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Fig. 1.

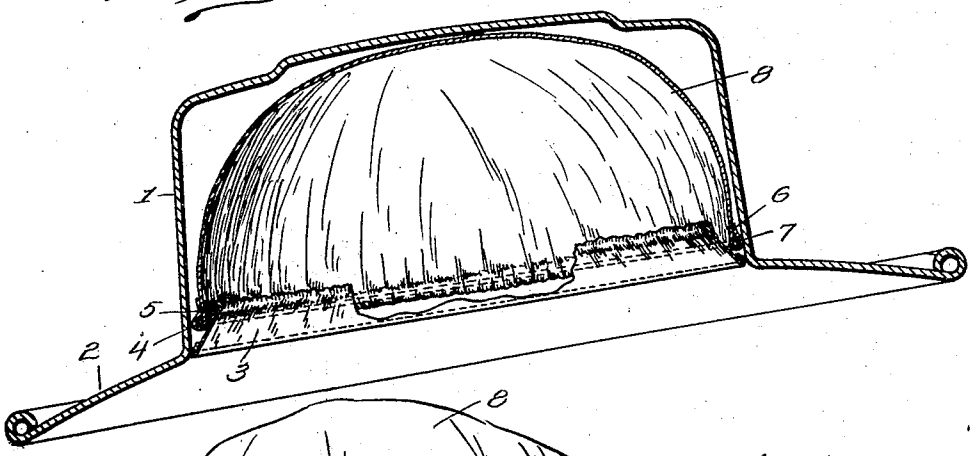


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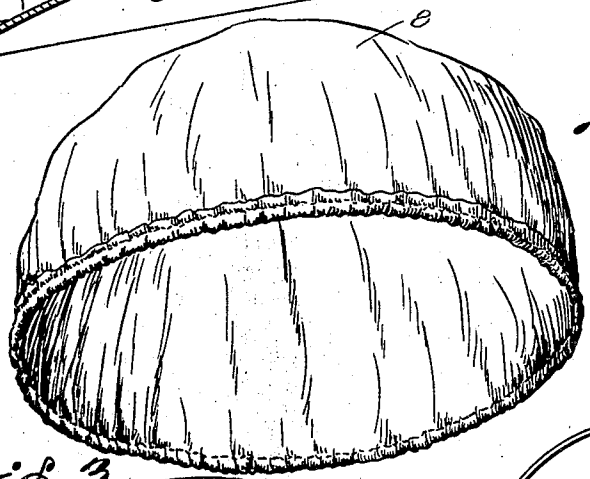


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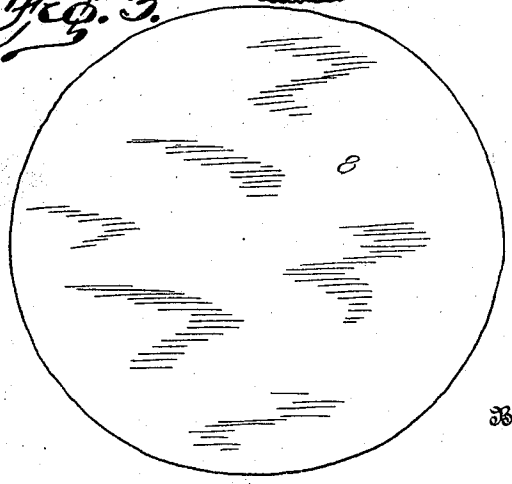
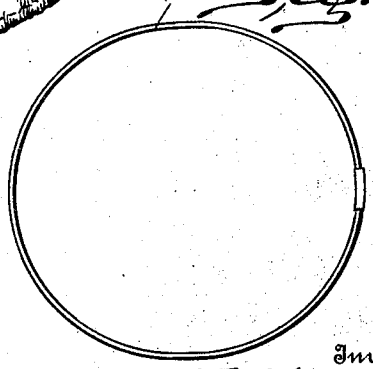


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ADJUSTABLE-HEAD-SIZE HAT AND LINING THEREFOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JANIE A. McKNIGHT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Lincolnton, in the county of Lincoln and State of North Carolina, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Adjustable-Head-Size Hats and Linings Therefor, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference more particularly to ladies', misses' and children's hats, and has for its object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, an adjustable head size manufactured into the hat, whereby the latter can be used in connection with heads of varying sizes, and the invention has for its further object to combine with the adjustable head size a one-piece lining having its lower portion supported upon and interposed between the adjustable head size and the crown of the hat.

In accordance with this invention, a hat body is provided with a bandeau formed from a strip of flexible material, cut on bias, arranged in band-like form, preferably corresponding in color to the color of the hat body and having the lower edge thereof fastened to the inner wall of the headsize of the hat at position of sweatband and there containing a circular metal or like reinforcement to hold the bandeau at such point out against the inner wall of the hat in the position of the sweat bandeau location, while the upper edge of the band contains a flat elastic member embedded in the bandeau and instanding with relation to the lower edge of the bandeau, the elastic member being contracted due to its own elasticity and capable of expanding under internal pressure.

Positioned within the crown portion of the hat is a one-piece lining of a size to fill such crown portion and which has its base provided with a spring steel wire band and with the lining so set up whereby the base thereof will be lodged between the bandeau and the wall of the hat crown at the sweat band location and with the base of the lining seated upon the bandeau.

The construction of the invention provides a body hat with new and larger headsize measurements than are now in use, such as may prove practical with a soft snug-fit elastic inner edge head-size adjustment made of a strip of suitable flexible material, cut on bias with flat elastic sewn into the hat by the manufacturer, doing away with the waste of time and labor now taken up by sewing in a paper lining by the manufacturer, and also provides a one-piece lining sewn onto a sprung steel wire conforming to the position of the sweat band and is advantageous in being held to the inner wall of the body hat head size without sewing, by means of the inserted sprung steel wire, and saves time and labor for the trimmer and also saves expense for the retailer.

Because of the elastic yielding of the bandeau and the take up provided by the elastic insert, the number of different head sizes which it becomes necessary to keep in stock is reduced to a minimum.

The adjustable head-size hats are made adjustable to the different sizes by simply drawing the elastic and tying it on the inner edge to fit tighter or looser as the case may require irrespective of whether the quantity of hair on the head be ample or scanty. Nor is the dealer confined to selling a certain style of hat to a certain type of customer as is now very often the case, since the dealer may have within his power to fit many more customers than heretofore with the same style hat, not only for women but also for misses and children as well. Moreover a great deal of time, labor and expense is saved to retailers which now is consumed by adding bandeaux to make smaller or the necessity of taking the hat to pieces in order that it may be fitted to customers with an out of the ordinary large head-size.

With the use of the invention, made into the hat head size adjustment, the same style of hat may be very satisfactorily or easily adjusted to different type customers.

The invention will be best understood from a consideration of the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, with the understanding that the invention is not confined to any strict compliance to the showing of the drawings, but may be changed and modified so long as such changes and modifications mark no material departure from the salient features of the invention as expressed in the appended claims.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a vertical central section through a hat embodying the invention, some parts of the showing being broken away.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the crown lining designed to occupy the upper portion of the hat.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the crown lining before being assembled.

Fig. 4 is a plan view of the wire reinforcement for the crown lining at the base thereof.

Referring to the drawings, there is shown a hat body 1, which may be considered without regard to its special shape or form and which may be taken as typical of various styles of hats.

The hat 1 is shown as furnished with a brim portion 2, which also may be taken as illustrative of various structure of brim hats, without however confining the invention to such particular style hat.

Arranged within the crown 1 of the hat, at the point where the crown joins the brim of the hat, is a bandeau 3 in accordance with this invention, which is formed from a strip of suitable flexible material, cut on bias, arranged in band-like form and tapered through the medium of a flat elastic 4, encased at the upper edge of the strip of fabric and drawn into position. The bandeau 3 tapers towards the upper edge thereof and extends into the crown portion 1 for a substantial distance. The upper edge 5 of the bandeau 3, is contracted in circumference by means of the elastic 4, whereby the upper edge 5 will be offset from the crown 1 a substantial distance and will be sufficiently elastic to snugly fit the head of a wearer.

Within the crown 1 there is lodged a dome-shaped crown lining having a hem 6 about the lower edge in which is lodged an endless sprung steel wire of a circumference conforming to that of the body of the hat and of such size as to engage the slanting body portion of the band 3.

Since the diameter of the dome-shaped crown insertion in the hat is greater than the upper end of the bandeau, the crown or lining, indicated at 8 is supported in the hat or body portion without the necessity of sewing, by means of the sprung steel wire fitted tightly into the head-size hat body at the position of the sweat band.

By making the upper or narrower portion of the bandeau 3 adjustable and of an elastic nature the whole band may be made to snugly fit the head of the wearer without making the fit uncomfortable and at the same time forming a continuous fitting from the base of the head size hat body to the smaller head size of the wearer.

The invention provides adjustable head sizes made into the hat body and adaptable to different types by simply drawing the elastic tape about the upper edge of the adjustable band to fit tightly or more loosely as the case may require.

The new measurements of adjustable head-sizes should be made in two sizes each for ladies, misses and children, such as may prove practical, and each hat may bear a stamped number at one side thereof providing the retailer with means of knowing what head-size he is buying.

What is claimed is:—

1. An attachment for hats comprising a frusto-conical bandeau formed from a strip of flexible material cut on bias, of substantial width and adapted to have its lower edge secured within and to the bottom of a hat crown, said bandeau having its upper edge provided with an elastic element for contracting said edge, and a crown lining having its lower end provided with a continuous encased metallic element corresponding in contour to the shape of the lower end of the lining and seated on the bandeau between the top and bottom edges thereof for retaining the lining within the crown.

2. An attachment for hats comprising a frusto-conical bandeau formed from a strip of flexible material cut on bias, of substantial width and having a yieldable contracted upper edge, and a crown lining having its lower edge provided with a continuous encased spring wire corresponding in contour to the shape of the lower end of the lining, said lower end of the lining mounted on said bandeau and said wire providing means in connection with the bandeau for retaining the lining within the hat, the upper portion of said bandeau extending into and above the lower end of the bottom of the lining.

3. The combination with the crown of a hat, of a frusto-conical bandeau formed from a strip of flexible material, cut on the bias of substantial width having its lower edge secured to the inner face of said crown at the bottom thereof, said bandeau extending inwardly from said crown and having its upper edge provided with an encased elastic element to provide for the contracting of said upper edge, and a lining arranged in said crown and having its lower end seated on said bandeau and interposed between the bandeau and the crown, said lining having its lower end provided with a continuous spring wire encased in the lining and providing means for retaining the lining in position.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature hereto.

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