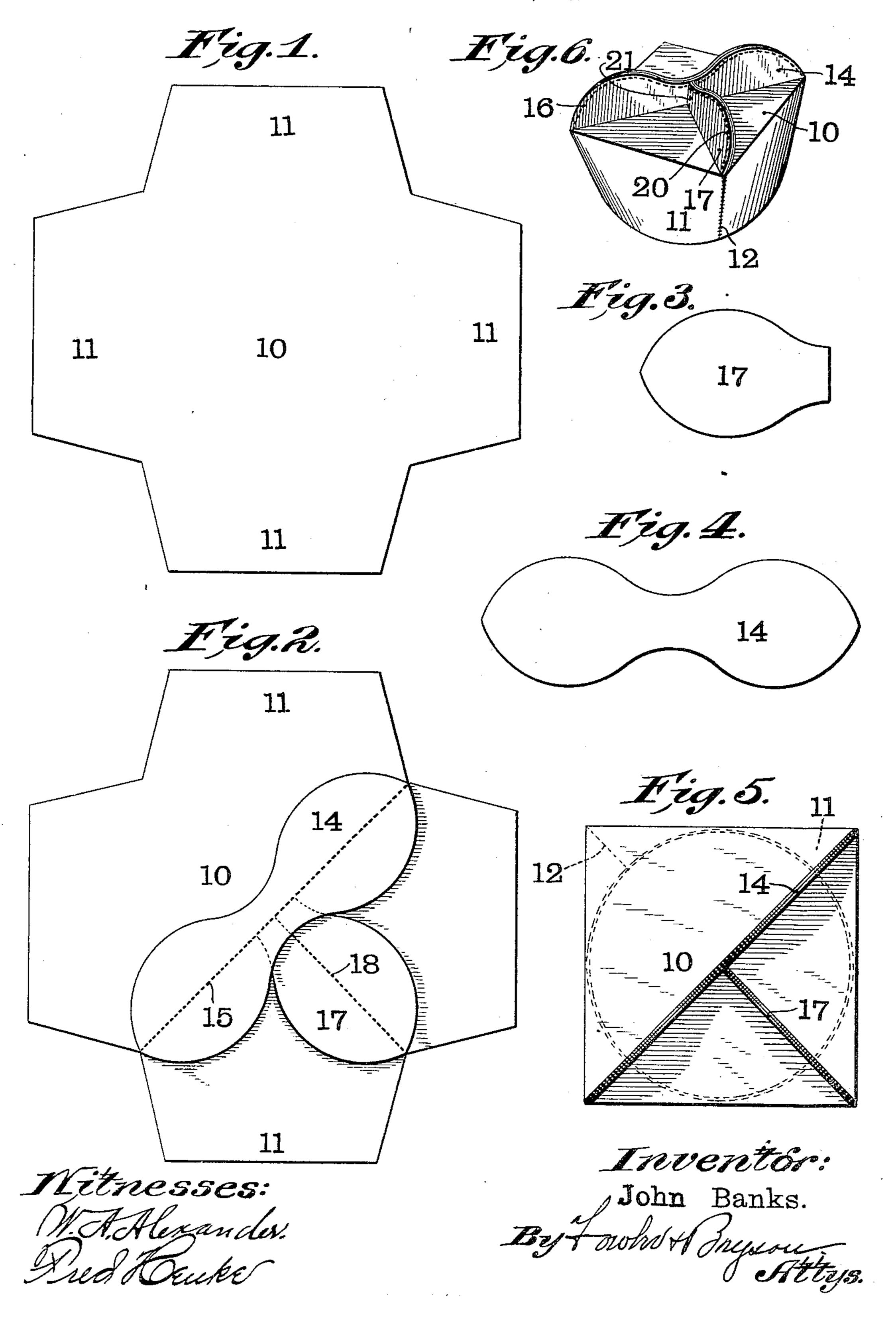
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, John Banks, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of St. Louis, State of Missouri, have invented a certain new and useful Hat, of which the following is such a full, clear, and exact description as will enable any one skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification.

My invention relates more particularly to that form of hat which is called a "biretta," and has for its object to provide a biretta more simple in construction and more pleasing in appearance than those heretofore in use and which at the same time will be more durable, the body portion thereof being formed of a single piece of material.

In the drawings, in which like characters of reference indicate similar parts in the different views, Figure 1 is a top plan view of the blank of material from which the body of the biretta is formed. Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 and indicates the manner in which the upward extensions or wings of the biretta are attached to the body portion thereof. Figs. 3 and 4 are top plan views of the blank from which the wings or upward extensions are formed. Fig. 5 is a top plan view of the completed biretta, and Fig. 6 is a perspective view thereof.

10 is the blank from which the body of the biretta is formed. It is provided with four projections 11, shaped as shown in the drawings of Fig. 1 and Fig. 2. These projections are bent downwardly and their adjacent edges sewed together to form that portion of the biretta which rests in contact with the head of the wearer, as indicated in Figs. 5 and 6. In Fig. 6 this stitching is indicated at 12.

After the body of the hat has been formed the wings or upward extensions of the biretta are formed from the blanks shown in Figs. 3 and 4. The blank 14 shown in Fig. 4 is laid upon the body portion of the biretta, as shown in Fig. 2, and stitched thereto along the line 15. The outer or curved edges of the blank 14 are then stitched together, as shown at 16 in Fig. 6. The blank 17 shown in Fig. 3 is similarly attached, preferably by stitches, to the main portion 10, the line of stitching being indicated by the line 18 in

Fig. 2. The outer or curved edges of the 55 part 17 are stitched together, as indicated at 20 in Fig. 6, and the inner end thereof is fastened, by means of stitches, to the part 14, as indicated at 21 in Fig. 6.

It will be evident that other fastening 60 means than ordinary sewing or stitching may be used to fasten the parts together; but these are within the contemplation of my invention. The material of which the biretta is made is cloth-covered cardboard or any 65 other suitable substance.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A biretta formed from an approximately 70 cruciform blank, the projecting portions of which are bent down and secured together at their adjacent edges, and the ornamental wing portions on the top formed by the body of the blank.

2. The combination with the body portion of a biretta formed of a single piece of material, of an upwardly-extending wing therefor comprising a single piece of material of symmetrical form, means along the axis of symmetry of said wing for fastening said wing to said body, and means for fastening together the free edges of said wing.

3. The combination with the body portion of a biretta formed of a single piece of material, of an upwardly-projecting wing therefor formed of a single piece of material, fastening means for joining said wing to said body portion, a second upwardly-projecting wing for said body and formed of a single piece of material, means for fastening said second wing to said body portion, and means for fastening the inner end of said second wing to the middle portion of the said first-named wing.

4. A biretta formed from an approximately 95 cruciform blank, the projecting portions of which are bent down and secured together at their adjacent edges and the ornamental wing formed of a single strip secured longitudinally between its edges to the top formed by 100 the body of the blank, folded upon itself and having its two portions secured together.

5. A blank for birettas comprising a single approximately cruciform piece and a strip of suitable shape secured at its central longitu- 105 dinal line upon the body portion of the blank.

6. A blank for birettas comprising a single approximately cruciform piece, a strip of

suitable shape secured at its central longitudinal line upon the body portion of the blank and a second like strip of half the length of the first strip and secured in like manner between its edges at right angles to the first-named strip.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set

my hand and affixed my seal in the presence of the two subscribing witnesses.

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