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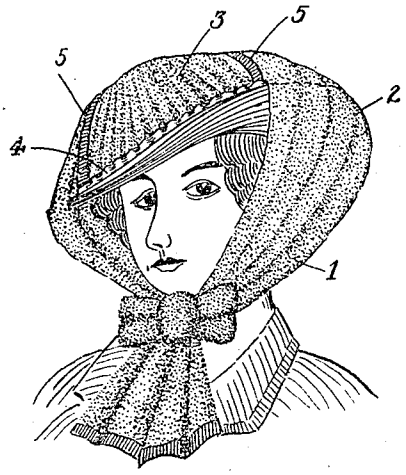


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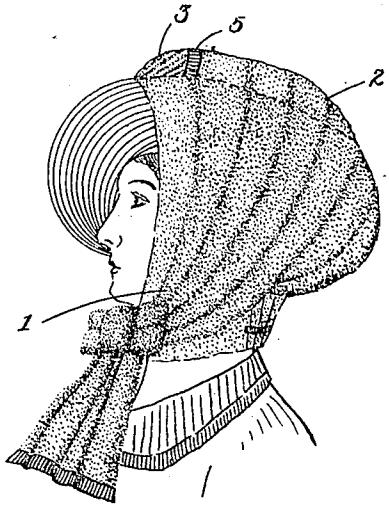


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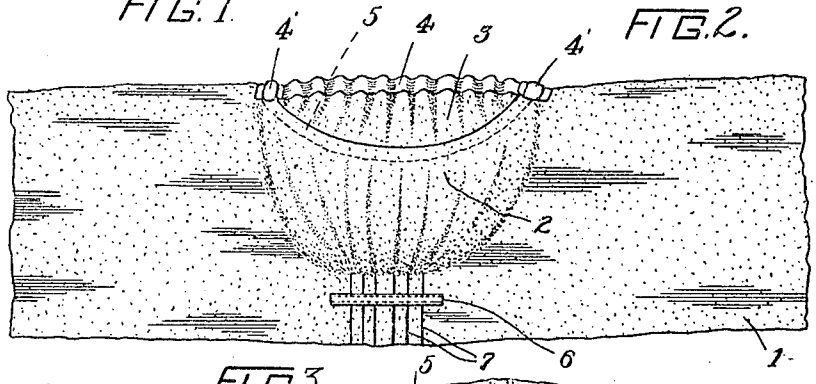


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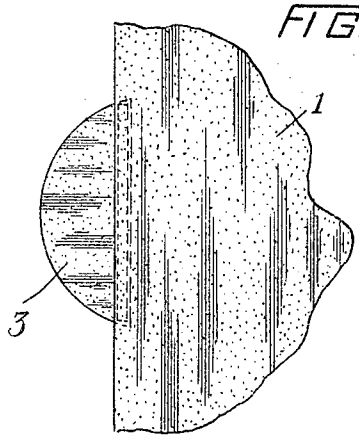


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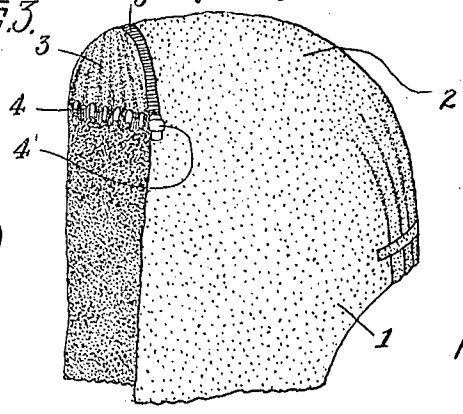


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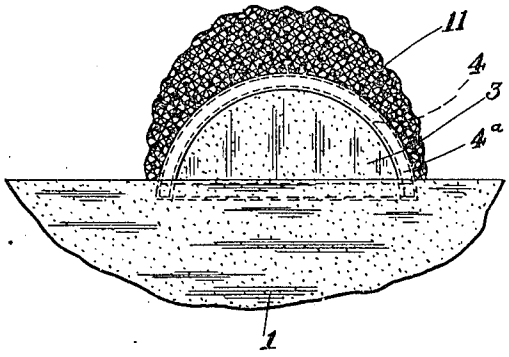
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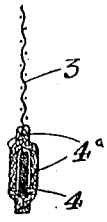


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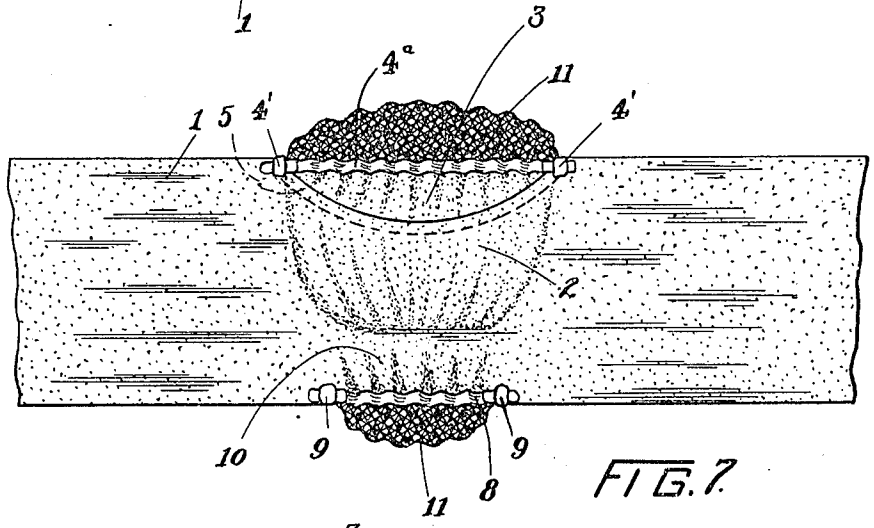


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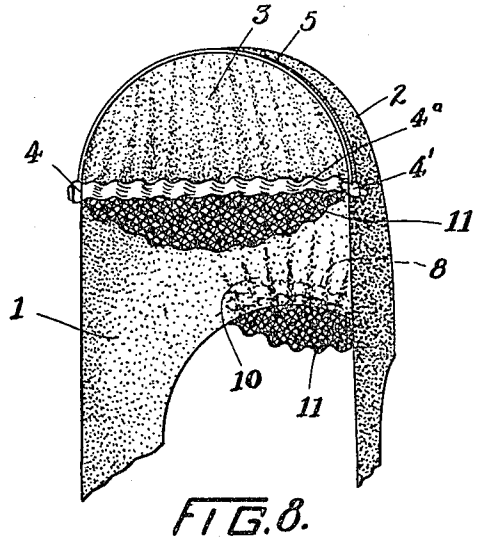


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTA P. COOLBROTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brookline, county of Norfolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Veils, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to veils, and particularly to a veil designed for use by motorists and others whose head coverings are necessarily exposed to the disarranging effect of strong currents of air. As is well known, the ordinary veil is a simple length of material which is wound about the hat and tied, pinned, or otherwise secured in a more or less effective manner. The veil structurally does not fit the hat, and it is not intended that it should fit. The fastening devices themselves are depended upon solely to maintain proper engagement of hat and veil. For this reason, the familiar veil of general use, while perhaps sufficient for ordinary purposes, is not satisfactory when worn while motoring or the like.

The present invention contemplates a veil especially designed to meet and overcome the unusual conditions imposed in such uses, and involves fundamentally the provision in the veil of a crown receiving pocket whereby the veil may be adapted to and engaged with the hat in the proper relation, as a covering and confining element, therefor. The effective receiving capacity of this pocket is adjustable so that the veil may be adapted to hats of varying sizes and this capacity for adjustment itself secures proper fit of the veil to the hat. The arrangement is such that when applied the pocket portion of the veiling material fits over the crown of the hat with an elastic binding engagement at the front of the crown and a gathered engagement at the back of the neck of the wearer, disposing the ends of the material downwardly over the brim of the hat at opposite sides in confining relation to the hair, said ends being brought together and secured under the chin of the wearer. This not only provides for proper engagement of the veil with the hat without the use of pins or the like, but secures a proper confinement of the hair at the back and sides of the head under the brim of the hat.

My veil may also be used without a hat, as in attending those functions where it is customary to go bare-headed, in which case the receiving pocket of the veil fits directly over the head of the wearer. In such adaptation, however, it is desirable to positively secure the veil at the back of the neck. This may conveniently be effected by slightly modifying the veil structure to provide an adjustably gathered section at the rear edge thereof. This section yieldingly engages the back of the neck and effects a proper confinement of the hair as well as enabling the veil itself to be adjusted to properly fit the head of the wearer.

The construction and manner of using my veil will be more fully disclosed in the specification which follows. Throughout the specification and drawings like reference numerals are employed to indicate corresponding parts, and in the drawings:

Figures 1 and 2 are front and side views of my veil applied to a hat.

Figs. 3 and 4 are general views of the veil removed, and illustrating particularly the hat receiving pocket,

Fig. 5 is a detail view of a portion of the veil before the elastic is applied.

Figs. 6, 7 and 8 are general views of a modified form of my veil especially adapted for evening wear, and

Fig. 9 is a transverse section through one of the elastic gathering devices used in both forms of my veil.

My veil consists of a length of material 1 provided at opposite edges near the center with devices for gathering or bunching the material, whereby to define a suitably shaped receiving area or pocket 2 for the hat. The device at that edge of the strip 1 which is disposed at the front of the crown when in use consists of an independent section 3 of suitable material which is lapped under and secured in any desired manner, as by stitching, to the veil proper 1, as best shown in Fig. 5 which represents a step in the production of the complete veil. The section 3 is preferably of the circularly curved shape as shown in that figure, and is adapted to be subsequently gathered or puckered as shown in Figs. 1 to 4 inclusive, whereby to extend as an adjustable pendent lunette portion at the front of the hat crown. This may conveniently be effected by means of a suitably covered elastic 4 which is first distended and then applied in any desired

manner to the curved edge of the section 3 and secured at its ends to one edge of the veil proper as indicated at 4^1—4^1.

The covering strips for the elastic are indicated at 4^a, (see Fig. 9). These strips are preferably of ribbon or similar material. The elastic is inserted between the strips and stitched along one edge and just inside the other edge. The strips 4^a are secured to the veil proper at the points 4^1—4^1.

As soon as released, the elastic 4 causes the section 3 to gather or pucker as indicated in Figs. 1 to 4 inclusive. The rows of stitching which secure the section 3 to the blank 1 are covered by a pair of covering strips 5. The strips 5 are secured at opposite points, preferably the points 4^1, along one edge of the veil in any desired manner, and are disposed, in the embodiment shown, as a roughly circular band.

The adjustable section 3 therefore engages the front portion of the crown of the hat with a sufficiently tight engagement to prevent the veil accidentally slipping from the hat. The elastic nature of the member 4 enables the effective area of the section 3 and thus the pocket to be adjusted to hat crowns of different sizes so that the veil will snugly fit a wide range of hats.

The material of the veil at the rear of the hat and which in use comes at the back of the neck is restricted and confined as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3. This may be effected in any desired manner as by means of the transversely disposed strip 6. The material of the veil at this point is gathered so as to provide several overlying folds 7 and the strip 6 is stitched through these folds. This confines the veil at the back and causes it to fit snugly at this point.

In applying my veil, the crown receiving pocket 2 is drawn over the crown of the hat so as to position the adjustable section 3 at the front and the gathered portion 7 at the rear. The ends of the veil are then drawn down over the brim of the hat, thereby confining the hair at the back and sides, and knotted under the chin. The adjustable section 3 in addition to permitting adjustment of the effective receiving capacity of the crown pocket to hats of different sizes has the further and important effect of immediately tightening when applied, whereby to snugly engage the veil upon the hat. The whole provides a simple and effective means for securing the hat in place and for preventing the hair from escaping.

In the adaptation shown in detail in Figs. 6, 7, and 8, the veil is especially designed for evening wear. In this use, no hat is worn. The veil is therefore slightly modified to secure a proper conformation thereof to the head of the wearer. The plaited section at the back is formed as an adjustable gathered section 10 by inserting an elastic similar to the elastic 4 between a pair of covering strips 8 and securing said strips to the rear edge of the veil 1, as indicated at 9—9. This elastic produces the gathered or puckered portion indicated at 10, Fig. 7. This portion is disposed at the back of the neck when the veil is applied to the wearer's head, and serves with the adjustable section 3 to secure proper adjustment of the veil to the head as well as properly engaging the veil at the back of the neck. The veil is elaborated slightly by introducing between the covering strips of both elastics, fillets of lace or the like 11.

Various other modifications in the form and construction of my veil may obviously be resorted to, all without departing from the spirit of my invention, if within the limits of the appended claims.

What I therefore claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A veil consisting of a blank, a covering section attached to an edge of said blank and leaving a free edge, and a gathering device secured to the ends of the covering section at their points of attachment to the blank and extending along the free edge of said section.

2. A veil consisting of a blank, an adjustable covering section having a straight edge and a curved edge and secured along said straight edge to a longitudinal edge of the blank, and a yieldable gathering device secured at its ends to the ends of the straight edge of said covering section and extending along the curved edge of said section.

3. A veil consisting of a blank, a covering section attached to an edge of said blank and leaving a free edge, and a gathering device secured to the ends of the covering section at their points of attachment to the blank and extending along the free edge of said section, and a second gathering device secured to said blank near the opposite edge thereof.

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

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