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WATER PROOF BONNET OR HAT.

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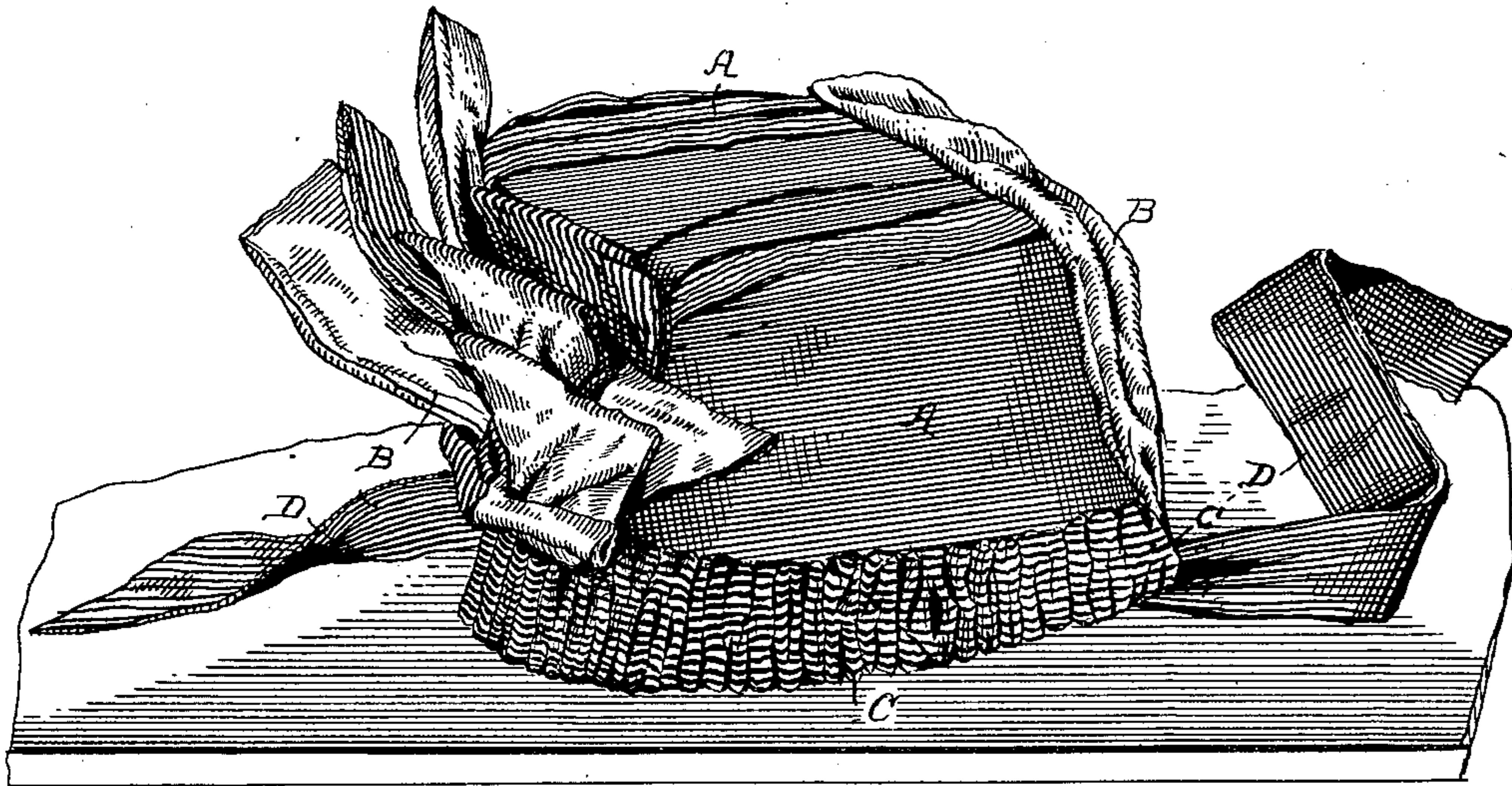


Fig. 1.

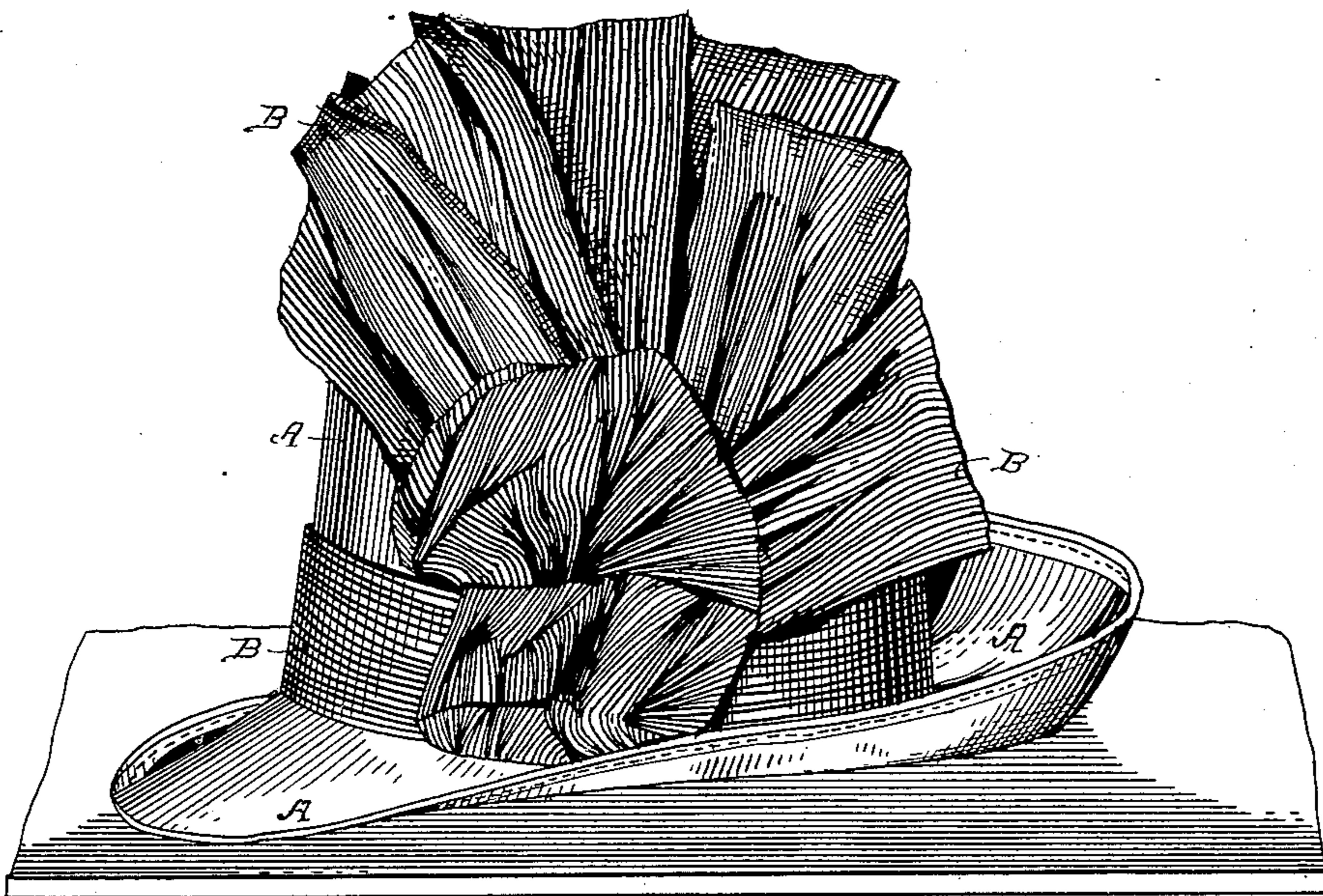


Fig. 2.

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WATER-PROOF BONNET OR HAT.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 366,623, dated July 12, 1887.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNA B. FLOYD, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Water-Proof Bonnets or Hats, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

The object of this invention is to provide for ladies', misses', and children's wear water-proof bonnets or hats made of and trimmed with materials externally impervious to moisture, so that such head-coverings may be worn in stormy weather without wetting through and without injury or discomfort to the wearer.

My invention consists in such bonnets or hats made, as to their external bodies and the trimmings thereon, of gossamer rubber fabrics in imitation of the materials commonly employed in millinery work.

The manufacture of thin rubber-coated fabrics has now reached such a degree of perfection in respect to lightness, coloring, ornamentation, and finish as to enable me to produce impervious bonnets that can scarcely be distinguished at a short distance from those made of silk or other expensive or dressy materials, and the prevailing styles of trimming by loops of ribbon and other rich goods I am able to closely imitate in impervious fabrics.

The drawings represent, in Figure 1, a bonnet, and, in Fig. 2, a hat, made in accordance with my invention.

A represents the body of the hat or bonnet, made of a thin gossamer fabric having on its outer surface a film of rubber, rendering it water-proof, and finished in any desired color or pattern.

B is the trimming, made of like material, of the same or different color or pattern, and, like the hat or bonnet, of such form as taste or fancy dictates. The ribbon-loop style shown in the drawings is effective, readily made, and affords opportunity for the display of considerable

taste. A ruffled edge or border, C, and strings D may also be made of the same fabric.

By the word "trimming" I mean to include any form or style of ornamentation made of gossamer rubber fabrics and applied externally to the bonnet or hat. The loops B, ruffling C, and strings D shown in the drawings are illustrations.

These bonnets or hats will have the usual frame and foundation of buckram with lining of lace, or be otherwise constructed internally, as desired.

I am aware of the so called "tarpaulin" or "oiled-cloth" hats and of the heavy black untrimmed rubber hats worn by fishermen and sailors; but these are foreign to my invention. I am also aware of the common practice of wearing removable oiled-silk coverings over ordinary bonnets; but these coverings, though impervious, form no part of the bonnet and do not embrace my improvement.

Such a hat-protector is set forth in the Hopkirk patent, No. 357,200, dated February 8, 1887. A removable non-water-proof cloth protector for a man's water-proof cap with visor is shown and described in the patent to D. Fox, No. 239,758, granted April 5, 1881.

I also disclaim the embossed hat set forth in the Hurlbut and Follett patent, No. 81,089, dated August 18, 1868, as wholly foreign to my invention.

I claim as my invention—

Ladies' and misses' bonnets or hats made externally of and trimmed externally with gossamer rubber fabrics, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 19th day of March, A. D. 1887.

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