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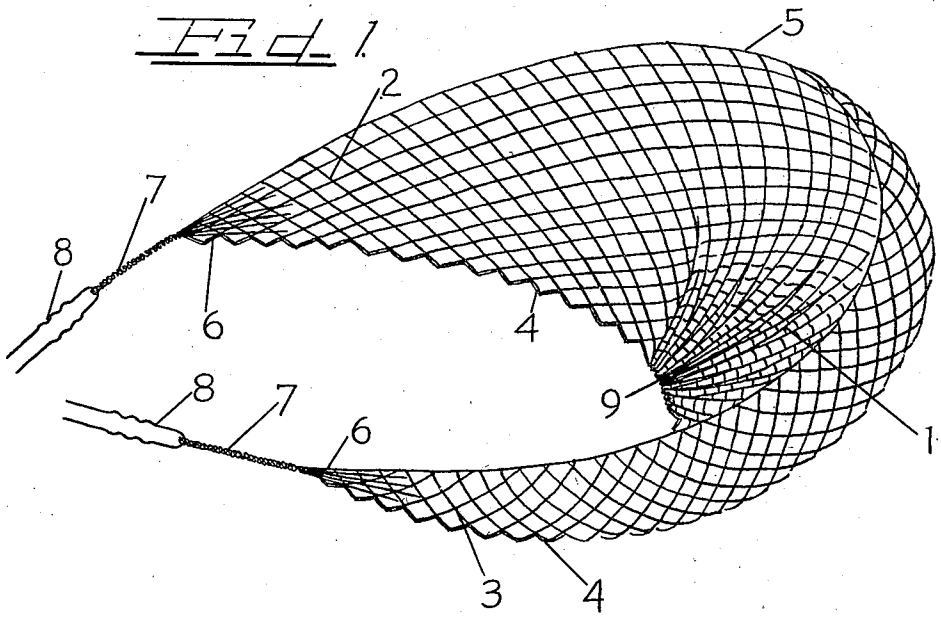
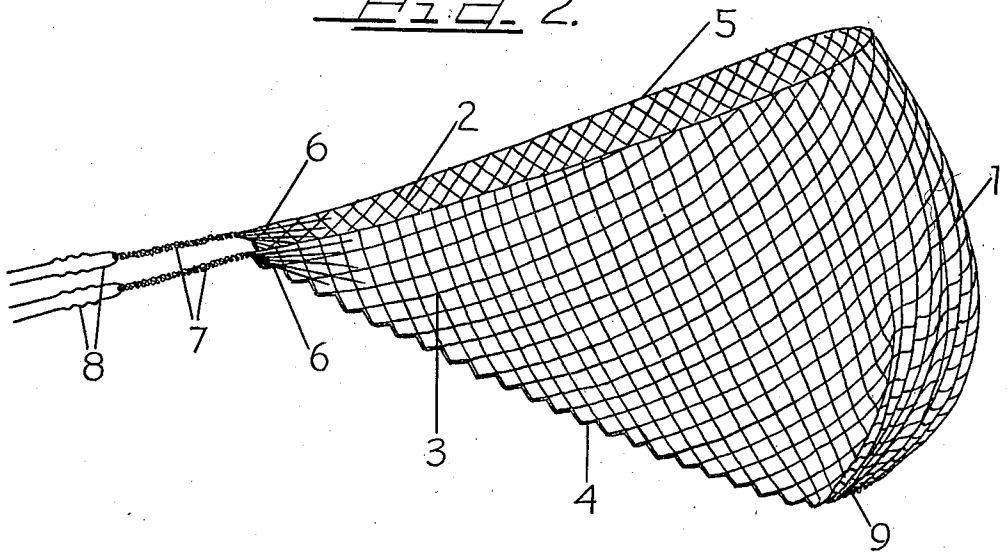



Fig. 2.




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Fig. 4

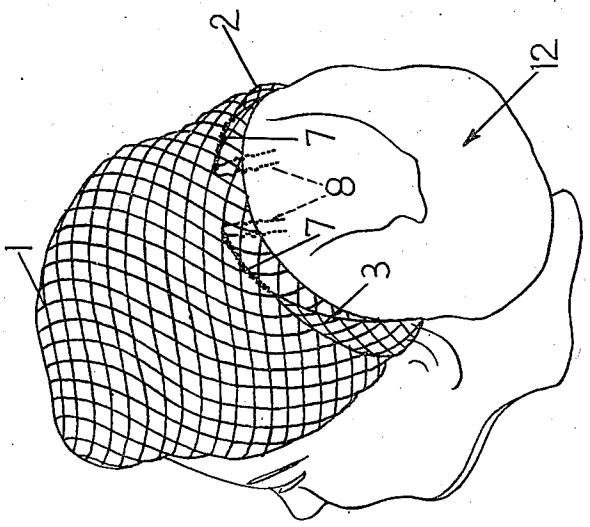
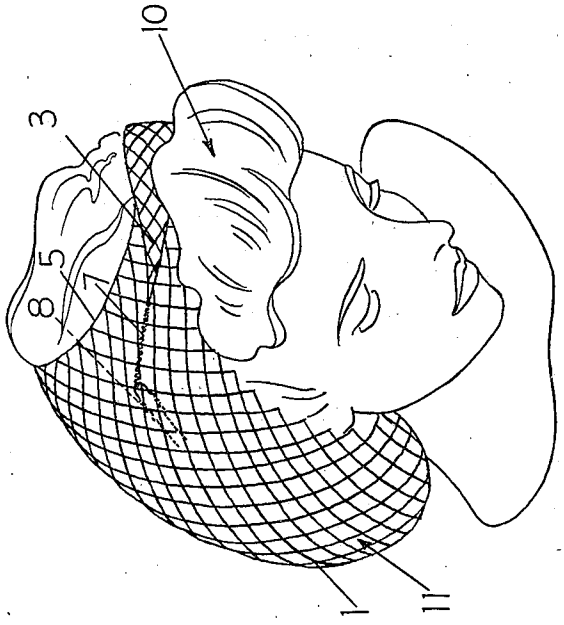



Fig. 3




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## HAIR NET

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This invention relates to improvements in a hair net, and more particularly to a self-closing fringe type hair net, although the invention may have other uses and purposes as will be apparent to one skilled in the art.

In the past, many and various types of hair nets have been developed, and frequently these formerly known nets were not desirably easy to apply over the hair, would not fit various sizes of heads, could not be used with various types of coiffures, and resulted in damage to the coiffure either when applied, during use, or when removed. Further, many of these formerly known nets were not capable of holding the hair sufficiently to permit of the wearing of certain types of coiffures when the wearer was employed in the immediate vicinity of machinery.

With the foregoing in mind, it is an important object of the instant invention to provide a self-closing fringe type of hair net which is very simply and easily donned.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a hair net which is readily adjustable while it is being applied over the hair so as to intimately fit substantially any head size and over substantially any form of coiffure.

Still another object of the invention is the provision of a hair net equipped with anchoring means by which the net may be held tightly in position.

Also a feature of the invention is the provision of a hair net which may be extremely simply and easily placed in position on the head in any of numerous different positions.

Another feature of the invention resides in the provision of a simply applied hair net which is adjustable to tightly hold the hair in position so that the wearer may use substantially any type of coiffure regardless of the wearer's occupation.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of a hair net which may be made decorative by color and otherwise so that the net may function as an integral part of the ensemble of the wearer, and may be relied upon by both the coiffeur and couturier as a means of enhancing the outward appearance of the user.

While some of the more salient features, characteristics and advantages of the instant invention have been above pointed out, others will become apparent from the following disclosures, taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is substantially a plan view of a hair net embodying principles of the instant invention;

Figure 2 is a side elevational view of the structure of Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a diagrammatic view illustrating the net of Figures 1 and 2 in use; and

Figure 4 is another diagrammatic view illustrating the hair net in use, but in a different position.

As shown on the drawing:

In the illustrated embodiment of this invention there is shown a hair net which includes a sheet of netting of any suitable material such, for example, as rayon veiling, preferably of uniform mesh. The sheet of material is shaped in general in the form of a scarf having a bag or pouch-like center portion 1 and narrowing or tapering end portions 2 and 3. One edge of the material may be reinforced in any suitable manner as indicated at 4, and the other edge is preferably defined by a nonstretchable thread or cord 5.

The edges 4 and 5 are caused to converge toward the ends of the hair net by means of gathering in each end portion as indicated at 6, which gatherings are tied. Extending from each tied gathering 6 is a flexible cord 7 to the outer end of which is secured a suitable form of securing or anchoring member for the hair net which may be in the form of a hairpin 8, a hook, or equivalent structure.

The bag or pouch-like central portion 1 of the net is retained by means of a gathering 9 which is in a substantially central location adjacent the edge 4 of the netting material.

In applying the net to the head, it is a simple expedient to grasp the end portions of the net, place the central pouch-like portion 1 in position over the head, and then draw the end portions around the head until the net is tightly fitted in place, and secure the net in such position by inserting the anchoring elements 8 in the hair. The net may be placed on the head in any of numerous different positions, and over substantially any kind or style of coiffure. While the net is in place, the coiffure is maintained in its desired state, and very little care is necessary in applying or removing the net to prevent damage to the coiffure during these operations.

In Figure 3 I have illustrated the hair net in use over a coiffure which includes the top front hair in the form of a pompadour as generally indicated by numeral 10, and the relatively long back hair in the form of a somewhat loose and low-hanging neck roll as generally indicated by numeral 11. In this instance, the hair net is applied with the pouch-like portion 1 enclosing the back hair, the gather 9 being hidden from

view beneath the neck roll. The end portion 2 is brought over the top of the head immediately behind the pompadour 10 and secured to the hair on the left-hand side of the head. The end portion 3 is overlapped on top of the end portion 2 and brought across the top of the head and secured as illustrated on the right side of the head. When the end portions are so secured, it will be obvious that the anchoring elements such as the hairpins 8 will be engaged within the hair so as to be substantially entirely invisible. The top hair is exposed through the opening now defined by the thread or cord edge 5 of the hair net. From the showing in this figure it will be noted that the net is highly satisfactory and readily applied for use with long or extremely long hair.

It is apparent that the net may be tightened so as to bind the hair to any desired extent, and it is also apparent that the net may be made to fit any size head or substantially any style coiffure. The net holds the hair positively in place and will not permit wisps or strands of hair to stray free of the net in an unsightly manner or in position to become entangled in machinery if the wearer is caused by occupation to remain in the immediate vicinity of operating machinery.

While the hair net may be made of material in simulation of the natural hair so as to be substantially unnoticeable when in use, it is preferable to direct emphasis to the net such as by utilizing colored material, and, if desired, by ornamenting or embellishing the net either by forming designs in the net or attaching extraneous decorative items to the net. Thus, the net may be made an integral part of the wearer's ensemble, and may be relied upon both by the coiffeur and the couturier as a means of enhancing or setting off the wearer's costume.

In Figure 4 I have illustrated the net in use in a different position and with a different type of coiffure. In this instance, the top hair is enclosed by the net, and the back hair is shaped in the form of a knot, generally indicated by numeral 12, hanging over the nape of the neck. The pouch-like portion 1 of the net encloses the top hair, the gather 9 being disposed over the forehead, and preferably tucked in in an obvious manner so as to render the gather not plainly visible. The end portion 3 of the device is brought down over the right side of the back hair knot 12, beneath the knot, and upwardly over the left side where it is secured in place by inserting the anchoring element or hairpin 8. The end portion 2 is brought downwardly over the left side of the knot, beneath the knot, upwardly over the right side of the knot and may be anchored oppositely to the end portion 3, one of these end portions overlapping the other. When used in this position, the net possesses all of the advantages above discussed in connection with the showing in Figure 3.

It will be understood that the showings in Figures 3 and 4 are merely by way of examples in the use of the instant invention and are not by way of limitation since the hair net may be applied in numerous different positions.

From the foregoing, it is apparent that I have provided a hair net readily adjustable to bind the hair with any desired degree of tightness, and which is so constructed as to fit any size head and enclose substantially any type or style of coiffure. It is further apparent that the net may be used as an integral part of the wearer's clothing ensemble so as to add to the attractive outward appearance of the wearer. Further, it should be noted that the net is equipped with anchoring means so that it may be easily and positively engaged with the hair, and the net is not only economical to manufacture, but is also highly durable.

It will, of course, be understood that various details of construction may be varied through a wide range without departing from the principles of this invention, and it is, therefore, not the purpose to limit the patent granted hereon otherwise than necessitated by the scope of the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. A hair net including an elongated one-piece sheet of netting, a reinforced edge on one side of said sheet, a cord edge on the other side of said sheet, said sheet being gathered transversely at each end to provide tapering end portions, an anchoring element attached to each of said end portions, and said sheet being gathered longitudinally substantially centrally thereof and adjacent said reinforced edge only with the gathering plaits running substantially transversely of the sheet to define a pouch-like intermediate portion.

2. A hair net including a one-piece elongated sheet of open-work material, transverse gathers at each end of said sheet to provide tapering end portions, and a longitudinal gather in said sheet adjacent one side edge only intermediate said end portions to define a pouch-like central portion.

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