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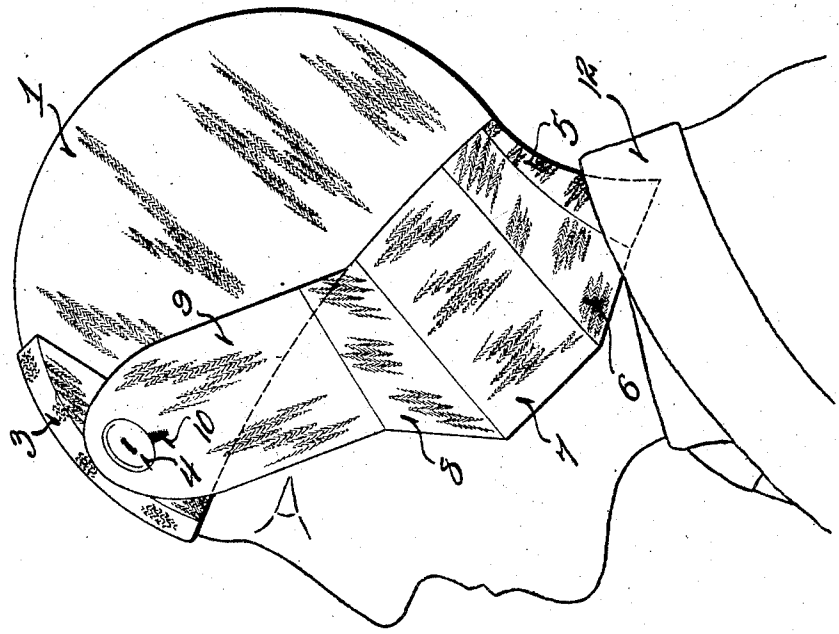
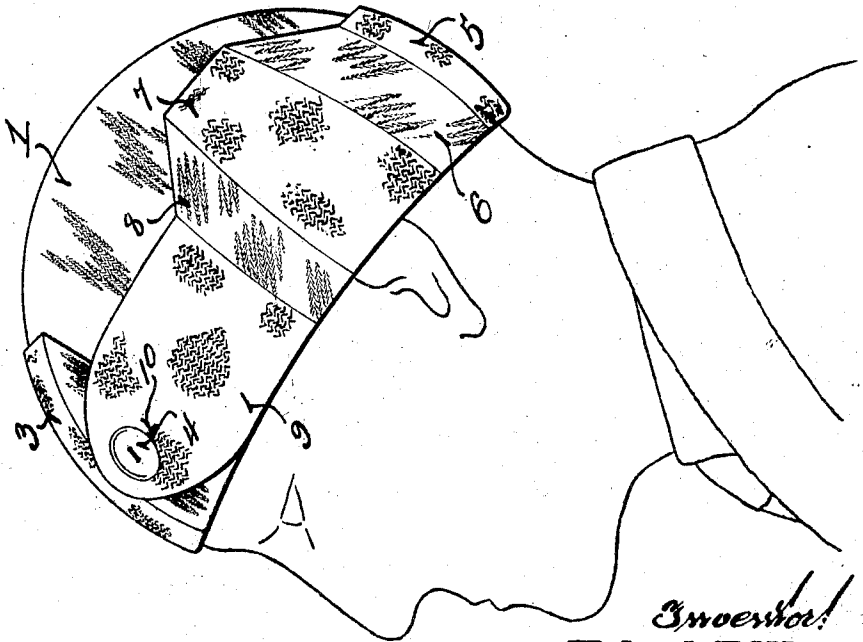


Fig. 1.



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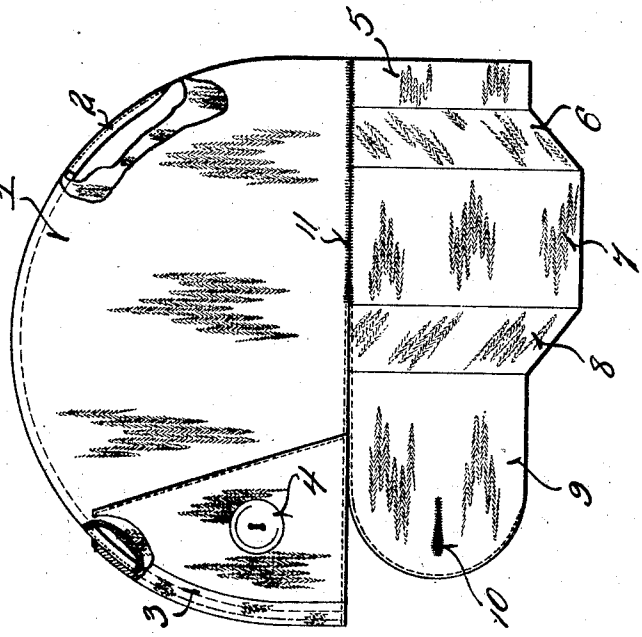
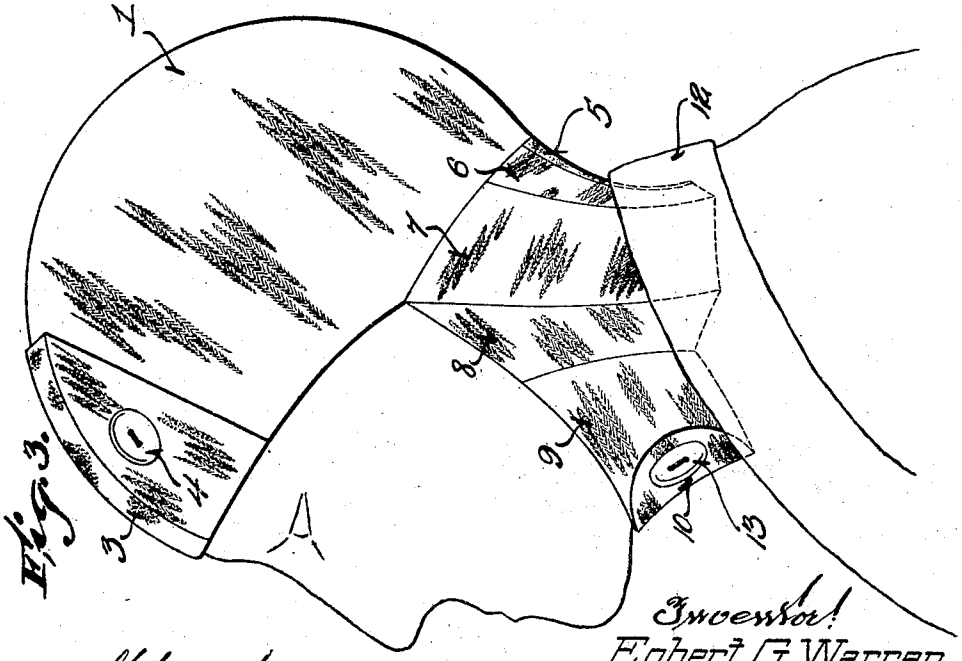


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to knitted caps.

Knitted caps have heretofore been made with ear flaps and mufflers, but it has been the universal practise to provide a construction in which the ear flaps can be used only when the cap is converted into a muffler type of cap.

Further than this, the ornamental appearance of the caps is usually interfered with by the peculiar constructions employed for producing the muffler effect.

This invention is designed to overcome the defects noted above, and objects of such invention are to provide a knitted cap in which a movable portion is provided which may function solely as ear flaps without any muffler effect, or which may function both as a covering for the ears and as a muffler and to secure these results without any detriment to the ornamental appearance of the cap.

A further object of this invention is to provide a novel form of cap in which anchoring means are formed upon the flap so that it will be securely held beneath the coat collar of the wearer and prevent any open space from forming between the coat of the wearer and the cap.

An embodiment of the invention is shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a side view of the cap showing it in its normal position.

Figure 2 is a view corresponding to Figure 1 showing the parts positioned so that they serve as ear flaps only.

Figure 3 is a further view showing the parts in the position they assume when the cap is converted into a muffler cap.

Figure 4 is a side view of the cap with the parts laid out flat.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the cap is formed with a crown portion or body portion 1 of double thickness and is seamed, as indicated at 2, from the front edge to a point near the back of the cap.

A reenforcing trapezoidal piece 3 is stitched completely around its edges to the body portion of the cap at the front thereof and provides an attractive finish on the one hand for the cap and also a reenforce extending between the buttons 4 located on opposite sides of the front of the cap.

The flap is formed of a straight knitted back portion 5 which, on opposite sides, continues in the form of a rack knitted panel 6 joined to a side panel 7 of straight knit, which in turn, joins a rack knit panel 8 corresponding to the panel 6. This panel 8 joins a straight knit panel 9 with rounded ends and with a button hole 10. The flap is secured by means of stitching 11 to the bottom edge of the body portion. In the normal position of this flap, it is folded upwardly, as shown in Figure 1, and the button holes are secured over the buttons 4.

When it is desired to use the cap with the ear mufflers alone, it is merely necessary to fold the cap downwardly, as shown in Figure 2, and to button the button holes 10 over the buttons 4. This causes the front ends of the tab to extend upwardly in a slanting direction, as shown in Figure 2, and causes the flaps to form effective ear flaps without any muffler effect. The coat collar 12 of the wearer is positioned over the rear portion of the flap and serves to anchor the flap in place.

When it is desired to have the muffler effect, the flap is turned down, as shown in Figure 3, and passed beneath the chin of the wearer. It is to be noted that one of the tabs 9 is provided with a button 13 which is engaged by the button hole 10 of the opposite tab when the cap is worn as a muffler cap, as shown in Figure 2. Normally, the button is hidden when the flap is turned upwardly as it is located upon the inner side of the flap when in this position.

It is to be particularly noted that when the cap is worn as a muffler cap that the projecting panels 6, 7 and 8 are securely anchored beneath the coat collar 12 of the wearer, as shown in Figure 3, and in the practical application of this cap, it is found that this anchoring wholly prevents the withdrawal of the flap from its position beneath the collar of the coat in spite of any movement of the head of the wearer.

It is to be further noted that due to the fact that the projecting panel 7 is joined by means of rack knitted portions or panels to the remaining portions of the flap and due to the fact that this projecting part is located intermediate the ends of the flap that a very ornamental appearance is secured, as shown in Figure 1.

Further, by locating these projecting portions of the flap intermediate its ends, it is possible to have both the independent ear flap effect and the muffler effect, as shown, respectively, in Figures 2 and 3.

It will be seen that a novel form of cap

has been provided in which either of two distinct effects may be produced in addition to serving in its normal capacity, as shown in Figure 1, that is to say, it may be so manipulated as to provide only ear covering flaps or else a muffler effect.

Further than this, the reenforcing panel or member 3 at the front of the cap enhances its appearance and covers the seam 2 at the front.

Although the invention has been described in considerable detail, it is to be understood that the invention may be variously embodied and is, therefore, to be limited only as claimed.

I claim:

A knitted cap comprising a body portion, fasteners located on opposite sides thereof adjacent the front, a flap secured to the lower edge of the body portion and adapted to be folded upwardly with the ends of the flap secured to said fasteners or to be folded downwardly with the ends of the flap secured to said fasteners or folded downwardly with the ends of the flap secured to each other beneath the chin of the wearer, said flap having panels intermediate the ends thereof, each of said panels being formed of a central straight knitted portion joined to the remainder of the flap by means of rack knitted portions, said panels projecting below the main line of the lower edge of the flap when said flap is folded downwardly.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Milwaukee, in the county of Milwaukee and State of Wisconsin.

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