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A fully stretchable wig is provided. The wig comprises an inner portion that includes a plurality of wefts with hair attached thereto and connecting, stretchable cross-strips. A stretchable band extends about the circumference of the inner portion. The stretchable band includes stretchable wefts attached to forward and rear portions of the band to allow the band to be stretched along its entire circumference to provide a comfortable and precise fit. Adjustment straps are attached at first ends to the stretchable band and are selectively attachable at second ends to one of a plurality of locations along the band to precisely adjust the size of the wig. Attachments are provided on second ends of the adjustment straps for attaching the second ends of the straps to the band.

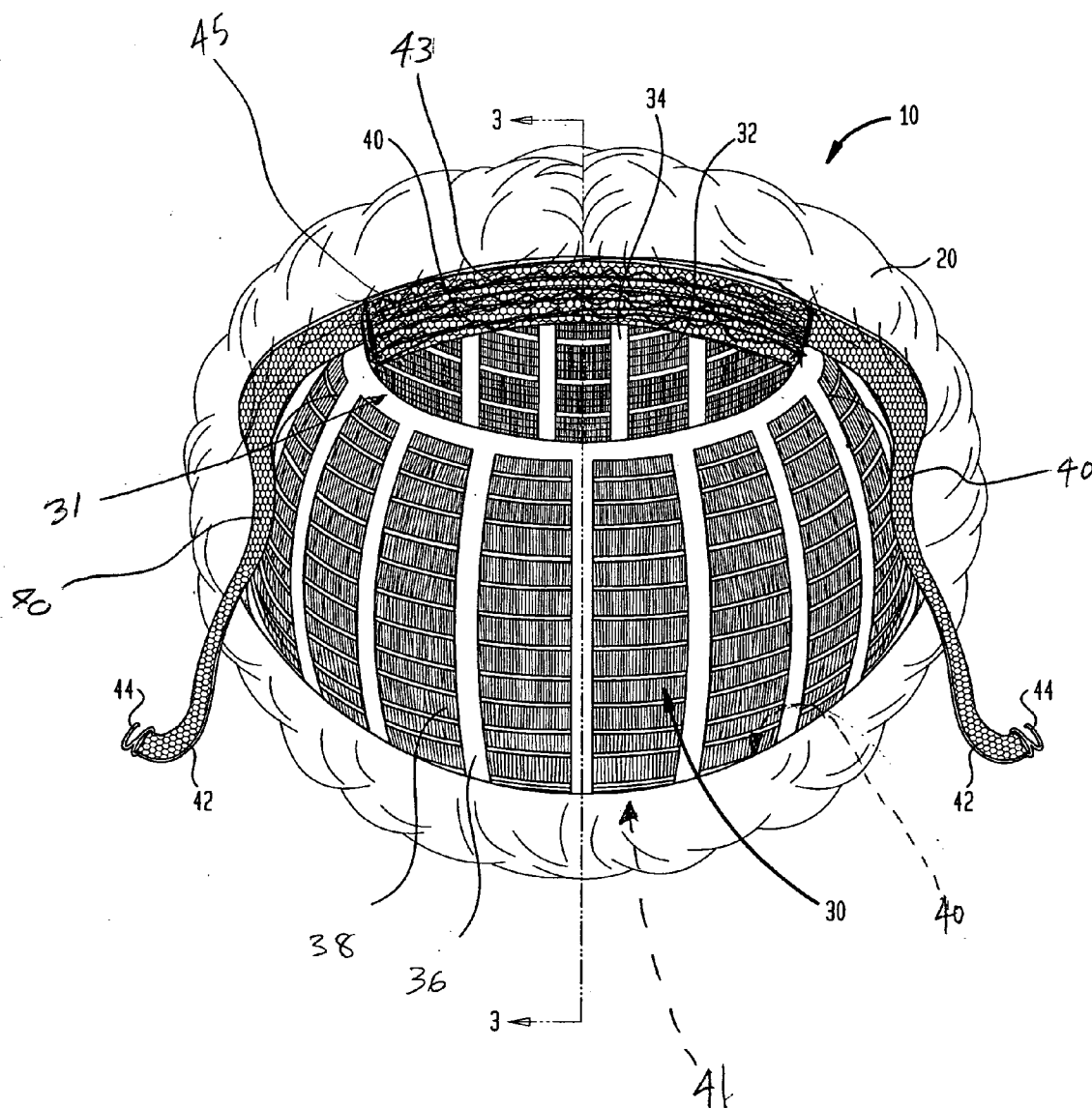
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FIG. 1

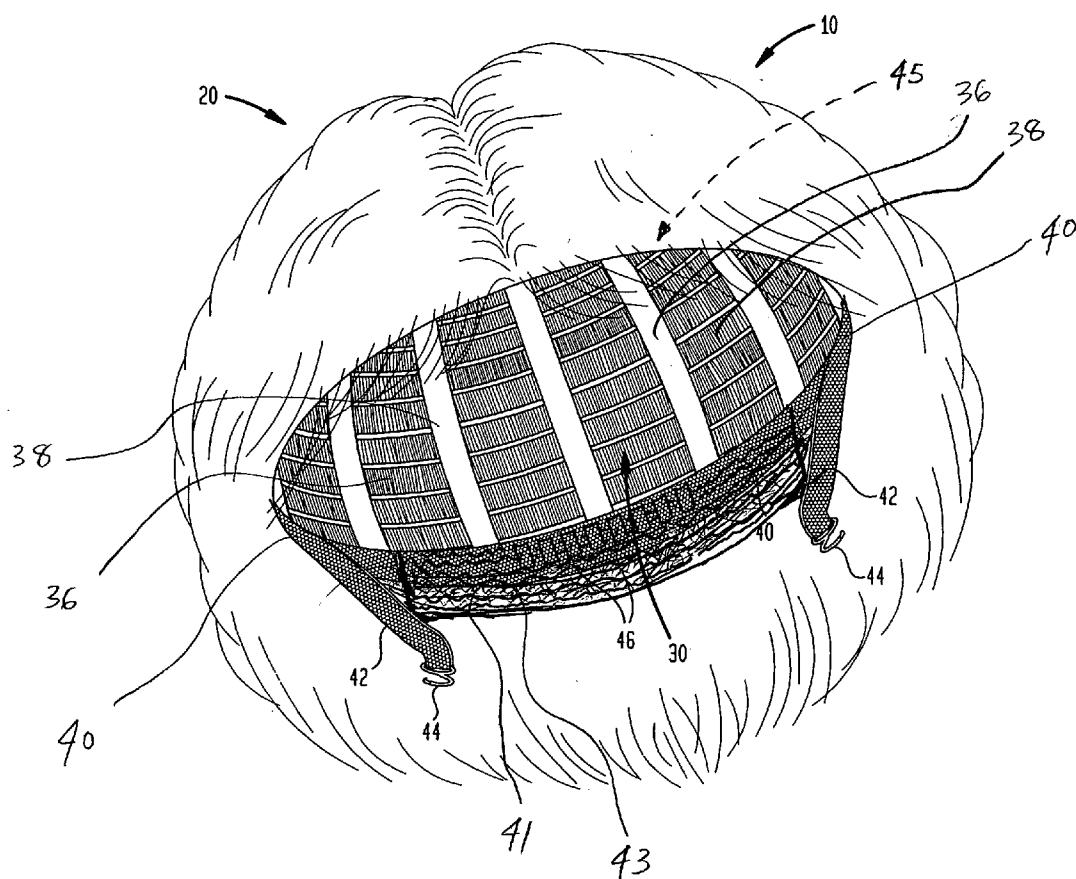
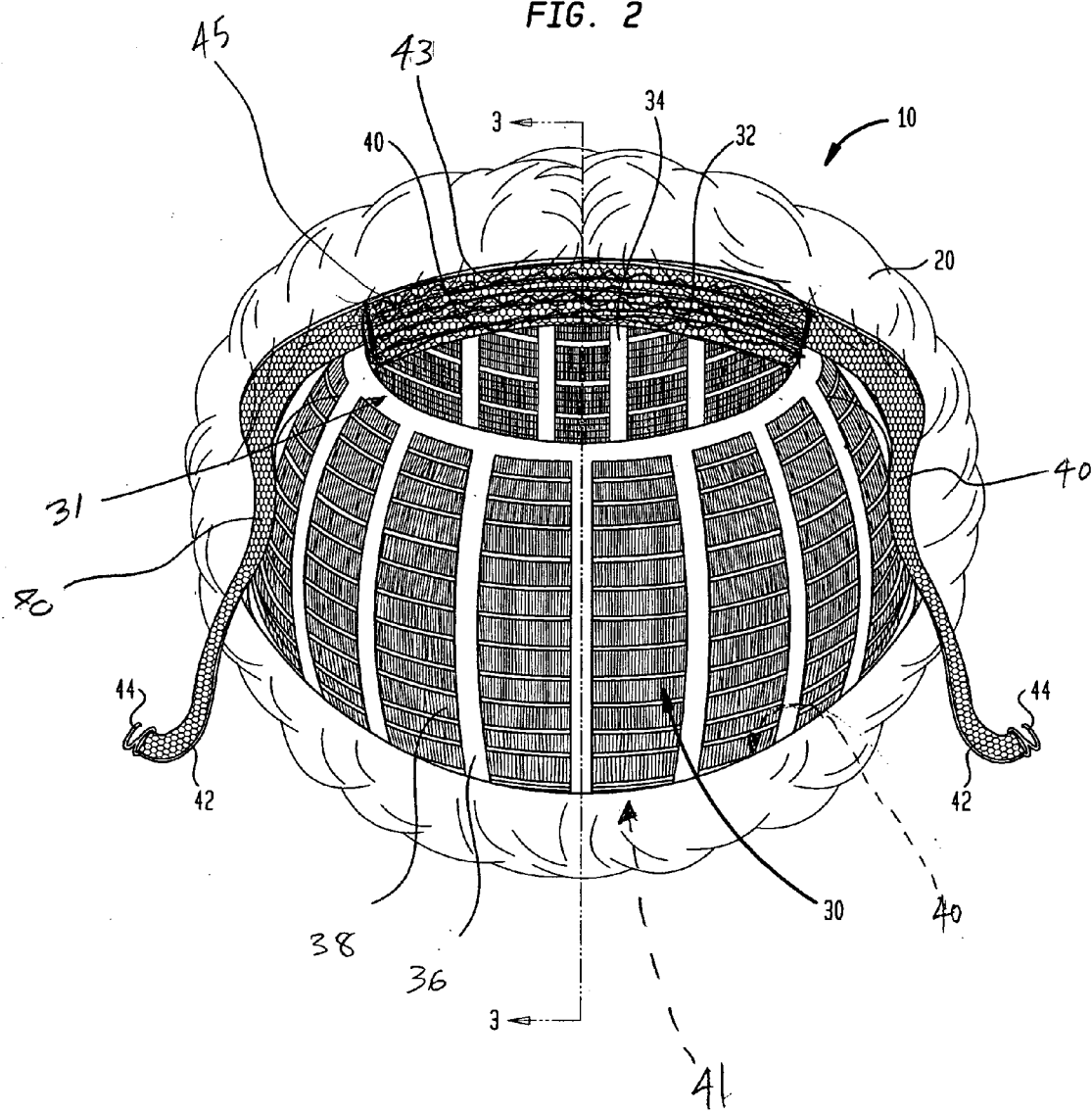
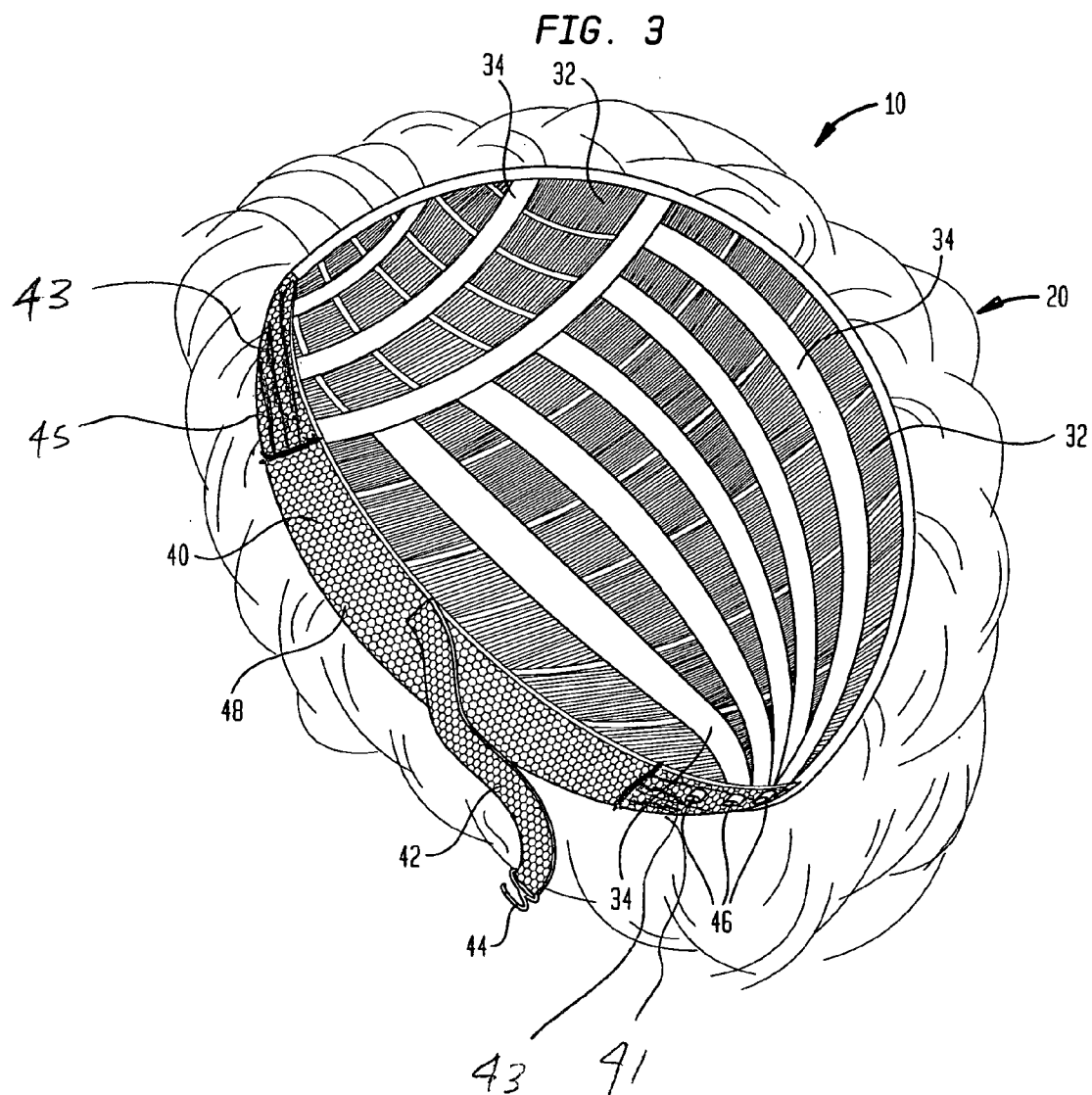


FIG. 2





STRETCHABLE WIG

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] 1. Field of the Invention

[0002] The present invention relates to wigs. More specifically, the present invention relates to an adjustable wig having a fully stretchable inner portion and a stretchable band having stretchable wefts of hair.

[0003] 2. Related Art

[0004] Wigs of various designs are well known in the art, and provide numerous hair styles and colors. Some wigs are custom-fit to accommodate a particular wearer's head size. Other wigs have pre-set sizes, which can be varied with adjustment straps. The adjustment straps are attached at one end to the head band of the wig, and the other end is attachable to the band at one of a plurality of locations. This helps to provide, but does not ensure, a good fit.

[0005] Still other wigs include stretchable bands about the perimeter of the bottom of the wig to accommodate various head sizes. However, none are fully stretchable to accommodate various head sizes and to provide a snug fit for the wearer. Rather, existing wig designs only allow a portion of the wig to be stretched, often resulting in an ill-fitting wig. Additionally, existing wigs that incorporate stretchable features do not include a stretchable band that includes stretchable wefts of hair for providing a precise fit. As such, presently available wigs often do not provide a satisfactory fit for the wearer, nor do they sufficiently accommodate various head sizes.

[0006] Accordingly, what would be desirable, but has not heretofore been provided, is a fully stretchable wig having a stretchable band extending about the circumference of the wig and which includes stretchable wefts of hair to provide a comfortable and precise fit.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0007] The present invention relates to a fully stretchable wig. The wig comprises a plurality of wefts interconnected with a plurality of stretchable cross-strips, the wefts having hair attached thereto; a stretchable band interconnected with the plurality of stretchable cross-strips; and stretchable wefts attached to forward and rear portions of the stretchable band, the wefts stretchable along the length of attachment to the band to allow the band to stretch along the entire circumference of the band. Adjustment straps are attached at first ends to the stretchable band and are selectively attachable at second ends to one of a plurality of locations along the band to precisely adjust the size of the wig. Attachments are provided on second ends of the adjustment straps for attaching the second ends of the straps to the band. Ear tabs can be provided on the band with wefts of hair extending behind a wearer's ears.

[0008] The present invention also provides a method for fitting a wig to a wearer's head. The method comprises the steps of providing a fully stretchable wig having wefts with hair attached thereto, connecting cross-strips, and a stretchable band with stretchable wefts and adjustment straps attached at first ends to the band and selectively attachable at second ends to the band; determining an approximate size of the wearer's head; attaching the second ends of the

adjustment straps to the band at desired locations on the bottom of the strip; checking the size by trying the wig on a wearer; and, if the wig does not fit, removing the wig; adjusting the adjustment bands to provide a precise fit; and allowing the wearer to wear the wig.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0009] Other important objects and features of the present invention will be apparent from the following Detailed Description of the Invention, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:

[0010] **FIG. 1** is a perspective view of the wig of the present invention.

[0011] **FIG. 2** is a bottom view of the wig shown in **FIG. 1**.

[0012] **FIG. 3** is a cross-sectional view of the wig of the present invention, taken along the line 2-2 of **FIG. 2**.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0013] The present invention relates to a fully stretchable wig comprising an inner portion that includes a plurality of wefts with hair attached thereto and connecting, stretchable cross-strips. A stretchable band extends about the circumference of the inner portion. The stretchable band includes stretchable wefts attached to forward and rear portions of the band to allow the band to be stretched along its entire circumference to provide a comfortable and precise fit. Adjustment straps are attached at first ends to the stretchable band and are selectively attachable at second ends to one of a plurality of locations along the band to precisely adjust the size of the wig. Attachments are provided on second ends of the adjustment straps for attaching the second ends of the straps to the band.

[0014] **FIG. 1** is a perspective view of the wig of the present invention, indicated generally at **10**. The wig **10** includes hair **20** and an inner portion **30**. The hair **20** could be of any desired style or type of hair, and could be real hair or artificial hair. The inner portion **30** is fully stretchable to accommodate various sizes and to provide a comfortable fit. The inner portion **30** allows a wearer's hair to be passed therethrough. The inner portion **30** comprises a plurality of wefts of hair **38** interconnected by stretchable cross-strips **36**. The cross-strips **36** allow the wefts **38** to be stretched along the lengths of the cross-strips **36**. A stretchable band **40** is provided along the circumference of the bottom of the wig **10**. The band **40** could be manufactured from any suitable material, such as elastic and the like.

[0015] The band **40** includes forward and rear portions **45** and **41**. In the forward and rear portions **45** and **41**, wefts are attached circumferentially along the band **40**. In other areas, the wefts are attached and extend perpendicularly to the band **40**. The wefts in the forward and rear portions **45** and **41** are stretchable and are attached by stretchable thread **43** to the band **40** to allow the band **40** to be fully stretchable. The rear portion **41** extends along a segment of the band **40** that is positioned during use along the back of a wearer's head. The stretchable wefts attached to the band **40** allow the band to fully stretch along its entire length. Adjustment straps **42** are attached at ends to the band **40**, preferably near a wearer's ears. Opposite ends of the straps **42** include hooks

44 that are selectively engageable with loops **46** on the band **40**. The straps **42** can be connected with different loops to provide a precise fit, and can be adjusted as desired to accommodate various sizes.

[0016] **FIG. 2** is a bottom view of the wig **10**. The forward portion **45** of the wig **10** includes a generally hemispherically-shaped portion **31** that, in use, is positioned at the forehead of a wearer, as is known in the art. The hemispherically-shaped portion **31** includes a plurality of wefts **32** having hair attached thereto, and stretchable cross-strips **34** interconnecting the wefts **32**. The cross-strips **36** radiate from the hemispherically-shaped portion **31** and interconnect the plurality of wefts **38**. The cross-strips **34** allow the wefts **32** to be stretched apart along the lengths of the cross-strips **34**. Similar to the cross-strips **36**, the cross-strips **34** could be manufactured from any suitable stretchable material, such as elastic and the like.

[0017] Stretchable wefts are attached to the forward portion **45** of the stretchable band **40**, generally extending along the distance of the span of the hemispherically-shaped portion **31**. The stretchable threads **43** allow wefts of hair attached to the forward portion **45** of the band to stretch along the length of the forward portion **45**. It is the stretchable wefts, attached with the stretchable threads **43** to the stretchable band **40** along the forward and rear portions of the band, that allow the band **40** to be fully stretchable. It should be noted that conventional wefts can be used elsewhere, for example, at side portions, because the wefts are positioned perpendicular to the cross-strips **38** at the other locations, and do not interfere with the stretching of the band. The configuration of the wefts and the cross-strips of the present invention need not be limited to the configuration shown in **FIG. 2**, and any desired configuration could be provided without departing from the spirit or scope of the present invention.

[0018] **FIG. 3** is a cross-sectional view of the wig of the present invention, taken along the line 2-2 of **FIG. 2**. As mentioned earlier, hooks **44** of the adjustment straps **42** can be selectively engaged with one of a plurality of loops **46** on the band **40** to provide a precise fit for a wearer. It should be noted that the hooks **44** and loops **46** could be substituted with any other suitable attachment, such as buttons, etc. Optionally, ear tabs **48** could be attached to the band **40**, and can include wefts of hair that extends behind a wearer's ears. The ear tabs **48** could be manufactured from the same material as the band **40**, or any other suitable material. As mentioned earlier, the stretchable wefts of the forward portion **45** and rear portion **41** allow the stretchable band **40** to be stretched long its entire circumference to provide a comfortable fit.

[0019] The wig of the present invention can be fitted to a wearer's head by determining an approximate size of the wearer's head; attaching the second ends of the adjustment straps to the band at desired locations on the bottom of the strip; checking the size by trying the wig on a wearer; and, if the wig does not fit, removing the wig; adjusting the adjustment bands to provide a precise fit; and allowing the wearer to wear the wig.

[0020] Having thus described the invention in detail, it is to be understood that the foregoing description is not

intended to limit the spirit and scope thereof. What is desired to be protected by Letters Patent is set forth in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A fully stretchable wig comprising:

a plurality of wefts interconnected with a plurality of stretchable cross-strips, the wefts having hair attached thereto;

a stretchable band interconnected with the plurality of stretchable cross-strips; and

stretchable wefts attached to forward and rear portions of the stretchable band, the wefts stretchable along the length of attachment to the band to allow the band to stretch along the entire circumference of the band.

2. The wig of claim 1, wherein the stretchable wefts are attached to the band with stretchable thread.

3. The wig of claim 1, further comprising adjustment straps attached at first ends to the band and selectively attachable at second ends to the band to adjust the size of the wig.

4. The wig of claim 3, wherein the adjustment straps are stretchable.

5. The wig of claim 3, further comprising attachments on the second ends of the adjustment straps for selectively attaching the second ends of the adjustment straps to the band.

6. The wig of claim 5, wherein the attachments comprise hooks attached to the second ends of the adjustment straps and a plurality of loops attached to the band, the hooks selectively engageable with the loops.

7. The wig of claim 1, further comprising ear tabs attached to the stretchable band, the ear tabs including wefts of hair and extending behind a wearer's ears.

8. A method for fitting a wig to a wearer's head comprising:

providing a fully stretchable wig having wefts with hair attached thereto, connecting cross-strips, and a stretchable band with stretchable wefts and adjustment straps attached at first ends to the band and selectively attachable at second ends to the band;

determining an approximate size of the wearer's head;

attaching the second ends of the adjustment straps to the band at desired locations on the bottom of the strip;

checking the size by trying the wig on a wearer; and

if the wig does not fit:

removing the wig;

adjusting the adjustment bands to provide a precise fit; and

allowing the wearer to wear the wig

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the step of attaching the second ends of the adjustment straps to the band comprises engaging hooks attached to the second ends of the adjustment straps with loops attached to the band.

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