

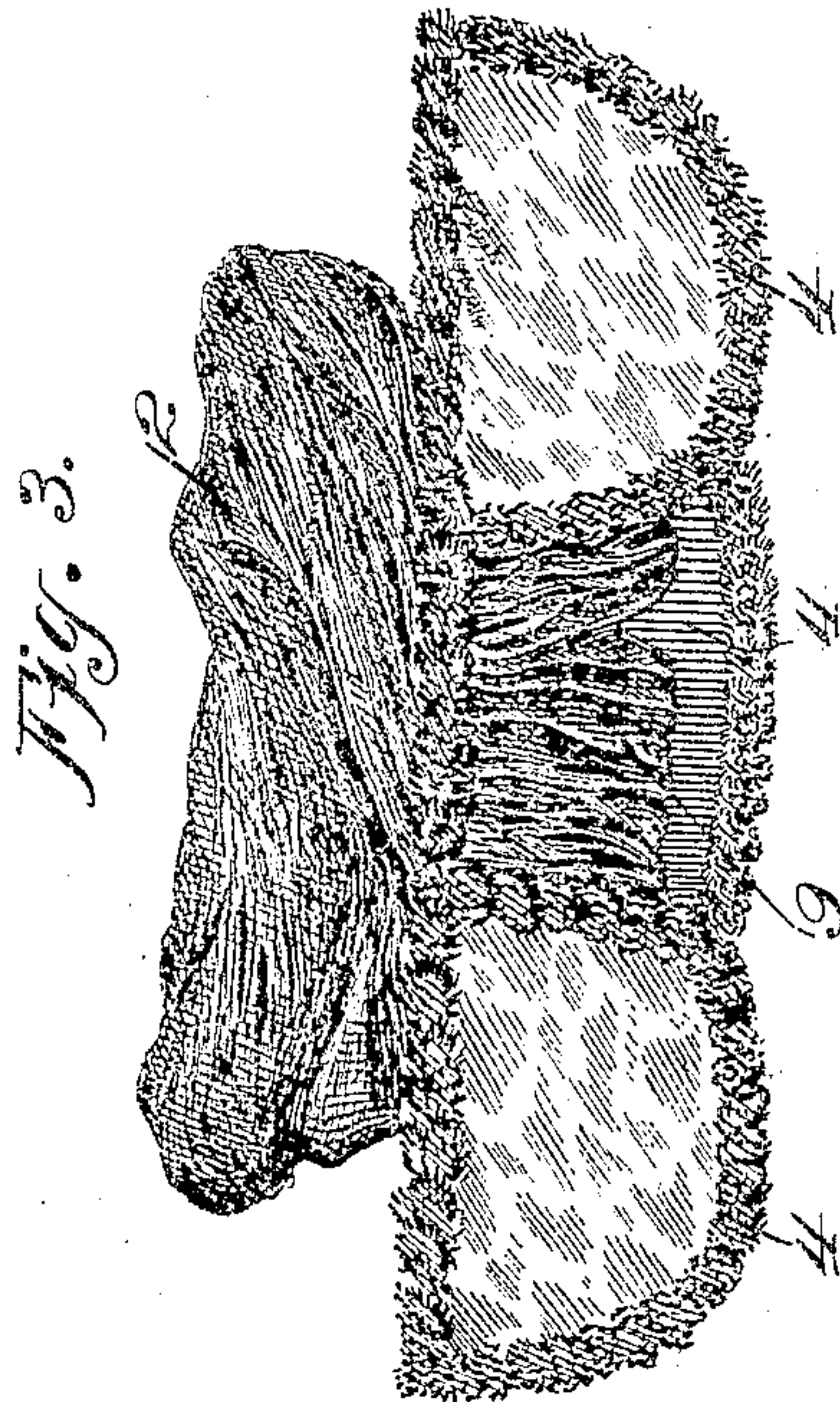
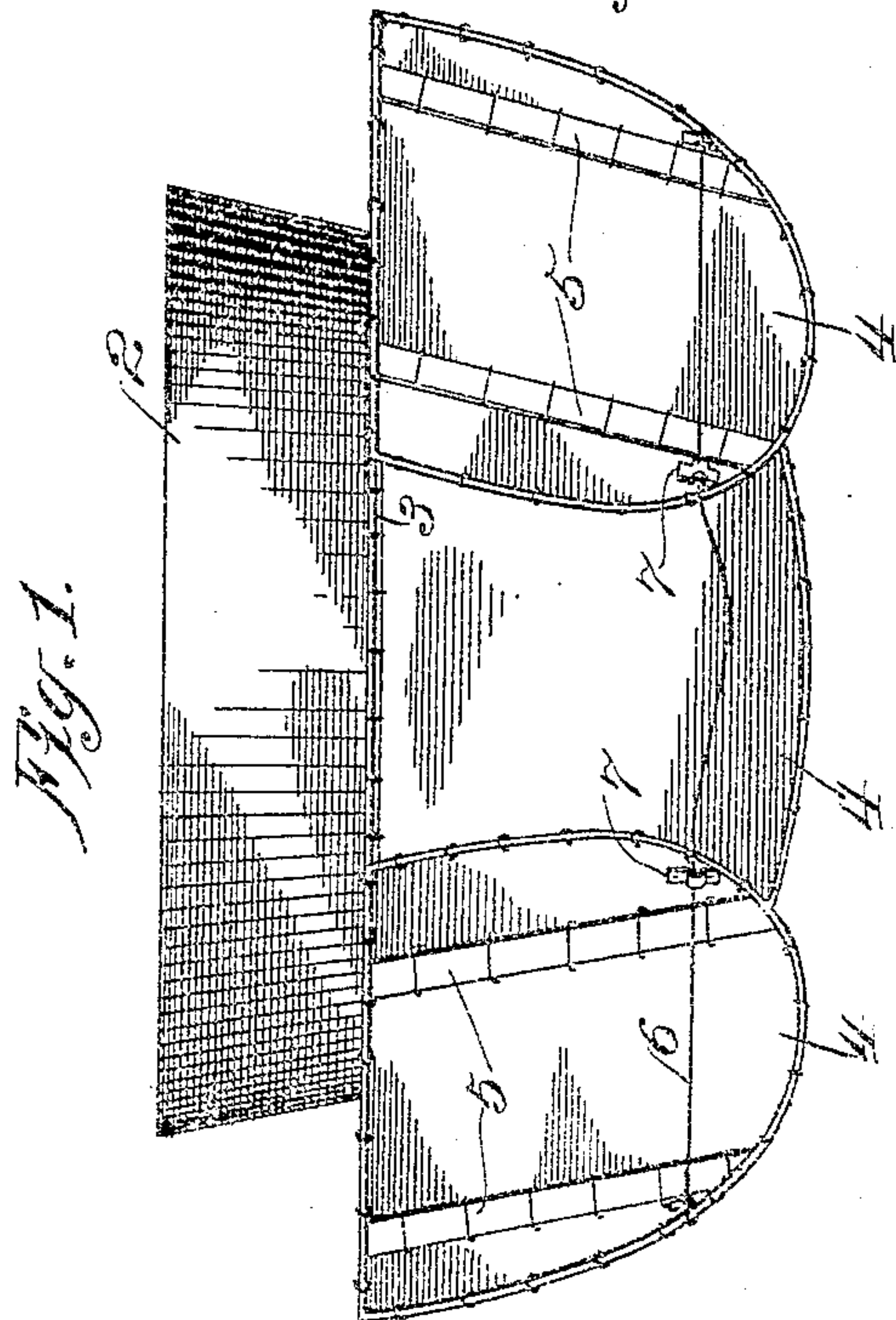
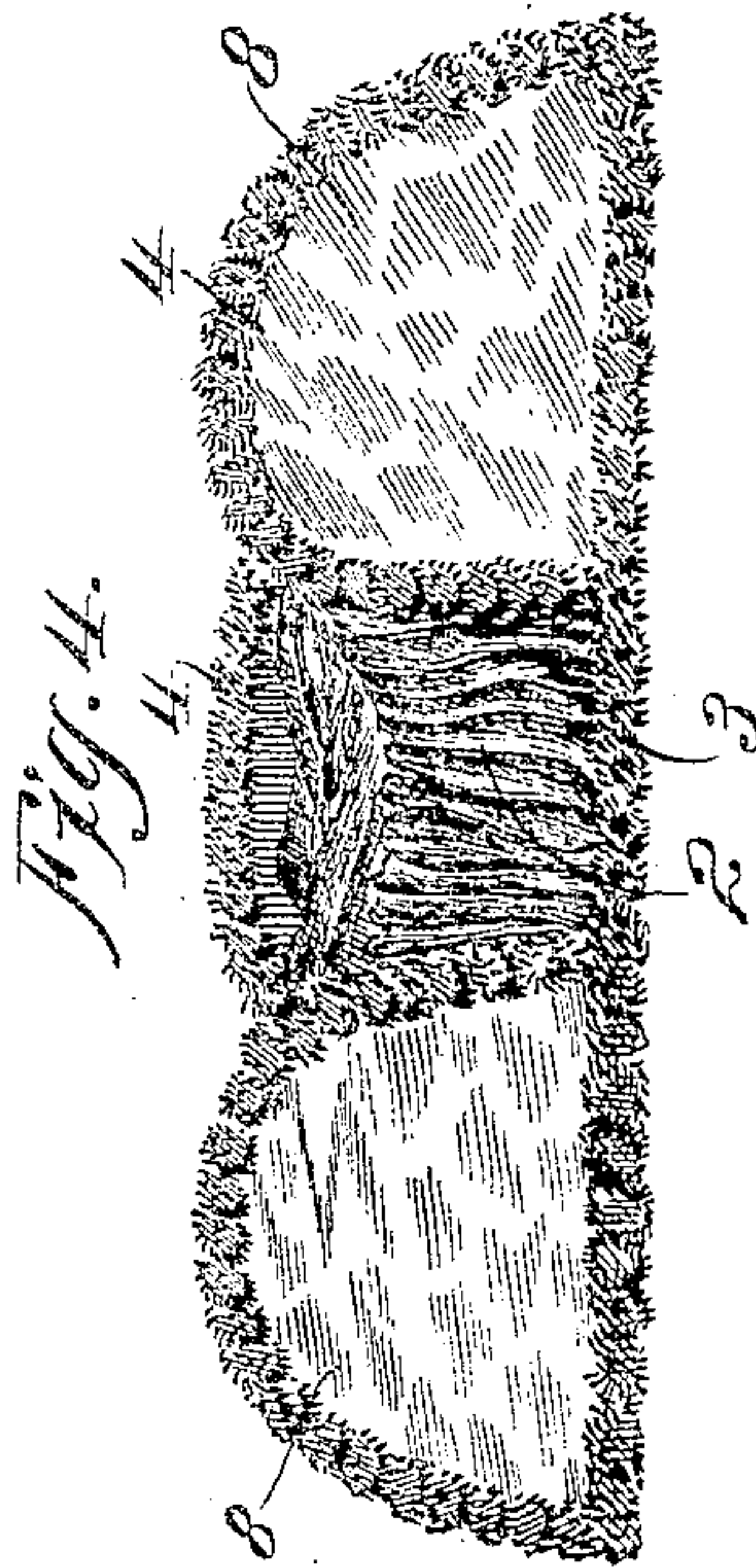
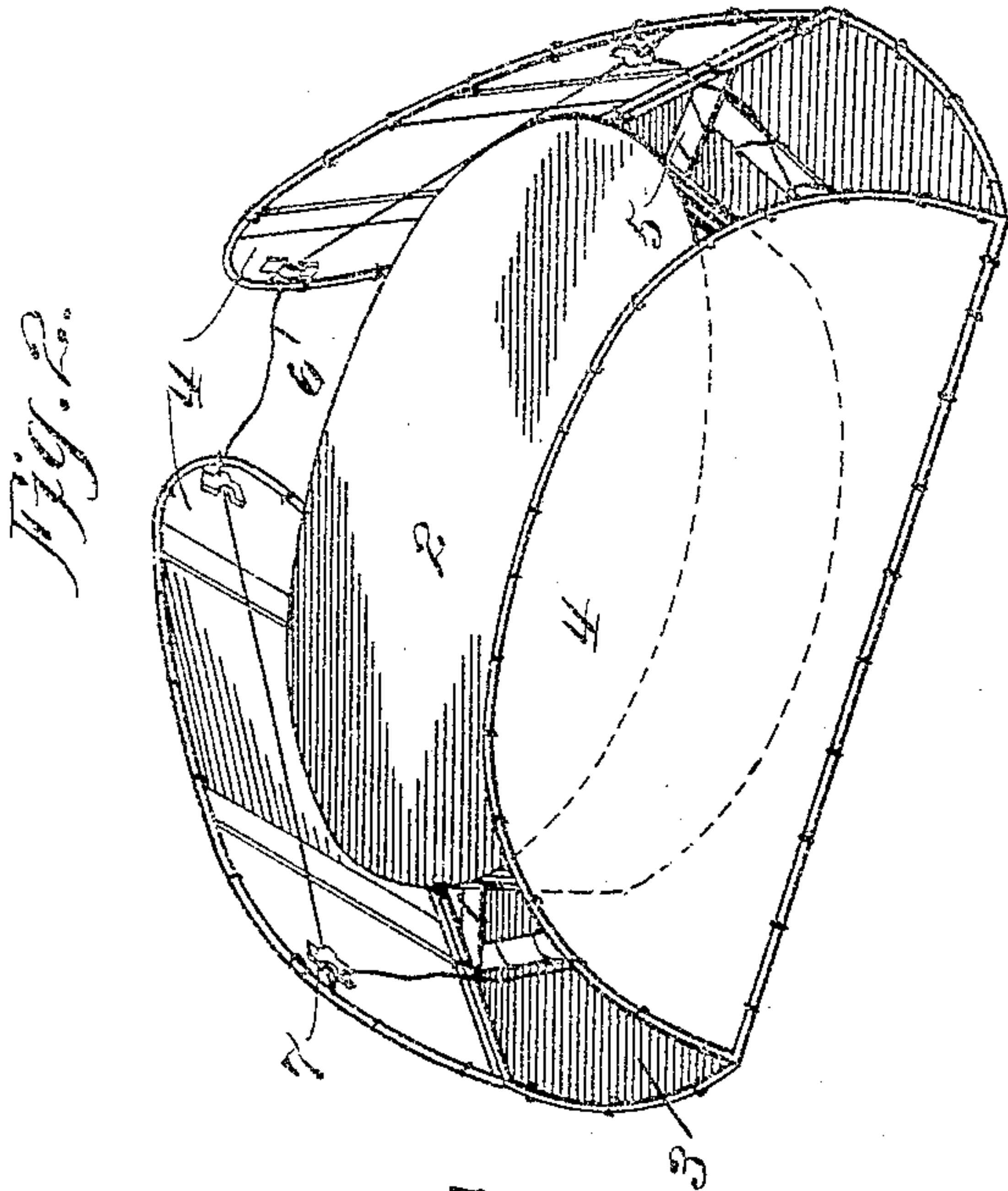
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CONSTANCE T. FERGUSSON, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York, borough of Manhattan, in the
 5 county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hats, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hats, the object of
 10 the invention being to provide a woman's combination-hat particularly adapted for use in automobiling and touring and which can be manipulated to protect the head and hair and
 15 also the face of the wearer or arranged to present a highly-pleasing and stylish appearance.

In the drawings accompanying and forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a front
 20 view of one form of frame of my improved automobile-hat with flaps located in position to protect the hair and head of the wearer. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of such frame, showing the flaps in their raised or elevated
 25 position. Fig. 3 is a front view of a trimmed hat corresponding to Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a view of a trimmed hat corresponding to Fig. 2.

Similar characters of reference indicate like parts in the several figures of the drawings.

It is well known that great difficulty is experienced by women in protecting their heads,
 30 particularly the hair, from dust and dirt while automobiling, various means—such, for instance, as veils and unbecoming head-gear—being used for this purpose. Furthermore,
 35 when head-gear is used which will protect the hair of the wearer it is usually so unsightly that it is not practicable or desirable to wear the same to any social function should it be desired to use the automobile as a conveyance
 40 thereto or to stop *en route* on a trip to attend the same.

The object of the present invention is therefore to provide a combination-hat capable of
 45 being arranged to effectively protect the hair of the wearer from dust and dirt and which may in certain forms thereof also protect the face from the cutting effects of the wind while automobiling and which can also be arranged
 50 so as to lose all appearance as an automobile-hat at the desire of the wearer and to pre-

sent a stylish, ornamental, and pleasing appearance, so that the wearer could attend a social function while *en route* on an automobile trip without the necessity of changing
 55 her hat.

As a preface to a further description of this improved combination-hat it is be understood that it may be trimmed in various ways to
 60 accord with the prevailing style and can also be made up of different forms or frames, the latter of different material; but in the preferred form thereof the frame is so made
 65 up that it presents a triangular appearance, whereby the hat is particularly well adapted to afford protection against the wind.

This improved hat comprises in a general way in the form shown a crown, a brim or
 70 offset portion, and adjustable means secured to the brim, the arrangement of which adjustable means gives the desired appearance to the hat. It is to be understood, however,
 75 that if the prevailing style required a brimless hat the flaps could be connected to the crown, which might be specially constructed for that purpose.

In the present instance the crown 2, which may be of any ordinary or suitable construction or shape, has a brim 3, shown as of triangular formation, thereby presenting a three-
 80 sided appearance, to each side of which is secured an adjustable flap 4, the connection between the brim and the flap being a swinging one. It will of course be understood that
 85 suitable stiffening means may be used, such as whalebone 5 or other suitable material, for stiffening the flaps or brim, as occasion may require and according to the character of the
 90 material out of which the parts are made. To maintain the flaps 4 up around the crown or down around the hair, some suitable means may be used, shown in the present instance as
 95 a continuous elastic band or cord 6, passing through tapes or eyelets 7, secured to the flaps, whereby this cord may automatically shift to adjust itself to strain during the adjustment of the flaps. It is to be understood, however,
 100 that other means may be used for maintaining the flaps in position and otherwise attached, if desired.

The trimming of the hat, of course, will cor- 100

respond with the prevailing style. For a winter hat the flaps could properly be trimmed on one side—for instance, the outer side 8 when the flaps are up, Figs. 2 and 4—with fur, 5 so that when turned down around the head and face the fur will come against the cheeks and neck of the wearer and not only afford protection to the hair and head of the wearer against dust, protect the face of the wearer 10 against wind, but also maintain the face and ears warm and comfortable.

In making up the hat some material—as, for instance, fabric to match the crown or harmonize with the general design of the 15 hat—may be inserted between the flaps and cover to conceal the elastic band. The insertion, here designated by 9, may be made yieldable in some suitable manner—as, for instance, by shirring—to permit the manipulation of 20 the flaps. Such curtain not only serves as a protection to the hair when the flaps are down, but also as an ornamentation, particularly when the flaps are turned up.

In using the hat when about to go on an automobile trip the flaps are turned down by the 25 wearer, whereby the head and the hair and to a large extent the face will be protected from dust, dirt, and wind. When, however, the trip is ended or a stoppage is effected and the 30 wearer desires to rearrange her head-gear to present a more pleasing appearance, the flaps are simply turned up, whereupon the trimming, which may be on the under side of the flaps when the latter are around the face, will 35 be on the outside, and as this trimming may be different from that on the opposite side of the flaps and may be highly ornamental and as it has been protected by being on the inside of the flaps from dust and dirt it will not 40 only look fresh and clean, but will give the head a pleasing and becoming appearance, while it immediately loses all semblance to an automobile-hat.

When the adjustable flaps have been swung 45 into their downward or upward positions, the elastic cord 6, which has been expanded during the adjustment, contracts to such an extent as to maintain said flaps firmly in their adjusted positions.

50 Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. An automobile-hat comprising a crown, a brim, a plurality of adjustable flaps, and means for retaining said flaps in their adjusted positions. 55

2. An automobile-hat comprising a crown, a brim, a series of adjustable flaps, and shiftable means for retaining said flaps in their adjusted positions.

60 3. A sporting-hat comprising a crown, a brim, shiftable flaps having swinging connection with said brim, and stiffening means for some of the parts thereof.

4. A sporting-hat comprising a crown, a 65 brim, a series of adjustable flaps, and elastic

means for retaining said flaps in their adjusted positions.

5. A hat comprising a crown, a triangular brim, swinging flaps attached to said brim and adapted to be raised around said crown or to 70 be turned down to protect the hair of the wearer, and shiftable elastic means for maintaining said flaps in their adjusted positions.

6. An automobile-hat comprising a crown, a brim, and a series of adjustable flaps connected to said brim and adapted to be turned 75 down to protect the hair, or to be turned up around the crown.

7. An automobile-hat comprising a crown, a brim and a series of swinging flaps provided 80 with trimming on the outer side thereof when such flaps are turned up, thereby to present an ornamental appearance, and adapted to assist in protecting the face when the flaps are turned down. 85

8. An automobile-hat comprising a crown, and a triangular-shaped brim carrying a flap or flaps adapted to be shifted up or down.

9. A hat having a crown portion and three substantially equal flaps hinged thereto at 90 equal distances apart and having curtains between said flaps adapted to afford protection to the wearer when turned down and to enter into the decoration of the hat when turned up.

10. An automobile-hat comprising a crown 95 and a brim and a number of flaps carried by the brim and spaced apart, and a curtain connecting the flaps and overlying the crown when the flaps are up, and when the same are down serving as a shield. 100

11. An automobile-hat comprising a crown and a brim, hinged flaps carried thereby and spaced apart, yieldable means connecting the flaps to hold them in their positions of adjustment, and curtains connecting the flaps and 105 concealing said yieldable means, and such curtains serving to overlie the crown ornamentally when the flaps are turned up and to overlie portions of the head of the wearer when the flaps are turned down. 110

12. The combination in a woman's hat, of a portion for covering the head having offsets from the head at the lower part thereof, and flaps hinged to said offset portions, the hinge connection of each flap being offset from the 115 head of the wearer.

13. A woman's hat comprising a crown portion, offsets adjacent to the lower part thereof, shaped to give a triangular appearance, flaps permanently hinged to such offsets to be turned 120 up or down, and means for maintaining the flaps in either of their adjusted positions.

14. A woman's hat comprising a crown portion and a plurality of flaps constructed to be turned down to protect the hair of the wearer 125 or up to give a different appearance, such flaps adjacent to the crown being located relatively remote to the head of the wearer, so that when the flaps are turned down the inclination of such flaps will be outwardly from the free 130

edges thereof and away from the crown, and means for maintaining the flaps in either of their adjusted positions.

15. A woman's hat comprising a crown portion, a rear flap, and a pair of side flaps located with their rear ends adjacent to the outer ends of the rear flap and with their front ends merging toward each other, all carried to be turned up or down, and means for retaining the flaps in either of their said positions.

16. A woman's hat comprising a crown, hav-

ing a portion for engagement with the head of the wearer and a portion relatively remote therefrom, flaps connected to such relatively remote portion, to be turned up or down, and means for holding the flaps in either of their adjusted positions.

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