

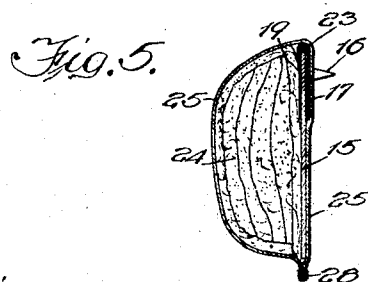
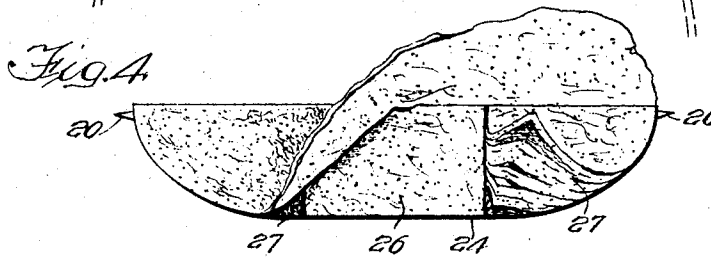
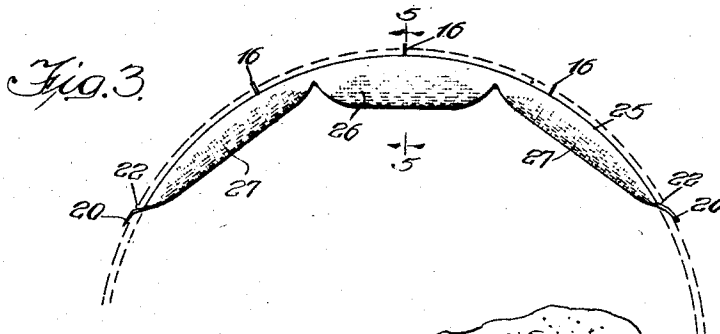
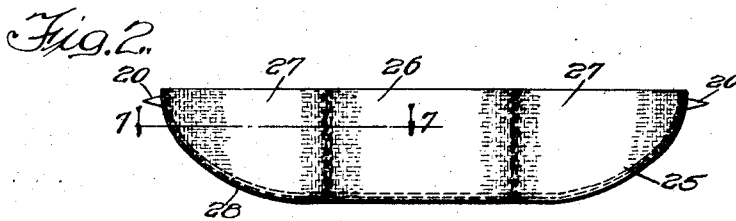
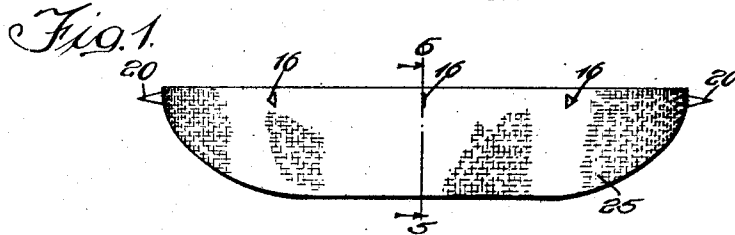
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*Fig. 6.*

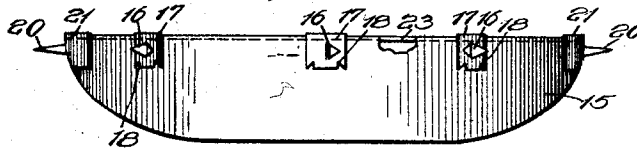


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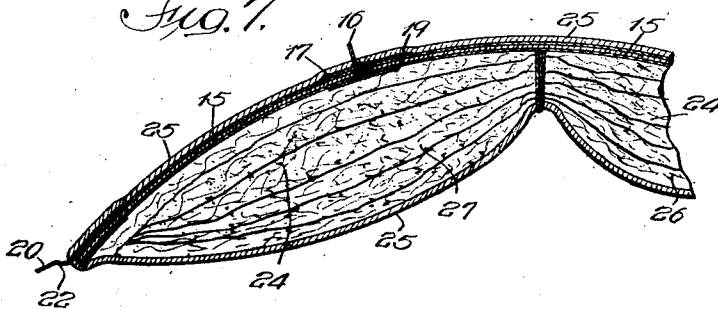


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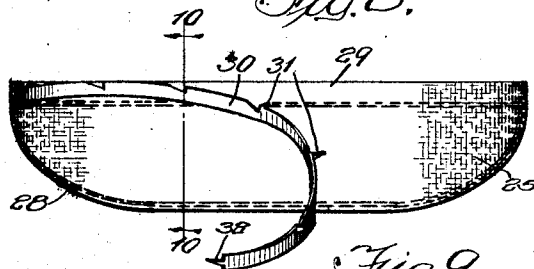


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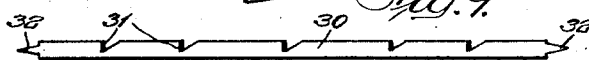
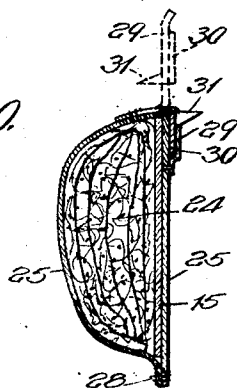


*Fig. 10.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LENA SMITH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hat Pads, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in hat pads or fillets to decrease the effective diameter of ladies' and children's hats.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide a device which may quickly and securely be anchored to and removed from hats.

Another object is to provide a device which will not deform or contort the contour of the hat.

A further object is to provide a cushion made in such manner that it will readily conform to the interior surface of the hat without wrinkling the cushion or the cover.

Another object is to improve means for anchoring the device to the hat.

Another object is to produce a device of this character which will preserve its rounding contour independently of the hat, and which will not stress the hat.

Other objects, benefits and advantages will readily appear from a consideration of the following description when taken in conjunction with the drawings, forming a part hereof, wherein:—

Fig. 1 shows a rear side elevation of one form of the device.

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of said device.

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the device as it appears in a hat, the inner surface of the hat crown is shown in dotted lines.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 2, showing part of the cover removed and the three part cushion thereby enclosed.

Fig. 5 is a transverse section taken on line 5—5 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 6 is a rear elevation of the cushion carrying supporting strip.

Fig. 7 is an enlarged section taken on line 7—7 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 8 is a front elevation of a modified form showing the manner of applying the metal strip carrying the anchoring spurs.

Fig. 9 is a plan view of the metal strip and integral anchoring spurs.

Fig. 10 is a transverse section taken on line of 10—10 of Fig. 8.

In all of the views the same reference characters indicate similar parts.

Briefly the device consists of a cushion or fillet for insertion in the crown of ladies' hats, made necessary by "bobbing" the hair.

The cushion must be properly supported and the device must be firmly held or anchored in place in the hat while it may conveniently be separated therefrom without disfiguring the hat. There are other refinements, hereinafter to be disclosed, that renders the device especially valuable.

The supporting member may consist of a strip of cardboard 15 to which is attached at intervals anchoring spurs 16. These spurs are located intermediate the ends of the strip and each spur is punched and bent out from an individual plate 17 and the plate is attached by smaller spurs 18 passing thru the strip and by turning the upper edge 19 over the upper edge of the supporting strip.

The intermediate anchoring spurs 16 project from one side of the strip 15 at substantially right angles thereto, and are of length to just extend thru the crown of the hat.

The spurs 20, at the end of the strip, are also made from plates 21, which are secured to the strip in a similar manner. The spurs 20 differ from the spurs 16 in that they are longer and do not extend at right angles from the strip 15. The spurs 20 extend generally in line with the strip 15 and they are first bent outwardly at a relatively acute angle and then bent back into practical alignment with the strip, as shown at 22 in Figs. 3 and 7.

In placing the device in a hat the mid portion is bent forward of its ultimate position and the anchoring spurs 20 are pushed thru the hat crown, then the mid portion is pushed rearwardly, as shown in Fig. 3, this causes the spurs 20 to lock or anchor the device to the crown. The spurs 16 enter the crown and prevent relative vertical movement of the hat and cushion device. A soft, non-resilient wire or strip 23 is placed parallel with the upper edge of the strip 15 to stiffen it and to cause it to remain in any form or curve into which it may be bent to more truly conform to the rounded contour of the crown of a hat.

The device, therefore, is not "springy" with a tendency to assume a flat or straight form when released and, therefore, when

placed in a hat it will not distort or tend to distort the desired normal contour or curvature of the crown of a hat.

The cushion 24 is, preferably, divided into a plurality of separate sections. This permits the device to be more evenly and uniformly curved and prevents the cushion cover 25 from wrinkling.

In the disclosed embodiment the cushion is shown to consist of one central section 26 and two side sections 27—27. The sections are preferably made of a plurality of laminae of soft felt sheets, as shown in Fig. 4.

The cover 25 extends over the cushion 24 and over the back of the supporting strip 15 and is stitched together at the bottom edge 28.

The center, or mid portion 26 of the cushion 24 is substantially uniform in width. The ends are rounded, only from the bottom upwardly. The upper edge of the device is straight from end to end, as a preferred form.

In the modified form shown in Figs. 8 and 10 the cover 25 has a tuck 29 at its upper edge, and as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 10, is intended to enclose the strip 30 when folded over, as shown in full lines.

The metal strip 30 is, preferably, non-elastic. The anchoring spurs 31 are cut from the strip and project thru the tuck. The spurs 32 are formed from the strip but are not bent at right angles thereto as the spurs 31. The spurs 32 serve the same pur-

pose and in the same manner as the spurs 20, heretofore described. When the device is curved, as when in place, the strip 30 cannot become disengaged.

The smooth effect of the three part cushion is shown in Fig. 3.

The spur-carrying band 30 may be secured to the device by means other than by the tuck 29, just so that it is not enclosed within the cover 25, and may readily be removed and replaced in a manner described which is within the intent of the invention.

Having described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. In a hat pad, a supporting strip, a plurality of spaced attaching spurs secured independently on one side of said strip, a cushion attached to the other side thereof, and a non-resilient metal member secured to one edge of said strip and adapted to hold said strip in curved position against the inside of the hat without tending to distort said hat.

2. In a hat pad, a supporting strip, a plurality of spaced attaching means on one side thereof, a cushion secured to the other side thereof, and a non-resilient metal member secured to said strip along its length and adapted to conform to the inner contour of the hat without resiliently pressing against said hat.

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name.

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