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Fig. 1.

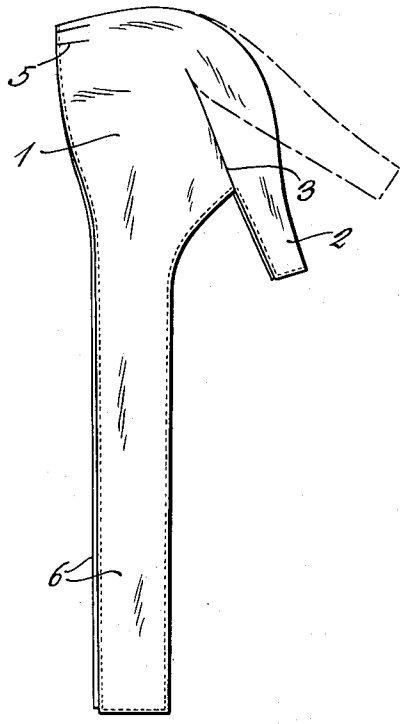


Fig. 2.

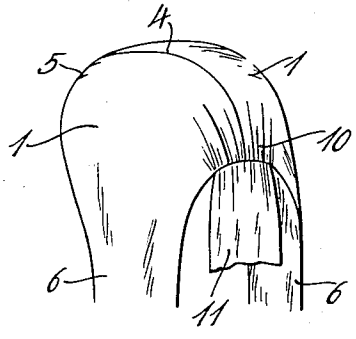


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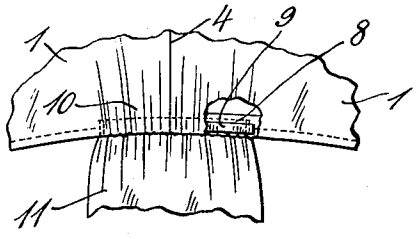


Fig. 4.

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This invention relates to improvements in caps and has reference more particularly to a cap designed with particular reference to protecting hair that has been marcelled or waved.

Housewives find it very desirable and necessary to protect their hair while cleaning and dusting, as well as when performing other duties, and it is one object of this invention to produce a cap or cover for the head and hair which can be quickly applied and which will look neat when in place and which will protect the hair against dust, steam and wind and which will also protect the curls or waves against disarrangement.

It is another object of this invention to produce a head cover or cap that can be applied to the head at night and which will hold the hair in place so as to prevent it from becoming disarranged by contact with the pillow.

This invention, briefly described, consists of a cover or cap which has a central portion formed to fit the top of the head and which is provided on each side with an elongated strip that can be crossed at the back of the head and brought forwardly and either tied together or tucked in so as to hold the cap in place. The rear part of the central portion is provided with a downwardly extending tab which is adapted to project down over the neck and about which the elongated end members are wound so as to hold this tab in place. The front part of the formed portion is provided with a plurality of darts which give it a curvature which permits it to fit the forehead quite closely, while the rear part may be either gathered and provided with an elastic, or it may be sewed together in such a way as to give it the desired shape and size.

Having thus briefly described the invention, the same will now be described in detail, and for this purpose reference will be had to the accompanying drawing, in which the preferred embodiment thereof has been illustrated, and in which:

Fig. 1 is a view showing the appearance of my improved cap when in place;

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the cap showing the same folded double;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a cap showing a slightly modified construction thereof; and

Fig. 4 is a detailed view showing the rear part of the head portion held out straight and slightly extended or stretched.

In Fig. 2 reference numeral 1 designates one of the two parts of which this cap is formed. These parts are cut out in substantially the shape shown with the rear portion lying within the space outlined by dot and dash lines. The rear portion has been designated by reference numeral 2 and this is sewed to the part 1 along line 3. The two parts are sewed together along line 4 and the front of the two attached parts are provided with a plurality of darts 5 which gives it a concave form that permits it to fit snugly against the forehead of the wearer. Each of the side members 1 is provided with an elongated portion 6 of such length that these can be crossed behind the wearer's head and brought up along the sides and tied over the forehead as indicated by reference numeral 7. When the cap is in place, as shown in Fig. 1, it fits the head snugly and holds the hair in place so that when it is worn at night the waves or curls of the hair will not be destroyed and it also serves to protect the hair against dirt, dust and moisture.

In Figs. 3 and 4 I have shown a slightly modified form of construction which is more suitable where the material employed is net. This embodiment differs from the one shown in Figs. 1 and 2, more particularly in this, that the rear part of the head portion is provided with a wide hem 8 in which an elastic band 9 is located. This elastic normally holds the parts in the position shown in Fig. 3, where reference numeral 10 is used to indicate the gathered portion. A downwardly extending tab 11 may be attached to the gathered portion in the manner shown and serves to cover the back of the neck in a manner similar to that of tab 2 in Fig. 2. The cap shown in Figs. 3 and 4 is more particularly adapted to use at night as it gives

good ventilation and still serves to hold the hair so as to keep it from being injured.

The cap, although more particularly intended for use at night, or while working around the house, is also of such construction that it will have a very neat appearance and when made of the proper materials can be used at any time and is especially useful while riding in automobiles or in boats, as it prevents the wind from disarranging the hair.

Having described my invention what is claimed as new is:

A cap having a central portion shaped to fit the top of the head and having an oval space in the rear above the neck, this space being open at the bottom and closed at the top by a gathered portion provided with an elastic element normally holding the edge adjacent the opening in the retracted position, a loose flap partially closing said rear space and connected at the top to the elastic portion of the cap and provided with a corresponding fulness to permit expansion, and elongated portions extending downwardly from each side, said portions being adapted to cross over the flap at the rear and to be brought upwardly along the side of the head and there fastened whereby they serve to secure the cap to the head and to hold the flap in place.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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