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Fig. 1

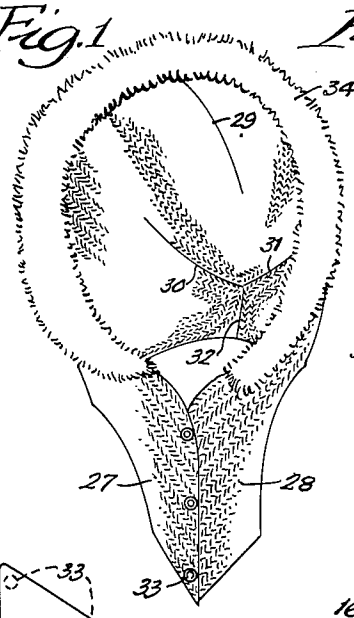


Fig. 2

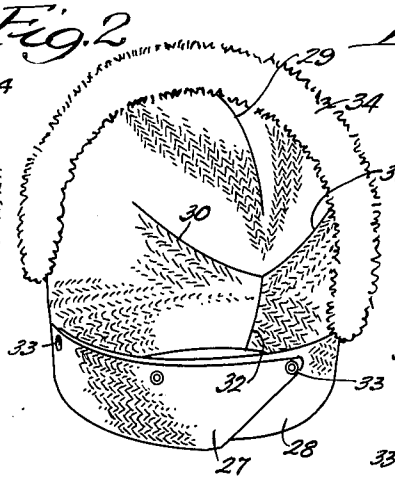


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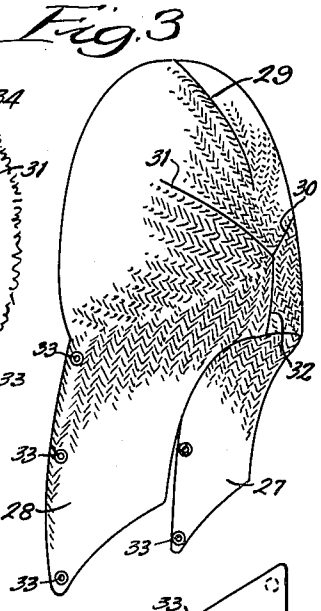


Fig. 4



Fig. 6



Fig. 7

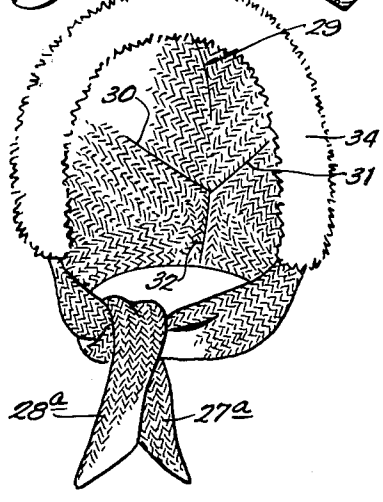
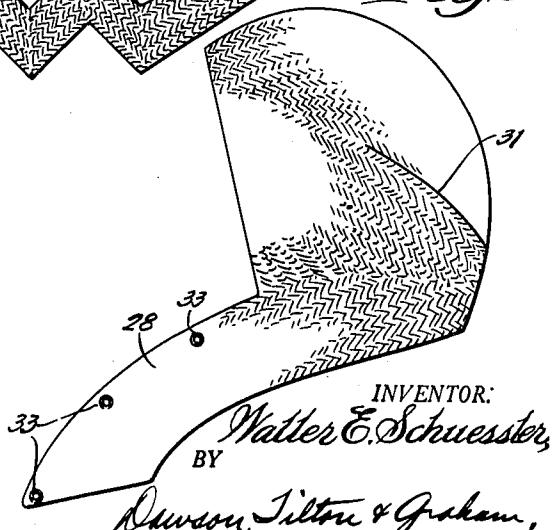


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to a knitted cap, and in particular to a knitted cap having formed integrally therewith a scarf or neckcloth. The present application is a continuation-in-part of my co-pending application Serial No. 271,778, for Knitted Cap and Method of Making the Same, now Patent No. 2,664,725.

In the forming of knitted caps, it is common to have seams extending all the way from the front to the back of the cap and also to have a plurality of seams terminating in the center of the cap. The difficulty with such structures is that the seams prevent the stretch of the knitted garment and form bulky and inelastic headgear portions. There has long been a need for a cap in which the seams do not extend from one side to the other and in which the seams employed are divergent and spaced from each other and terminate in the body of the cap, so that there are remaining portions which permit stretching of the cap over wide areas.

There has further been a need for a cap having formed integrally therewith portions that form a scarf or neckcloth when the cap is in position upon the head of an individual. A cap of this character is particularly advantageous in the case of children or infants, where the customary bulk of the clothing about the neck of the child makes it difficult to properly utilize a separate scarf.

An object of the invention is to provide a knitted cap in which the seams therein are relatively short and which are spaced from each other so that wide areas of the cap are free to stretch in the wearing of the cap. Another object of the invention is to provide a cap structure in which there is a short seam in the front portion of the cap and at the top thereof and diverging seams extending from a point at the rear of the cap and then laterally of the center of the cap. Still another object is to provide a cap having extending portions that may be brought together to form a scarf or neckcloth when the cap is being worn. A further object is that of providing a cap having integral extensions that may, when the cap is being worn, be brought together to form, selectively, a scarf that is drawn across the chin of the wearer, or a neckcloth that falls below the chin and about the neck of a person wearing the cap. A still further object is to provide a means and method for forming a cap in which a swatch which is uncut and which is provided with V-shaped recesses is combined to form a cap as above described. Other objects and advantages will appear as the specification proceeds.

The invention is shown in an illustrative embodiment by the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the cap extensions brought together to form a neckcloth so as to fall along the chest of an individual; Fig. 2 is a front view showing the cap extensions brought together transversely of the cap; Fig. 3 is a perspective view in which the extensions are depending from the body of the cap in unsecured fashion; Fig. 4 is a plan view of an uncut knitted swatch from which the cap illustrated in the preceding

figures is formed; Fig. 5 is a side view of a modified form of cap; Fig. 6 is a plan view on reduced scale of a modified swatch from which the cap of Fig. 5 is formed; and Fig. 7 is a front view of a cap formed from the swatch illustrated in Fig. 6 and in which the extensions are looped to form a tie. In Figs. 1, 2 and 7, the caps illustrated are provided with trim.

In the illustration given, 10 designates an uncut swatch having at the front thereof a central V-shaped recess 11 and adjacent each side thereof V-shaped recesses 12 and 13. The central recess 11 has on each side thereof walls or sides 14 and 15 terminating in pointed portions 16 and 17. At the rear there are formed two V-shaped recesses 18 and 19 having, respectively, walls or sides 20 and 21 and 22 and 23. The walls 21 and 22 meet at a pointed portion 24 while the outer end of the wall 20 terminates in a point 25 and the outer end of the wall 23 terminates in a point 26. The swatch is equipped with integral end extensions 27 and 28 that extend outwardly beyond the pointed portions 25 and 26.

In the stitching operation to form the caps illustrated in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 from the uncut swatch of Fig. 4, I unite the sides or walls 14 and 15 by a central row of stitches indicated by the numeral 29. At the rear of the cap I unite the side edges 20 and 21 to close the recess 18 with a line of stitches indicated by the numeral 30. Similarly, I unite the side edges 22 and 23 to close the V-shaped recess 19 by a row of stitches 31.

I prefer to knit the stitches along the front side of the cap—namely, along the points 16 and 17 and the sides 14 and 15—with tighter stitches than at the rear of the cap, so as to cause these portions of the cap to cling tightly to the face of the wearer. However, it will be understood that such tight stitching may be omitted if desired.

To complete the cap I unite the rear edges of the swatch at the points 25 and 26 and extending outwardly therefrom for a short distance toward the ends of the integral extensions 27 and 28. These stitches are indicated by the numeral 32. In the embodiment illustrated in Figs. 1 through 4, I equip the extensions 27 and 28 with fasteners 33 that extend in spaced relation along the forward edge of the extensions. Any suitable fastener may be employed and, for example, mating snap fasteners may be used. If desired, the cap may be provided along the forward edge thereof with a trim or fur type border 34.

As shown more clearly in Figs. 1 through 3, the seam 29 extends only a short distance inwardly from the front of the cap and terminates in the center free of the other seams. Seams 30 and 31 come to a point at the rear center of the cap and then extend forwardly and laterally so as to terminate at points widely spaced from the central seam 29. With this structure there are no continuous seams which limit the stretching of the cap during the wearing thereof. Each seam terminates in the open body of the knitted cap and at widely spaced points so that the cap is free to stretch in all directions. Thus the inelasticity which customarily results from the use of seams is avoided by spreading the seams apart to provide elastic areas between their inner ends.

The extensions 27 and 28 may be secured, selectively, in either of the positions illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. To achieve the effect shown in Fig. 1, wherein the extensions are fastened below the chin and are adapted to fall downwardly along the chest of a wearer, the upper fastener of each of the extensions are brought together, as are the other corresponding fasteners, to secure the two extensions together. On the other hand, if it is desired to wear the cap when the extensions are secured as shown in Fig. 2, the fastener at the lower end of one of the ex-

tensions is joined with the fastener adjacent the upper end of the other extension. The extensions then form a scarf that extends transversely in front of the cap. The cap, then, may be worn with the extensions secured in either of the positions illustrated, to provide the wearer with a selection as to the type of scarf that will be worn.

In Fig. 6 is illustrated a modified form of uncut knitted swatch **10***a* which is similar in all respects to the swatch **10** of Fig. 4 except that the extension **27***a* extends outwardly for a considerable distance beyond the terminal point of the extension **27**. Similarly, the extension **28***a* is extended ouwardly beyond the end of the extension 28. Otherwise the swatches of Figs. 4 and 6 are the same and have identical recesses, etc.

When the swatch of Fig. 6 is joined together as described with reference to the swatch illustrated in Fig. 4, the extensions **27***a* and **28***a* may be looped to form a tied scarf as illustrated in Fig. 7. If desired, the extensions **27***a* and **28***a* may be equipped with fasteners **33** along their forward edge so that the extensions may be united in a manner similar to that illustrated in Fig. 1, or may be looped as shown in Fig. 7. Although the extensions are too long to provide the type of closure illustrated in Fig. 2, a similar joining might be achieved by bringing together the central fastener **33** of one of the extensions with the upper fastener of the other extension.

While in the foregoing specification I have set forth a specific structure in considerable detail for the purpose of illustrating one embodiment of the invention, it will

be understood that such details of structure may be varied widely by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of my invention.

I claim:

1. A knitted cap and scarf integrally formed from a single swatch having a front edge and a rear edge, said front edge having a central V-shaped recess and a V-shaped recess on each side thereof, said rear edge having a pair of V-shaped rear recesses, said swatch also having a pair of elongated flap portions extending laterally beyond said recesses, the front edge portions defining said V-shaped central recess and the rear edge portions defining each of said V-shaped rear recesses being joined together and the rear edges of said flap portions adjacent said rear recesses being joined to provide a cap body, said elongated flap portions extending outwardly beyond their joined rear edges adjacent said rear recesses to provide free and elongated scarf portions.

2. The structure of claim 1 in which the front edges of the flap portions are provided with spaced fasteners for securing the front edges of said scarf portions to each other.

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