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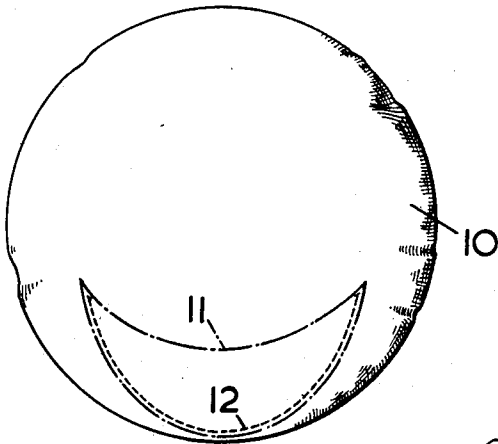


Fig. 1.

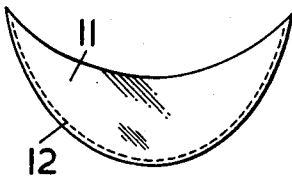


Fig. 3.

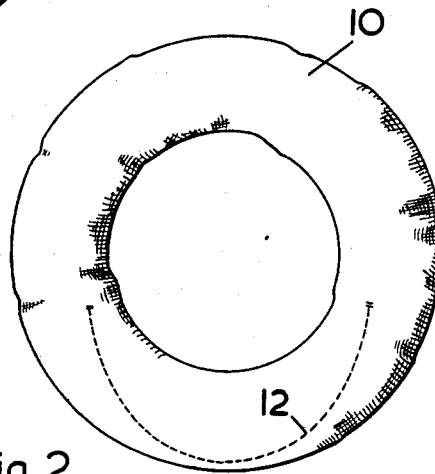


Fig. 2.

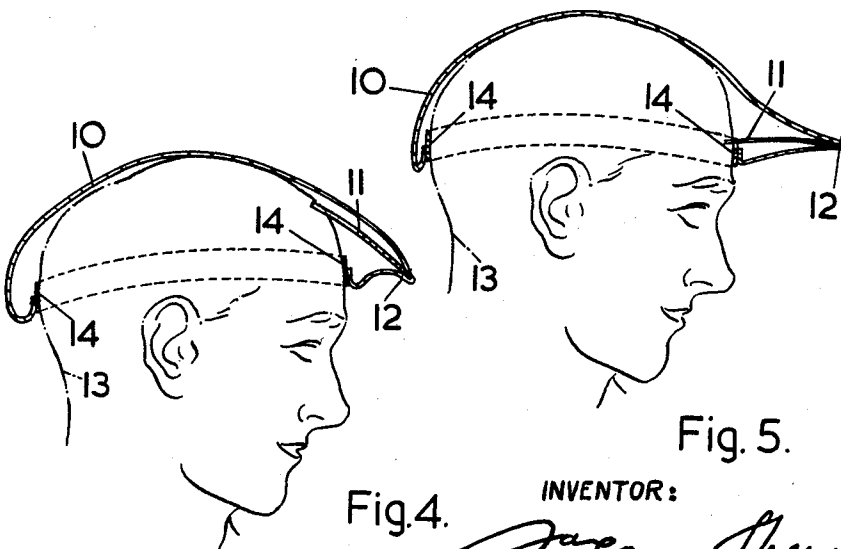


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.

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This invention relates to head coverings.

An object of the invention is to provide an improved light and comfortable head covering, and a further object of the invention is to provide a head covering which combines the advantages and favoured features of the man's cloth cap as traditionally worn in Great Britain with those of a soft wool knitted fabric shrunk and shaped without seams or joints.

According to the invention a circular or substantially circular head covering is provided with a stiffener which does not extend beyond the periphery of the covering, is substantially of the crescent-like shape of the peak of a conventional cloth cap, and is arranged inside the covering. The head covering is with advantage a single piece of knitted fabric shrunk and shaped without seams or joints (preferably made of wool in known manner). In an advantageous construction the stiffener is secured in place only by stitching extending along its front arcuate edge and passing through both the upper and lower layers of the covering. It is preferred to place the stiffener so that it extends right up to the periphery of the covering at its foremost point. The stiffener may be of material such as buckram, and the covering may be lined and/or provided with a sweat-band of leather or the like in known manner.

In the accompanying drawing a head covering according to the invention is illustrated by way of example,

Figure 1 being a plan view of the head covering,

Figure 2 an underneath view thereof,

Figure 3 a view of a stiffener, and

Figures 4 and 5 diagrammatic sectional elevations illustrating alternative positions in which the stiffener may be arranged by the wearer.

Referring to the said drawings, a circular or substantially circular head covering 10 is provided with a stiffener 11 which is arranged inside the covering 10 and is secured by stitching 12.

The covering 10 as illustrated is a single piece of knitted fabric shrunk and shaped without seams or joints in known manner, preferably of soft wool passed through all the conventional stages of felting and forming.

The stiffener 11 may be of any suitable material, for example of one, two, or more thicknesses of buckram, or rubber, or synthetic resin, or of layers of fabric bonded together. Figure 3 shows clearly the crescent-like shape

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of the stiffener 11 and where the line of stitching 12 extends adjacent to its front arcuate edge.

In Figures 4 and 5 the outline of a wearer's head is indicated by a chain-dotted line 13, and a sweat-band 14 (of material such as leather, for example) is secured by stitching or other known means to the covering 10. As shown in Figure 4 the stiffener may extend close to the upper portion of the covering 10, or it may be arranged lower as indicated in Figure 5 in which at least the middle part of the rear arcuate edge of the stiffener 11 engages the sweat-band 14; where the nature of the stiffener permits, the stiffener may be twisted so that it is partly in one of these positions and partly in the other, giving a jaunty tilted effect. As shown the stiffener 11, of which the outline is indicated by the chain-dotted line in Figure 1, extends right up to the periphery of the covering 10 at its foremost point and the stitching 12 passes right through the upper and lower parts of the covering as well as through the stiffener 11. In modifications (not shown) the stitching 12 passes through only one layer of the covering 10, either the upper or the lower as preferred. No lining is illustrated, but obviously this can be provided in known manner if desired.

From the above description it will be seen that the invention provides an attractive head covering which, while being novel and modern in construction and appearance, retains some traditional features of the cloth cap and may be conveniently described as a "one-piece cap."

I claim:

1. A substantially circular head covering comprising a single seamless piece of felted fabric forming a one-piece cap with an upper substantially circular portion and a lower substantially annular portion contiguous with said upper portion and lying wholly within the periphery of said upper portion, said upper portion and said lower portion both being of a single thickness of said felted fabric, a crescent-shaped stiffener inside said cap between said upper portion and said lower portion and having a front arcuate edge which at one point is closely adjacent to the outer periphery of said upper portion, and securing means extending only along said front arcuate edge of said stiffener and permanently securing said stiffener inside said cap to said upper portion and said lower portion, the rear edge of said stiffener being free.

2. A head-covering as claimed in claim 1, said securing means consisting of stitching passing through said upper portion, said stiffener, and said lower portion.

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