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Fig. 1

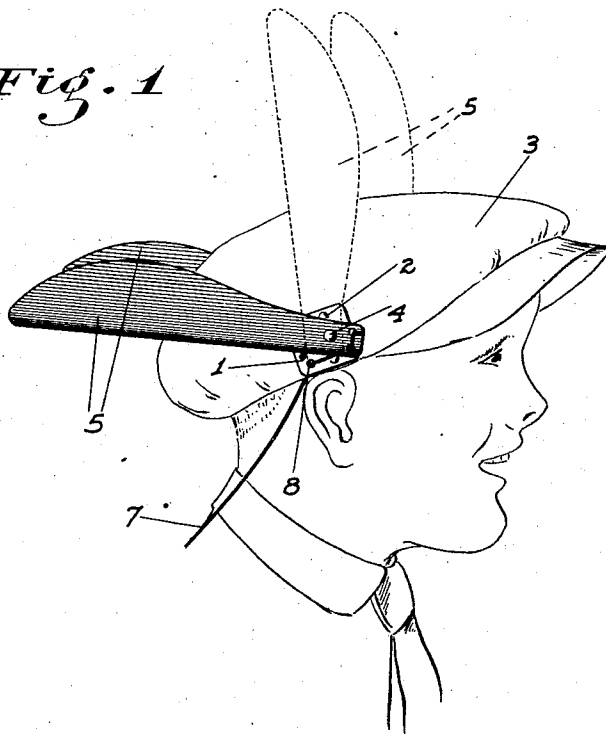


Fig. 2

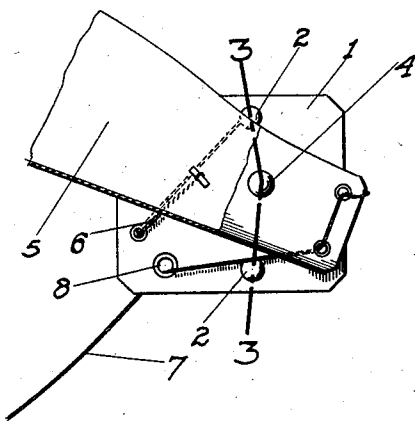
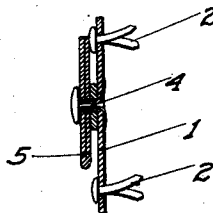


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to a novelty for use by the participants in masquerade parties, carnivals and similar gatherings.

The principal object of my invention is to provide a novelty in the form of a removable attachment to a hat, cap or other head covering, provided with movable elements, normally almost unnoticeable but capable of being instantly manipulated by the wearer at will in such a manner as to create a startling and at the same time highly amusing effect on a beholder, particularly if such a person is directly in front of the wearer of the attachment.

My novelty may be very inexpensively produced, so that it may be dispensed free as an advertising attraction by merchants, and is so easily applied to a hat as to make it readily adaptable for sale on the streets during a carnival or the like, to be applied by the purchaser to his hat on the spot without any appreciable effort or loss of time, and with no damage being done to any ordinary form of hat or cap.

A further object of the invention is to produce a simple and inexpensive device and yet one which will be exceedingly effective for the purposes for which it is designed.

These objects I accomplish by means of such structure and relative arrangement of parts as will fully appear by a perusal of the following specification and claims.

In the drawings similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views:

Fig. 1 is a fanciful outline of the head of a boy wearing a cap, showing my novelty applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is an enlarged fragmentary view of a base or supporting member for one of the movable elements.

Fig. 3 is a cross section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

My device comprises a pair of duplicate units, one right and one left hand, and since they are identical in construction, but one of the same will be described in detail.

Each unit then consists of a base or attaching member in the form of a flat plate 1, preferably of cardboard, having mounted therein a plurality of ordinary prong-fasteners 2, such as are commonly used in offices for holding a number of papers together. The prongs of these fasteners are adapted to be pressed through the side material of a hat or cap 3 and then bent over so as to

firmly hold the base member onto the cap. The members 1 are to be so located at opposite points on the cap and substantially in vertical alinement with the ears of the wearer.

Pivoted at one end on the member 1 for movement in a vertical plane by means of a prong-clip 4 or the like is a fanciful member 5, shaped as a donkey's ear as shown, or of any other suitable design. This member is normally maintained in a substantially horizontal position rearwardly of the member 1 and the head of the wearer by spring means such as a rubber band 6 connected to the members 1 and 5 at suitable points.

To raise the member 5 at will against the pull of the spring to a vertical position as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, I attach a cord 7 to the said member ahead of the pivot 4, the cord passing through an eye 8 in the member 1 at the rear of the pivot 4, and then down either in front of or behind the body of the wearer, as may be desired, to a point where it may be conveniently and unnoticeably pulled by a hand of the individual.

The cords from both members 5 are preferably united at their lower ends so that a single pull with one hand will cause the raising of both members simultaneously or the cords may if desired be manipulated, individually, so as to give a wiggling effect to the members 5, the springs of course continually acting against the pull of the cords.

The effect obtained, on suddenly raising the members 5 in front of a person confronting or talking to the wearer, and who is unaware of the presence of any attachment on the latter's hat, owing to the normal inconspicuousness of the raisable members, is at once startling and ludicrous, the effect of course being enhanced if the wearer at the same time performs some suitable patomimic actions.

From the foregoing description it will be readily seen that I have produced such a device as substantially fulfills the objects of the invention as set forth herein.

While this specification sets forth in detail the present and preferred construction of the device, still in practice such deviations from such detail may be resorted to as do not form a departure from the spirit of the invention, as defined by the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention what

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

1. A support adapted to be removably attached to a hat, a fanciful member pivoted
5 on the support, resilient means holding the fanciful member in a normal fixed position relative to the support, and means operable at will for moving the fanciful member on its pivot against the action of the resilient
10 means.

2. A support adapted to be removably attached to a hat, a fanciful member pivoted
on the support, resilient means holding the fanciful member in a normal fixed position
15 relative to the support, and a pull cord

attached to the fanciful member at one end whereby such member may be pulled to move it on its pivot.

3. A support adapted to be removably attached to a hat, a fanciful member pivoted
20 on the support, resilient means holding the fanciful member in a normal fixed position relative to the support, a pull cord attached to an end of the fanciful member on one side of the pivot, the support having an eye on
25 the opposite side of the pivot, the pull cord being threaded through the eye.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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