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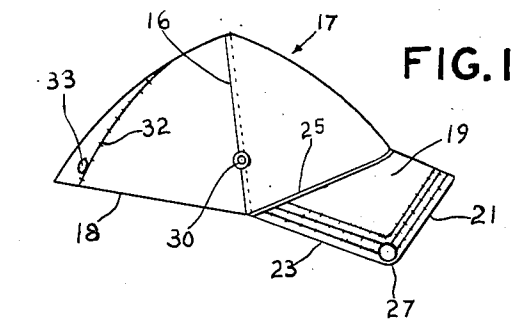


FIG. 1

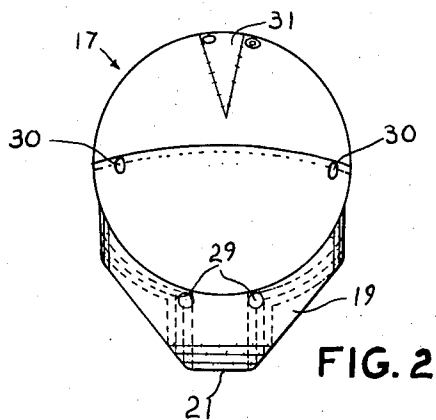


FIG. 2

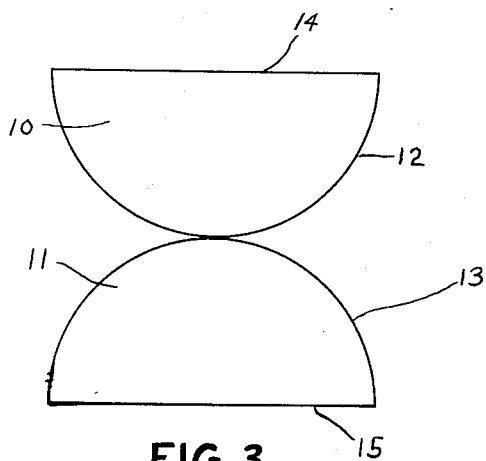


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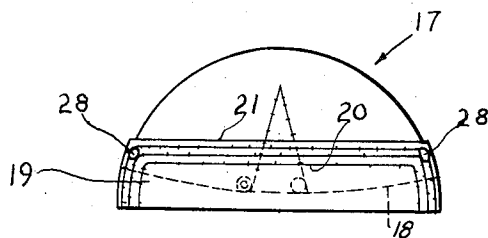


FIG. 4

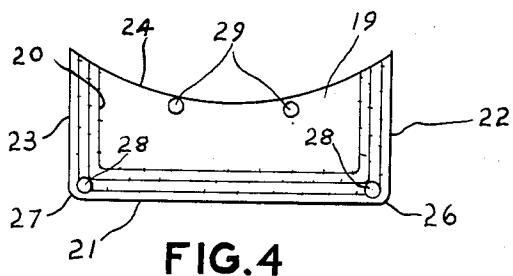


FIG. 5

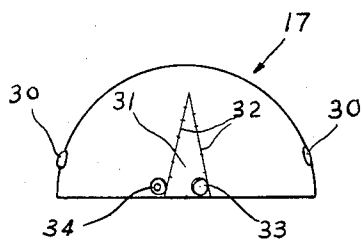


FIG. 6

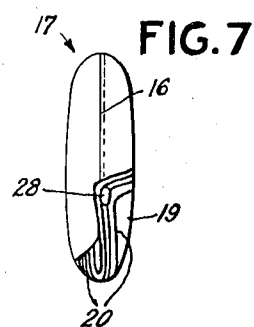


FIG. 7

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This invention relates to a carrier of the envelope or pouch type adapted to encase a raincoat, or the like of the same or similar material, and, more particularly, a dual purpose carrier which can be made to serve as a head covering.

An object of the invention is the provision of an article of the type referred to which is quickly and easily convertible from a raincoat pouch to a serviceable cap of pleasing appearance.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a raincoat pouch which can optionally serve as a cap and can be readily returned to the condition of a pouch to encase the folded coat.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an article of the type referred to which is not only attractive in appearance but can be produced at relatively low cost and which, in functioning as a head covering, can be adjusted to heads of different size.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become clear from the following detailed description, when considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Fig. 1 is a side view of the combination pouch and cap of this invention arranged as a cap and showing the visor unfolded,

Fig. 2 is a view from above of the cap shown in Fig. 1, with the corners of the visor folded to form a peak,

Fig. 3 is a composite blank showing the two semi-circular sections of material which form the main body of the pouch and of the cap crown,

Fig. 4 shows the combination visor and pouch flap prior to being stitched to the diametral edge of one of the crown sections,

Fig. 5 is a rear view of the cap shown in Figs. 1 and 2, illustrating the feature by which the cap rim can be adjusted to adapt it generally to the head size of the wearer,

Fig. 6 shows the combination pouch and cap of this invention arranged as a pouch or envelope with the flap folded over the transverse opening in the pouch formed by collapsing the crown and rim and secured to the rear portion of the body of the pouch by snap buttons, and

Fig. 7 is an end view on a somewhat enlarged scale of the pouch shown in Fig. 6.

Referring to the drawings, it will be observed that the combination cap and carrier of this invention is formed, in part, from semi-circular sections 10 and 11, shown in Fig. 3, having the curved edges 12 and 13, and the rearward and forward diametral edges 14 and 15, respectively, and is made of any suitable flexible textile or plastic sheet material. In the form shown in the drawings it may be understood that the article is made of transparent sheet plastic. The curved edges 12 and 13 are stitched together to provide a seam 16, and to form a crown 17 having a circular rim 18 conforming generally to the shape of the head, as indicated generally in Figures 1, 2 and 5, and optionally serving as the body of the pouch indicated in Figures 6 and 7.

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Figure 4 shows the combination cap visor and pouch flap 19, of the same material as the crown 17, and preferably made of two or more thicknesses thereof stitched together at the edges and preferably having reinforcing stitching indicated at 20. The visor shown in Fig. 4 is generally rectangular, having a forward edge 21, side edges 22 and 23 and a concave edge 24. This concave edge 24 is stitched to the forward diametral edge 15 of the crown to provide a seam indicated at 25.

When the article of this invention functions as a head covering the visor may, if desired, be worn as indicated in Figure 1, but is preferably shaped to form a peak as shown in Fig. 2, by folding under the corners 26 and 27. For this purpose snap fasteners 28 are embedded in the corners 26 and 27, and complementary fasteners 29 are affixed to the visor at spaced locations adjacent the concave edge 24, although, if desired, they may be affixed to the rim of the cap adjacent the seam 25. Similar complementary snap fastener elements 30 are secured to the crown adjacent the seam 16 at laterally spaced locations corresponding to the spacing between the fasteners 28 for cooperation therewith upon folding the visor over the transverse opening formed when the front and rear portions of the crown and the rim are brought together as when the article is to function as an envelope or pouch to encase the raincoat, as indicated in Figs. 6 and 7. Thus, all that is required to convert the cap shown in Fig. 2 to the pouch shown in Fig. 6, or vice versa, is to release the fastener elements 28 from the appropriate complementary fastener elements 29 or 30.

The pouch is an adequate and serviceable one for conveniently carrying the raincoat, and the cap is an attractive item of wearing apparel which functions very satisfactorily for the purpose intended. If desired, the rim may be reinforced by stitching or the provision of a rim band.

Adjustment in the circumference of the rim to cause the cap to conform to large and small heads is made by the provision of a triangularly shaped opening fitted with a gusset 31 in the rear portion of the crown, and stitched at 32. A fastener element 33 is provided adjacent the rim 18 and the gusset 31, and one or more complementary fasteners 34 are provided, spaced therefrom and cooperable therewith to bring the triangular sides of the gusset together, reducing the circumference of the rim while providing a neat appearance for the rear of the cap.

The invention has been described in its preferred embodiment. However, it should be understood that modifications may be made in the invention without departing from the spirit thereof or the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A cap adapted to optionally serve as a raincoat pouch comprising a crown having an annular rim portion and adapted to conform to the shape of the head, said crown having forward and rearward portions which are optionally brought together to form a flattened pouch adapted to serve as a receptacle for the raincoat, a combination flap and visor having one edge thereof joined to the rim of the forward crown portion, said combination flap and visor projecting outwardly from the crown to serve as a cap visor and adapted to be optionally folded over the said rearward portion of the crown to form a closure when said forward and rearward portions of the crown are brought together to form said flattened pouch, fastening means on the combination flap and visor, and complementary fastening means on said rearward crown portion cooperable therewith.

2. A cap adapted to optionally serve as a garment pouch comprising a crown formed of flexible sheet material having front and rear sections and an annular rim and adapted to conform to the shape of the head, said

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cap being collapsible from front to rear upon itself to form a pouch having an elongated transverse opening, a combination pouch flap and visor having an edge joined to the forward portion of said rim and projecting outwardly therefrom, transversely spaced fastening means on said combination flap and visor, said flap adapted to be folded over and serve to cover and close said transverse opening when the cap serves as a pouch, and complementary fastening means on said rear section of the crown adapted to register and cooperate with said fastening means on the combination flap and visor to secure the latter to said rear section.

3. A garment pouch adapted to serve as a cap comprising a crown portion formed of flexible sheet material having an annular rim and adapted to conform to the shape of the head, a visor having an edge joined to said rim and projecting outwardly therefrom, said visor being generally rectangular and having outer corners adapted to be folded inwardly toward the central portion of said visor, fastening means on said outer corners of the visor, and complementary fastening means on the visor inwardly from said outer corners adjacent said rim cooperable with the fastening means on said outer corners when the latter are folded inwardly to form a peak.

4. A cap adapted to optionally serve as a raincoat pouch comprising a crown having an annular rim portion and adapted to conform to the shape of the head, said crown having forward and rearward portions which are optionally brought together to form a flattened pouch adapted to serve as a receptacle for the coat, a combination pouch flap and cap visor generally rectangular in shape having one edge thereof joined to the rim of the forward crown portion and projecting outwardly therefrom, fastening means adjacent the outer corners of said generally rectangular flap and visor, said outer corners

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adapted to be folded inwardly toward the center of the rim of said forward crown portion, and fastening means on the said one edge on each side of the center on the combination flap and visor cooperable with the fastening means adjacent the outer corners thereof when said outer corners are folded inwardly to form a peak.

5. A cap adapted to optionally serve as a garment pouch comprising a crown formed of flexible sheet material having front and rear sections and an annular rim and adapted to conform to the shape of the head, said crown and rim being collapsible from front to rear upon itself to form a pouch having an elongated transverse opening, a combination pouch flap and visor having an edge joined to the forward portion of said rim and projecting outwardly therefrom, transversely spaced fastening means on said combination flap and visor at locations spaced outwardly from the juncture thereof with said rim, and complementary fastening elements on said visor spaced a lesser distance from said juncture than the aforesaid fastening means and inwardly therefrom, said elements being cooperable with said fastening means upon folding the laterally outer portions of the visor to form a peak.

6. The invention set forth in claim 5, wherein said complementary fastening elements on the visor are on the under side thereof.

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