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Fig. 1.

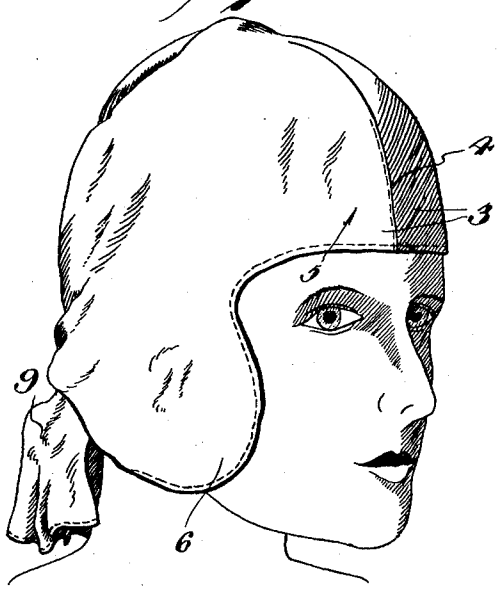


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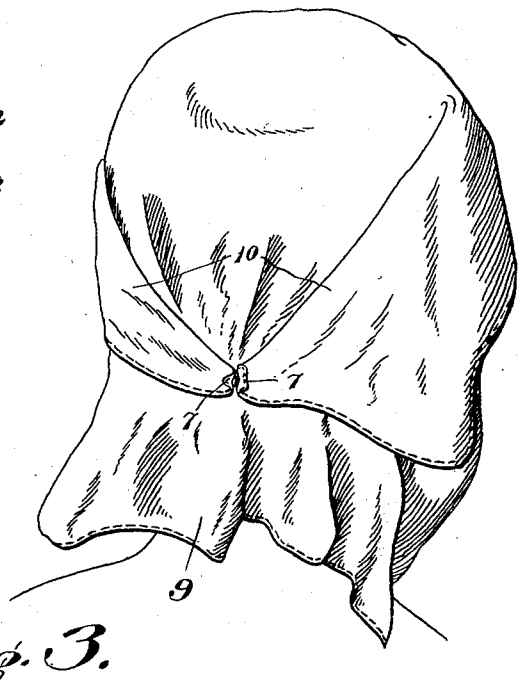


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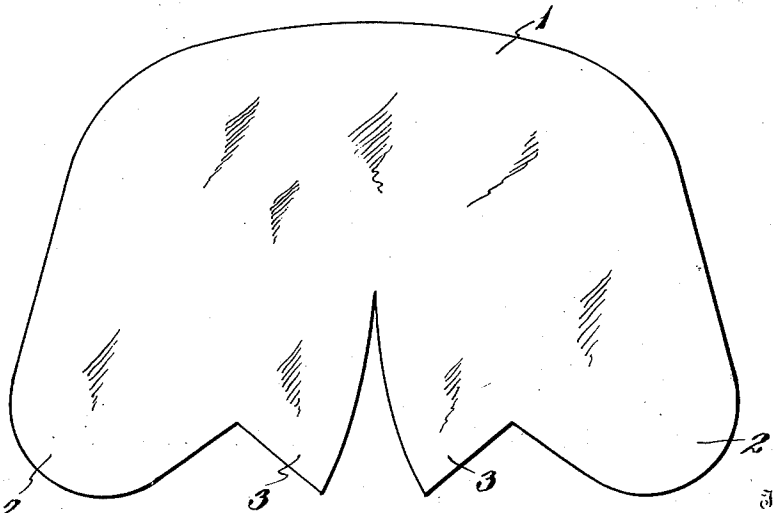
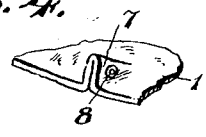


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This invention relates to apparel and more particularly to a bath cap.

At the present time it is customary for a lady to cut her hair short and when so cut it is necessary to have it waved so that it will be neat and attractive in appearance. If the hair becomes wet or damp, the wave comes out and it is necessary to have it again waved. Long hair will also lose its curl if subjected to water or steam.

Therefore, one object of the invention is to provide a cap formed of water-proof material which can be worn when taking a bath so that the hair will not become wet and also prevent it from being exposed to steam.

Caps formed of sheet rubber or rubberized cloth are now used to prevent the hair from becoming wet when swimming but these caps fit close to the head and cannot be worn without causing the hair to be disturbed.

Therefore, another object of the invention is to provide a cap which may be very easily applied to the head without causing the hair to be rumpled.

Another object of the invention is to so form the cap that it will fit closely against the forehead and sides of the face in front of the ears and fully protect the hair and to further so construct the cap that it will be provided with a portion extending downwardly at the back of the head and very effectively prevent any portion of the hair becoming wet.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cap of this character which may be formed from a flat sheet of material cut the proper shape and thereby permit it to be very easily and cheaply made.

Another object of the invention is to provide a cap of this character which, when applied to the head, may be folded to form flaps adapted to be extended rearwardly about the head and joined at the back and when so joined firmly hold the cap upon the head.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the cap in use and looking toward the front of the same;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 looking at the rear of the cap;

Fig. 3 is a view of the blank from which the cap is formed, and

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of one side portion of the cap.

The bath cap constituting the subject-matter of this invention is formed from a blank 1 which is cut from a flat sheet of rubber or rubberized fabric and when cut has the configuration shown in Fig. 3. The side edges of the blank converge rearwardly and merge into the rear edge and at its forward end the blank is formed with extensions 2 and an intermediate extension which is divided into sections 3 by a slit which extends rearwardly into the body portion of the sheet of material and gradually reduces in width until its side edges meet.

After the blank has been cut from a sheet of material, the portions 3 of the intermediate extension are moved toward each other and joined together, as shown at 4 in Fig. 1, thereby connecting the portions 3 to form the cap with a front portion 5 which is curved so that when the cap is applied to the head of a person the front portion will fit snugly against the forehead and the extensions 2 will form shields 6 to fit against the sides of the face in covering relation to and in front of the ears. Therefore, the ears and the front portion of the hair will be entirely covered. At opposite sides of the blank and intermediate its depth, portions of the sheet are pinched together to provide tabs 7 and against these tabs are secured separable snap fasteners 8 or a button can be secured against one tab and a buttonhole formed in the other tab. By this arrangement the two tabs may be joined when the cap is in use and the cap held firmly in place upon the head.

When the cap is in use, it is applied with the front portion fitting against the forehead and the shield 6 against the sides of the face. The rear portion of the cap extends downwardly at the back of the neck, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, to provide a portion 9 which may be termed an apron and the side portions of the cap are grasped by the tabs 7 and when folded longitudinally provide flaps 10 which are carried rearwardly until they meet at the back of the head where their ends are joined

by the companion fasteners. By this arrangement the flaps will bind the side and rear portions of the cap close against the head and all of the hair will be covered so that it will be protected from water or steam when taking a tub bath or shower bath. Since the cap is substantially a flat sheet when applied, it does not have to be drawn on over the hair and, therefore, the hair will not be disturbed and it can also be removed without disturbing the hair. Therefore, the hair will be protected from water and steam and at the same time will be prevented from being disturbed when the cap is put on or removed. It will also be noted that since the cap is substantially a flat sheet when not in use it can be very easily washed when necessary.

Having thus described the invention, I claim:

1. A cap comprising a sheet of material having its forward edge cut to define an intermediate portion and forwardly projecting side extensions adapted to extend across the forehead and cover sides of the face in front of the ears when the cap is worn, and companion fastening means adjacent opposite side edges of the sheet intermediate the front and rear edges of the sheet adapted to be releasably joined when the sheet is disposed upon the head of a person with its rear portion depending at the back of the head and its side portions folded to form binding flaps extended rearwardly in overlying relation to the rear portion of the sheet.

2. A cap comprising a sheet of material having side and rear edges and at its front having forwardly projecting extensions spaced transversely from each other by an intermediate portion, the said side edges extending rearwardly from the side extensions, the intermediate portion having a slit formed intermediate its width extending towards the rear of the body portion of the sheet and tapered towards its inner end, the spaced portions of the intermediate portion being drawn together and secured to cause the joined portions to fit close against the forehead and the side extension fit close against the sides of the face in front of the ears when the cap is worn with the rear portion of the sheet extending downwardly at the back of the head, and companion fasteners at opposite sides of the sheet intermediate its front and rear ends whereby the side portions of the sheet may be folded transversely upon themselves to form flaps extended rearwardly about the head and secured together in overlying relation to the rear portion of the sheet and bind the cap upon the head of a person.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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