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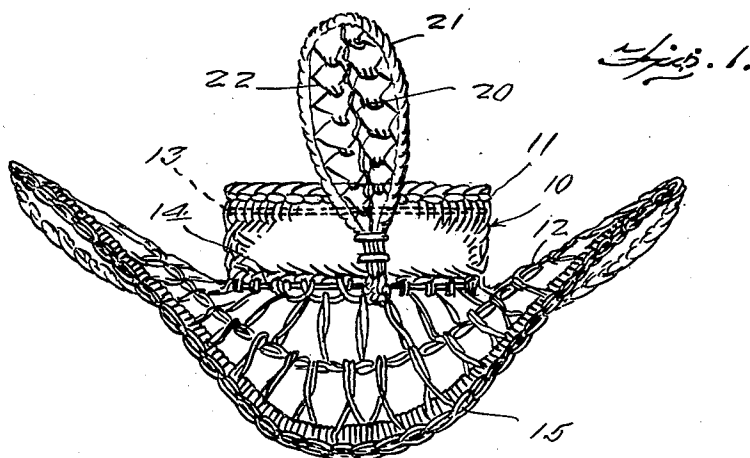
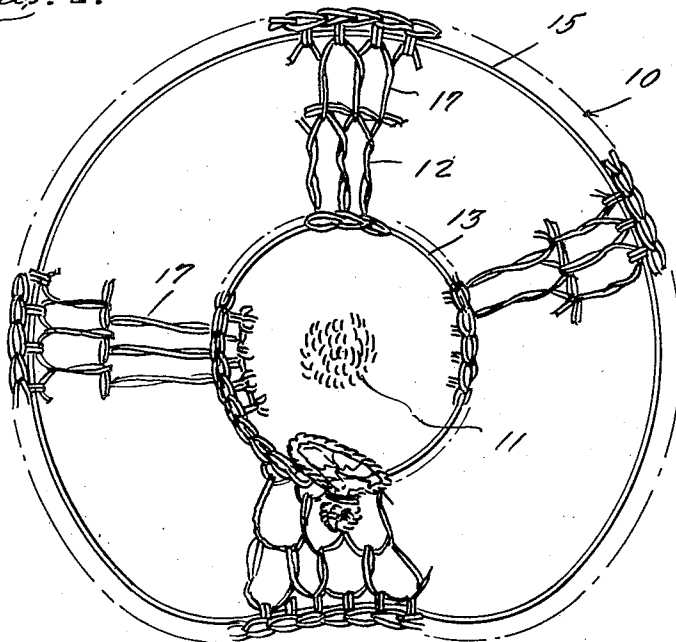


Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.

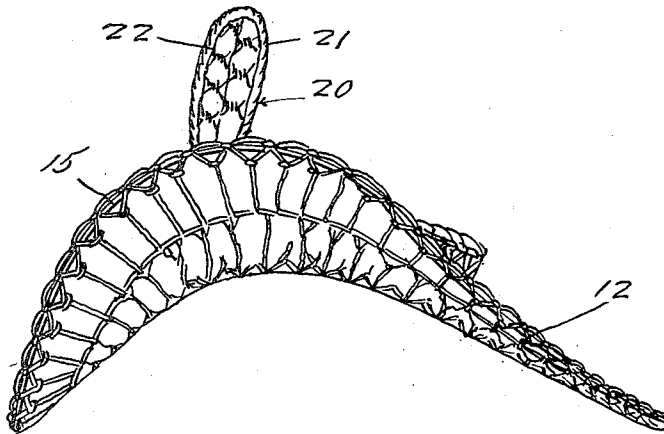


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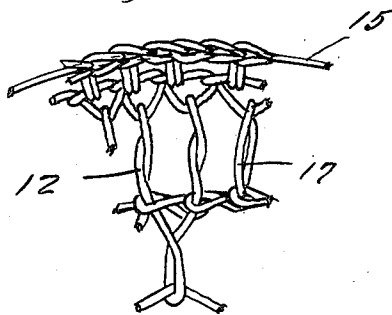
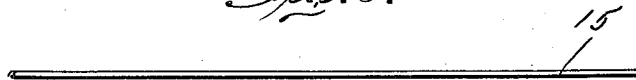


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This invention relates to a crocheted hat, and more particularly to such an article adapted to be shaped about a flexible form or core of substantially circular contour.

A primary object of this invention is the provision of an improved crocheted article, such as a hat, adapted to be formed about one or more pliable resilient formers or cores.

An additional important object of this invention is the provision of such an article characterized by means whereby the shape of the same may be changed by flexing the cores during the formation of the article or when the crocheting is finished.

An additional object is the provision of such an article which may be made in a variety of styles and shapes, the contours thereof being determined by the tension placed on the former or core in the course of crocheting the article.

Still another object resides in the provision of an article, such as a hat or the like, which may be crocheted about a former, or core, or which may be initially crocheted and subsequently have the former, or core, attached thereto, such attachment being so arranged as to adjust the tension on various portions of the former, or core, to give the finished article a desired shape.

Other objects will in part be obvious and in part be pointed out as the description of the invention proceeds, and shown in the accompanying drawings, wherein there is disclosed a preferred embodiment of this inventive concept.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a hat constructed in accordance with this invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the hat shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a side view of Figure 1.

Figure 4 is an enlarged fragmentary detail view, showing a portion of the article, and

Figure 5 is an enlarged side elevational view of a portion of one type of former or core utilized in the construction of the article.

Having reference now to the drawings, there is generally indicated at 10 a hat comprised of a crocheted crown portion 11 and a crocheted brim 12. The crown 11 is provided with an upper flexible core 13 and a lower flexible core 14, each comprised of a substantially circular ring of resilient flexible material. The crown 11 may be crocheted directly on the cores 13 and 14, the stitches being looped around the same, or the cores may be inserted and secured within the crown after the same has been crocheted. The brim 12 of the hat is likewise provided with a flexible core 15

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extending adjacent the periphery thereof. The core 15 normally consists of a circular resilient member which may be of wire, plastic, or other suitable materials, but in forming the hat in a desired shape, the same may be flexed or bent, by varying the tension of longitudinal bands of crocheting 17, about various portions of the brim. The core 15 may also consist of an integral portion of the hat, when the same is being crocheted, or may be subsequently attached to the brim after the same has been formed.

If desired, a crocheted ornament 20 may be secured to the crown of the hat and is comprised of a flexible core 21 of any desired shape covered with crocheting 22.

From the foregoing, it will now be readily understood that for instance a hat of any desired shape or configuration may be readily constructed about any desired number or shapes of formers or cores. It will also be understood that the brim of the hat may be flexed from its original circular contour, as shown, to assume a variety of shapes or contours for varying the tension of the crochet thread at different points, or, such contours may be formed without the necessity of bending the pliable core permanently out of its normal circular shape as by deformation of the core after the crocheting is completed.

While in the foregoing the article described has been specified as a hat, it will be understood that the technique described may be equally advantageously applied to other crocheted articles, such as articles of wearing apparel, coasters, glass holders, or the like, and by the use of a single or a multiple number of cores.

From the foregoing it will now be seen that there is herein provided an improved crocheted article, characterized by lightness in weight, simplicity of construction, and relative cheapness of manufacture, which may be readily adjusted to a variety of shapes as desired by the user thereof.

As many embodiments may be made of this inventive concept, and as many modifications may be made in the embodiment hereinbefore shown and described, it is to be understood that all matter herein is to be interpreted merely as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

I claim:

1. In a hat, a crown, an upper circular pliable core and a lower similar core peripherally positioned in said crown at the top and bottom thereof, respectively, a crocheted brim, a circular pliable third core of larger diameter secured about the periphery of said brim, by crocheting stitches, said third core being under varying tension from

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the stitches of said crocheted brim at various peripheral points whereby to cause deformation of said peripheral third core into desired contour, and an ornament on said hat consisting of a loop shaped core with a crocheted portion between its sides. 5

2. A method of manufacturing a crocheted ornamental hat, which consists in providing a pair of substantially circular cores of the same diameter, spacing them vertically at a predetermined distance, forming a hat crown thereon with crocheting secured to both said cores, then providing a third core of larger diameter, then forming a brim with crocheting secured upon said third core and the lowermost of said two first mentioned cores, and shaping the contour of said brim by de- 10

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forming said third core by applying different tension to peripherally spaced stitches of the crocheting connecting said third core and said lowermost core.

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