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Fig. 1.

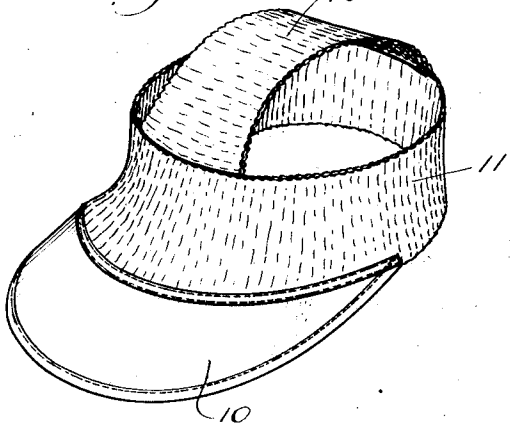
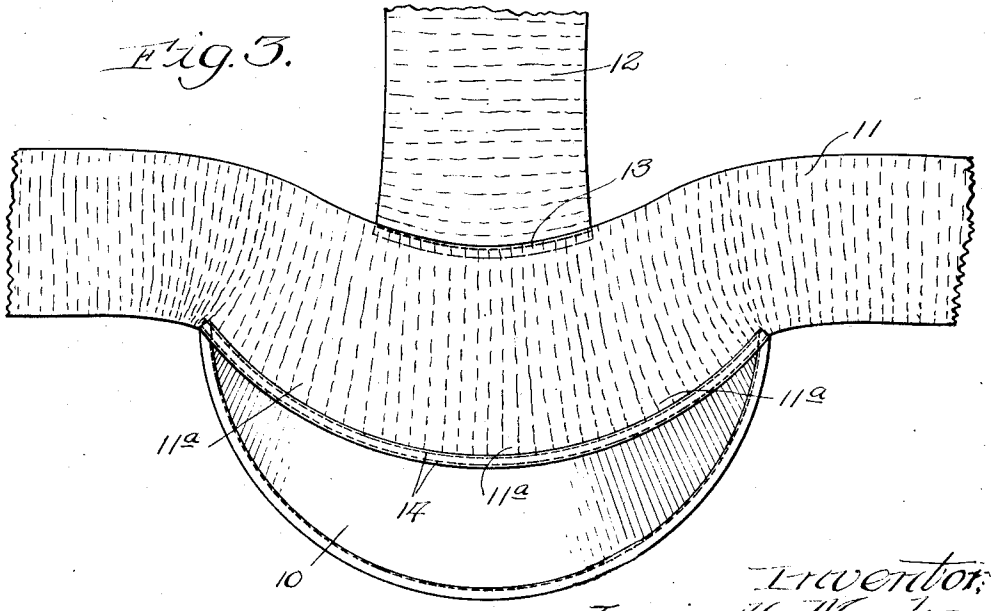


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.



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EYESHADE.

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This invention relates to improvements in eye shades, and is here shown as embodied in a device particularly adapted for shading the eyes from the sun or any artificial light.

My improved eye shade is adapted for sport wear, out of doors, or for use by students, clerks and readers indoors to shade the eyes from artificial light.

My improved eye shade is very light, but so constructed that it remains firmly in position on the head of the wearer under all conditions. These features make it particularly adapted for sport wear. It is not only light and cool, but fits comfortably upon the head, and permits a large amount of ventilation. These features permit it to be worn for long periods indoors or out, in warm places, without discomfort to the wearer.

Other features and advantages of my invention will appear more fully as I proceed with my specification.

In that form of device embodying the features of my invention shown in the accompanying drawings, Fig. 1 is a view in perspective of a complete eye shade, Fig. 2 is a similar view showing the same on the head of a wearer, and Fig. 3 is a view, on an enlarged scale, of the visor and a portion of the head-piece.

As shown in the drawings, the device comprises in general a supporting head-piece to which is attached a visor 10, which may be made of any suitable colored transparent, translucent or opaque material that is flexible but non-elastic. I have found, for example, that green celluloid is well adapted for making the visor.

The head-piece to which the visor is attached comprises a circular band 11 adapted to go around the head, and a diametrically arranged band 12 attached at its ends to the upper edge of the band 11 and passing over the top of the head, preferably from front to rear.

The bands 11 and 12 are preferably made of some suitable elastic material such as a woven or knitted webbing. I have found that a light webbing or crocheted or knitted silk is particularly desirable for the purpose. The webbing that I have used with good results has not had any rubber therein; although, obviously, an elastic webbing with rubber strands woven therein may be used if desired. The bands I have used with good results have been made from a rather loosely woven, knitted or crocheted small-fibered silk. This material is in common use on the market and may be purchased by the yard. Such webbing, owing to the manner in which it is woven and to the natural stiffness or resiliency of the thread from which it is made, is ordinarily sufficiently elastic for the intended purpose.

In making the eye shade, the band 11 is formed by taking a piece of the requisite length and sewing the ends together. The band 12 is then sewed at its ends as indicated by 13 to the upper edge of the band 11.

The particular method of attaching the visor 10 to the band 11 is of importance. This is accomplished by stretching a portion of the lower edge of the band 11 as indicated by 11^a. With this portion stretched, it is sewed to the upper edge of the visor 10 by the stitching 14. Reference to Fig. 1 will show that the stretching of the lower edge of the band 11, where it is attached to the visor 10, causes it to flare outwardly and better conform to the shape of the head. This construction is of particular importance because it makes the head-piece fit very securely and snugly without undue discomfort to the wearer.

While I have shown and described certain embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that it is capable of many modifications. Changes, therefore, in the construction and arrangement may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as disclosed in the appended claims, in which it is my intention to claim all novelty inherent in my invention as broadly as possible in view of the prior art.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A device of the character described comprising; a head-piece consisting of a band of elastic material adapted to encircle the head of a wearer, and a visor attached to the lower edge of said band, said lower edge of said band being in a stretched condition where attached to said visor.

2. A device of the character described comprising; a head-piece consisting of a band of elastic material adapted to encircle the head of a wearer, and a diametrically arranged band having its ends attached to

the upper edge of said first mentioned band and adapted to pass over the top of the head of a wearer; and a visor attached to the lower edge of said first mentioned band, said lower edge of said band being in a stretched condition where attached to said visor.

3. A device of the character described comprising; a head-piece consisting of a band of elastic webbing adapted to encircle the head of a wearer, and a visor attached to the lower edge of said band, said lower edge of said band being in a stretched condition where attached to said visor.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 29 day of March, A. D. 1926.

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