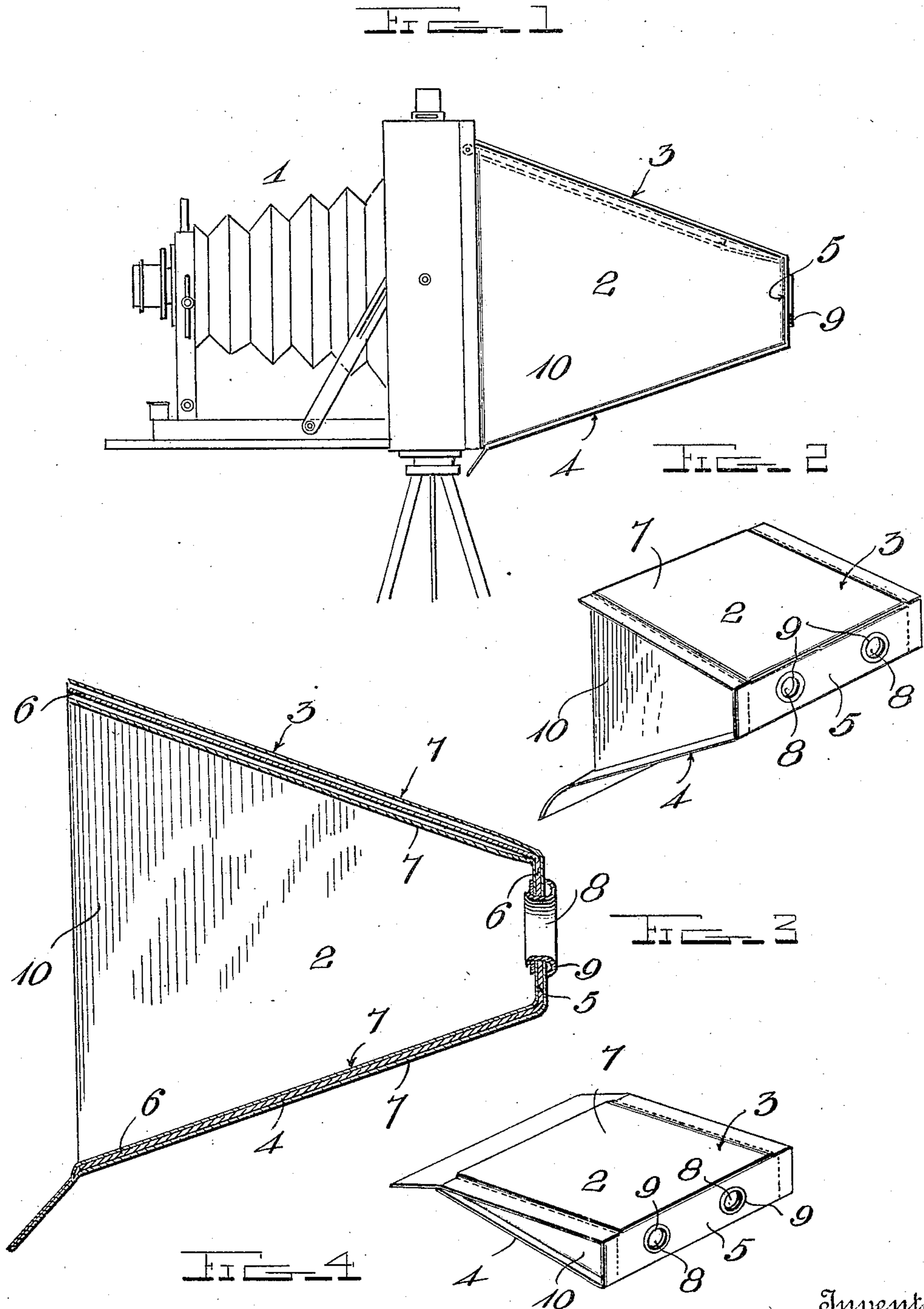


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD P. COMRIE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Gloversville, in the county of Fulton and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Focusing-Hoods for Cameras; and I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to a focusing hood for cameras and has for its object to provide a simple and inexpensive foldable hood which may be applied to the camera in order to take the place of the focusing cloth which is now commonly employed to cover the head of the operator.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation illustrating the application of the hood to a camera; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the hood removed from position on an enlarged scale; Fig. 3 is a longitudinal section taken through one of the "sight holes", and, Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the hood folded.

In the embodiment illustrated, the numeral 1 indicates the camera and 2, the focusing hood which is suitably supported thereby to take the place of the cloth now commonly used to cover the head and shoulders of the operator. As shown, more particularly in Fig. 2, the hood comprises a stiff top, bottom and front end wall, 3, 4, and 5 respectively, which are formed by an inner piece of paste board 6 or other material of the desired stiffness bent to the proper form and incased by a suitable leather or other pliable casing 7, having inner and outer layers. The front end wall 5 is provided with a pair of centrally disposed sight openings 8, the walls of which are covered or protected by suitable protective rings 9 which clamp opposite faces of said wall and are united together as

shown. The hood also comprises foldable side walls 10 which are arranged between the top and bottom walls and which are of pliable material such as leather.

While it is evident that the hood may be made in various forms and sizes to suit different requirements, the form preferably used is such that when the top and bottom walls are spread apart, to their maximum extent, the hood increases in width toward its rear end, or in other words, the top and bottom walls converge toward the front end wall 5.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction and operation of the invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention, as defined in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:—

1. A hood of the class described comprising stiff top and bottom walls and a front end wall formed from a single strip of stiff material bent to the required form, the front end wall having a pair of sight openings and pliable or flexible side members.

2. A hood of the class described comprising stiff top, bottom and front end walls formed from a single strip of stiff material bent into the required form, the front wall having a pair of centrally disposed side openings, protective rings to protect the walls of said openings, and flexible side pieces between the end edges of the top and bottom walls and the front end wall.

3. A hood of the class described comprising a flexible casing having top, bottom and front end walls, and flexible side walls between the edges of its top and bottom walls, the top, bottom and front walls of the casing being composed of inner and outer layers and the front wall having a pair of sight openings, a reinforcing strip of stiff material bent to conform to the outline of the casing and fitting between the inner and

outer layers of the top, bottom and front  
walls thereof, said strip having a pair of  
sight openings to register with those of the  
casing, and protective rings to protect the  
5 walls of the sight openings and to clamp ad-  
jacent portions of the ring against the rein-  
forcing strip.

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