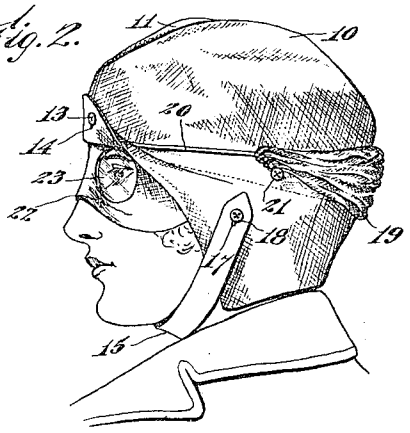


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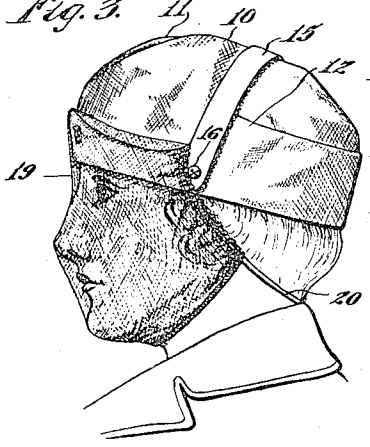


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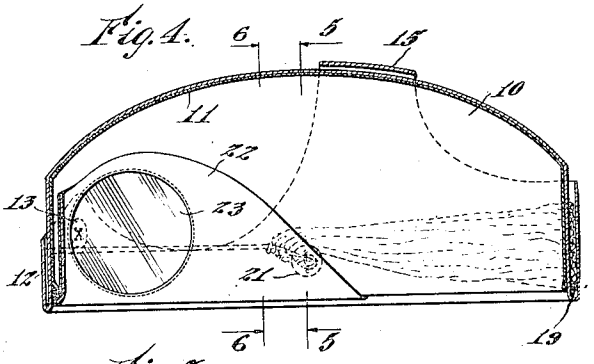


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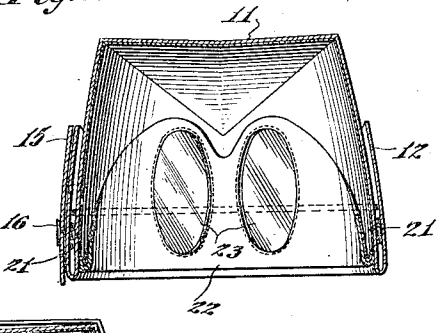
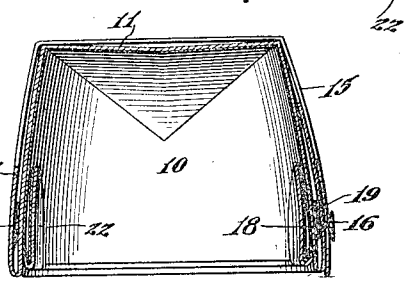


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER WILLIAM HOOK, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Spokane, in the county of Spokane and State of Washington, have invented a new and Improved Cap, of which the following is a description.

My invention relates to caps for general wear, but in its preferred form, and in its entirety especially adapted for ladies' wear. Although capable of embodiment in caps of different shapes, the invention lends itself particularly to embodiment in attractive form in "fore-and-aft" caps as worn by the Belgian Army, or like caps having a lap or brim ordinarily turned up about the body of the cap, but adapted to be lowered over the ears and back of the head.

An important object of my invention is to provide a lap or brim on caps of the type indicated, one side of which lap or brim is extended in narrow form to constitute a strap extension continuous with one side of the lap and adapted to lie transversely over the crown of the cap and be detachably secured by fastening means at the outside of the brim or lap at the opposite side of the cap approximately midway between the front and back of the cap, and which strap extension is adapted, when the lap is lowered, to be carried beneath the chin and engaged at its free end with the turned-down lap to hold the latter snugly in a manner to afford effective protection for the ears, and the head and neck at the back.

A further object of the invention is to provide a veil attached to the cap at opposite sides, preferably detachably secured thereto and including an elastic veil strap, the veil and its elastic strap being so coördinated with the mentioned lap or brim and its strap extension that the veil and its strap will be concealed within the lap without producing bulkiness when the veil is not to be worn, the arrangement being such that the veil may be drawn over the face of the wearer while the elastic strap of the veil extends about the back of the head in a position to permit the adjustment of the rear edges of the veil along the said strap, whereby the veil will be maintained in adjusted position.

A further object of the invention is to provide a goggle flap at the front of the cap adapted to be folded upwardly within the cap or lowered to a position for use.

More specific objects of the invention are to so arrange the veil attachment and goggle flap that the increased thicknesses presented thereby will be distributed at the front and back of the cap; and to so arrange the several elements of the cap as to permit of the latter being folded into compact form to be carried in one's pocket.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, it being understood that the drawings are merely illustrative of one example of the invention.

Figure 1 is a front perspective view of the cap when worn with the lap or brim in the raised position and the veil concealed within the lap and with the goggle attachment folded upwardly within the cap;

Fig. 2 is a side view with the lap lowered and secured in the lowered position and with the goggle flap in use;

Fig. 3 is a side elevation with the lap in the raised position with the veil adjusted for use;

Fig. 4 is a longitudinal vertical section of the cap on an enlarged scale;

Fig. 5 is a transverse vertical section on the line 5—5, Fig. 4;

Fig. 6 is a transverse vertical section on the line 6—6, Fig. 4.

In carrying out my invention in practice, the body 10 of the cap is given a suitable shape, here shown as of the "fore-and-aft" type, the crown 11 of which is adapted to fold along the median line. The lap or brim 12 of the cap is wider at the rear portion and increases in width toward the approximate center of the cap, so that the widest portion will be adjacent to the ears of the wearer from which points the lap is of a reduced height toward the front. If desired, the lap may be fastened at the front to the body at each side of the center, there being indicated for the purpose buttons 13 and button-holes 14.

The lap or brim 12 at one side is continued at the widest portion thereof to provide an elongation in the form of a transverse strap 15 adapted to extend over the crown of the cap to the opposite side where the

free end may be detachably secured in any suitable manner at the outside of the lap or brim as for example by buttons 16 and button-holes 17. The flap or brim with its strap extension will thus be maintained in the upper position, the strap constituting a distinct contribution to the appearance of the cap. When the lap or brim is to be worn in the lowered position, the free end of the strap 15 is detached from the button 16 and brought about beneath the chin and may be again fastened to the lap or brim by a button 18, thereby holding the lowered flap snugly over the ears and the back of the head and neck.

I provide a veil attachment in which the veil 19 is adapted to extend about the back of the cap as indicated in Figs. 2 and 4. An elastic strap 20 is secured to the cap at opposite sides as by loops 20^a passed over buttons 21 from which buttons as fasteners, the elastic strap extends through the side edges of the veil so that the latter may be gathered on the strap to a greater or lesser extent. When the veil is not to be worn it is accommodated beneath the lap 12, the veil proper 19 being covered by the wider rear portion of the lap while the elastic strap 20 will extend about the front of the cap. In Fig. 3 the elastic strap 20 is shown brought about the back of the head while the veil is brought down over the face, the side edges of the veil being extended along said elastic strap, the arrangement serving to insure the retention of the veil as, for example, when motoring. The form of the lap with its strap extension 15 also lends itself particularly to the use of the cap in motoring as will be readily understood. With a veil attachment as described and the elastic strap 20 thereof secured adjacent to the rear ends of the reduced front portion of the lap 12, the veil and its strap 20 may be brought outward adjacent to the transverse strap 15 and in front of the higher portions of the lap whether the lap be in the raised or the lowered position, so that the veil and its retaining strap will assume their proper positions with the minimum distortion of the lap.

At the front of the cap I provide a goggle flap 22 secured at one edge to the interior of the cap to extend about the front of the latter. Said flap is provided with goggles 23 at opposite sides of the median line of the cap and is adapted to be folded within the cap as in Figs. 4, 5 and 6, or to the lowered position shown in Fig. 4. In the raised position of the lap or brim 12 and goggle flap 22 and with the veil attachment extending about the cap beneath the brim, the cap may be folded into very compact form and readily accommodated without bulkiness in one's pocket.

I would state in conclusion that while the illustrated example constitutes a practical embodiment of my invention, I do not limit myself strictly to the mechanical details herein illustrated, since manifestly the same can be considerably varied without departure from the spirit of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

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

1. A cap of the class described including a lap adapted to be given a raised or lowered position and extending entirely about the cap, the approximate center of the lap at each side having the greatest height, the lap at one side being continued to constitute a strap extension formed wholly on one side lap and adapted to extend over the crown of the cap or beneath the chin of the wearer to overlie the body of the lap at the opposite side in the raised or lowered position of the lap, and means to detachably secure the overlying end of said strap extension to the lap in either position of the latter.

2. A cap of the class described including a lap adapted to be given a raised position on the cap or folded down on the back and sides to constitute a protector, said lap at one side, at the approximate center thereof, having an extension to constitute a strap formed wholly on one side lap and adapted to extend over the crown of the cap and downward over the body of the lap at the opposite side, or to extend beneath the chin of the wearer and overlie said opposite side of the lap in the lowered position of the latter; together with means to detachably secure the end of the strap to the adjacent side of the lap in either position of the latter.

3. A cap including a lap or brim extending about the cap, an elastic strap secured at its ends to the cap at opposite sides beneath said lap, and a veil having its ends secured to said elastic strap, so that the two jointly will extend about the cap and be covered by the lap, said strap and veil being adapted to be lowered to position the veil for wearing.

4. A cap including a lap or brim extending about the cap, and a veil attachment comprising a strap secured to the cap at opposite sides, and a veil through the side edges of which said strap runs at opposite sides of the cap.

5. A cap including a lap extending about the cap and having its greatest height at each side at the approximate center of the cap, said lap having a reduced height at the front portion of the cap, and a veil attachment comprising an elastic strap secured at its ends to the cap at opposite sides of the latter adjacent to the highest portions of the lap and extending about the front of the cap, and a veil through the side edges of which the strap runs adjacent to its fastened ends.

6. A cap including a lap extending about the cap and having its greatest height at each side at the approximate center of the

cap, a strap extending from the lap at one side at the highest portion of the lap to overlie the opposite side at its highest portion, and a veil attachment said veil attachment comprising an elastic strap secured at its ends to the cap adjacent to the highest portions of the lap, and a veil engaged at its side edges with said elastic strap adjacent to the fastened ends of the latter, so that the veil and said elastic strap jointly may extend about the cap and be concealed by the lap, the veil and strap being adapted to be brought outward over the front portion of the lap in front of the first mentioned strap.

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