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Fig. 1.

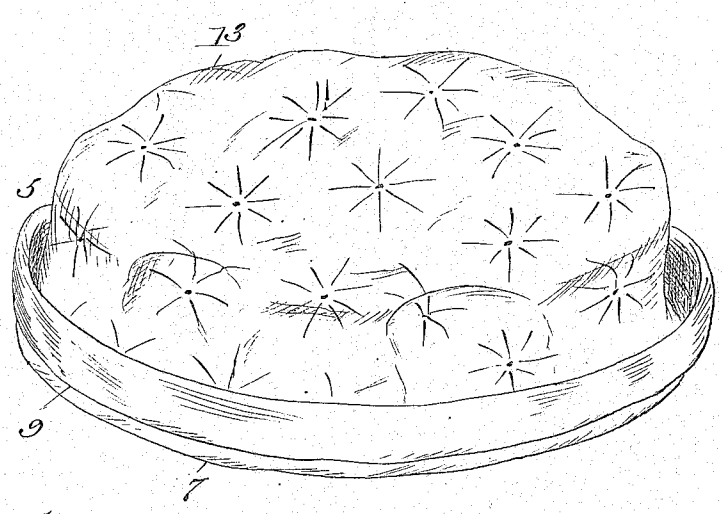
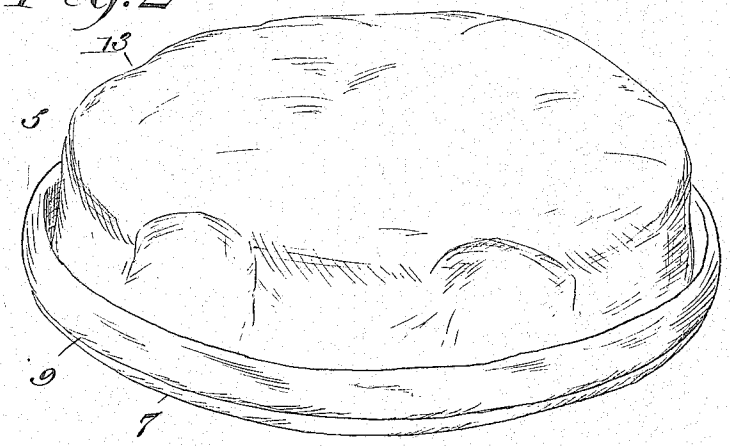


Fig. 2



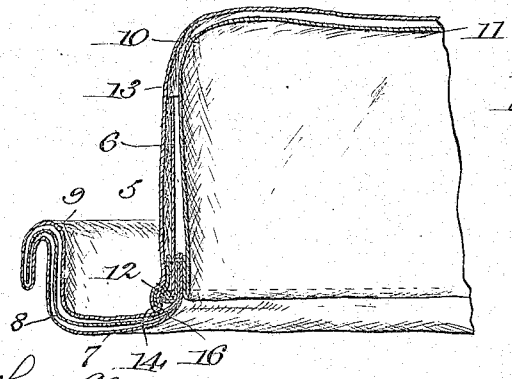


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMMA J. HUGHES, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hats, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hats and has for its primary object the provision of a hat consisting of a permanent body portion and a reversible or interchangeable covering for the crown of the hat so that at the taste of the user, said covering can be readily converted from one design to another.

A further object of the invention is to provide a hat of this character in which the covering for the crown may be firmly secured in a symmetrical position upon the band of the hat frame.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a hat of this character embodying a relatively inflexible member upon the band of the hat frame and an elastic member upon the covering of the structure, the latter serving to co-act with the former to establish a firm connection between the parts without unduly contracting the frame or band of the hat against the head of the wearer.

With the above and other objects in view which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the improved construction and novel arrangements of parts which will hereinafter be fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, has been illustrated a single and preferred form of the invention, it being, however, understood, that no limitations are necessarily made to the precise structural details therein exhibited, but that changes, alterations and modifications within the scope of the claims may be resorted to when desired.

Figure 1, is a perspective view of the hat.

Figure 2, is a similar view showing the covering adjusted to its reversed position.

Figure 3, is a transverse section through a portion of the hat.

In carrying the invention into practice, I make use of a suitable hat frame 5, which, except in respect to parts which I will refer to hereinafter, may be of any suitable well known construction. I am not materially interested in the form, shape, or design of the frame, nor is it important that this frame be constructed of any particular material. As illustrated, the frame is provided with a vertical band 6, stitched or otherwise suitably secured to a brim 7. This brim includes a suitable stiffening material 8 and a covering material 9. Within the frame, a lining 10 is secured, the same having the customary crown portion 11. At the juncture of the band 6, with the brim 7, I employ a ring 12 which may be formed of wire or any suitable well known stiffening material which will give body, strength and rigidity to the structure at this point. The purpose of this arrangement will be described presently.

As stated, an object of the invention is to provide a hat with a covering which can be interchangeably or reversibly positioned upon the head so as to allow for instantly changing the dress or make up of the hat to suit varying purposes, at the same time enabling the user to cause the hat to harmonize with a dress of a particular color or style. This interchangeable feature of the covering of the hat also permits the latter to be properly used for extremely dressy occasions as well as ordinary occasions. The covering 13, is in the form of a supplemental or detachable crown. It is substantially of sack formation so that it will adapt itself to the general form of the frame of the hat and snugly conform to the band at the juncture of the latter with the brim of the hat. For this reason, I preferably provide the marginal or free edge of this sack-like covering with an expansible hem 14, in which is arranged an elastic band 16. This band is adapted to be expanded so that the covering can be freely passed over the fixed crown of the hat and then contracted at its marginal edge around said band 6, the elastic band 16 circumscribing the stiff ring 12. In this manner, the cover is firmly secured in position and yet it can be quickly withdrawn from the hat and turned completely inside out and re-arranged upon the hat so as to give to it an entirely different appearance. For this reason, the covering is respectively provided on its opposite side with designs of different kinds or it may be formed of relatively different colors. It may be otherwise formed and constructed so that various similar schemes can be carried into effect which will materially give characteristic changes to the general make up of the hat. In some cases, I find it desirable to

construct at least one side of the detachable covering of a material and color conforming with the brim 7 of the hat. The opposite side of this covering can be of an entirely different scheme or make up so as to give to the hat a more dressy and attractive appearance.

By causing the elastic band 16, to embrace the relatively rigid ring 12, I guard against unduly contracting the band of the hat against the head of the wearer.

While I have herein fully shown and described and have pointed out in the appended claims, certain novel features of construction, arrangement and operation which characterize my invention, it will be understood by those skilled in the art that various omiss ons, substitutions, and changes in the forms, proportions, sizes, of the materials used, and of their operation, may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

What I claim as new is:—

1. A hat comprising a band, a brim connected with the lower part of the band, a rigid ring-shaped member at the junction of the band with the brim, a crown member adapted to be placed over the band and an elastic strip at the mouth of the crown member for contracting the same against the ring member.

2. A hat comprising a band, a brim connected with the lower end of the band, a cap-shaped lining having its lower portion arranged within the space formed by the band with its lower edge connected with the brim at its point of junction with the band, a rigid ring member at the lower edge of the band, and a removable cap-shaped crown member having a marginal hem and a strip of elastic material in the hem and arranged to contract the mouth of the crown member against the ring member for detachably holding the crown member in place.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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