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Fig. 1.



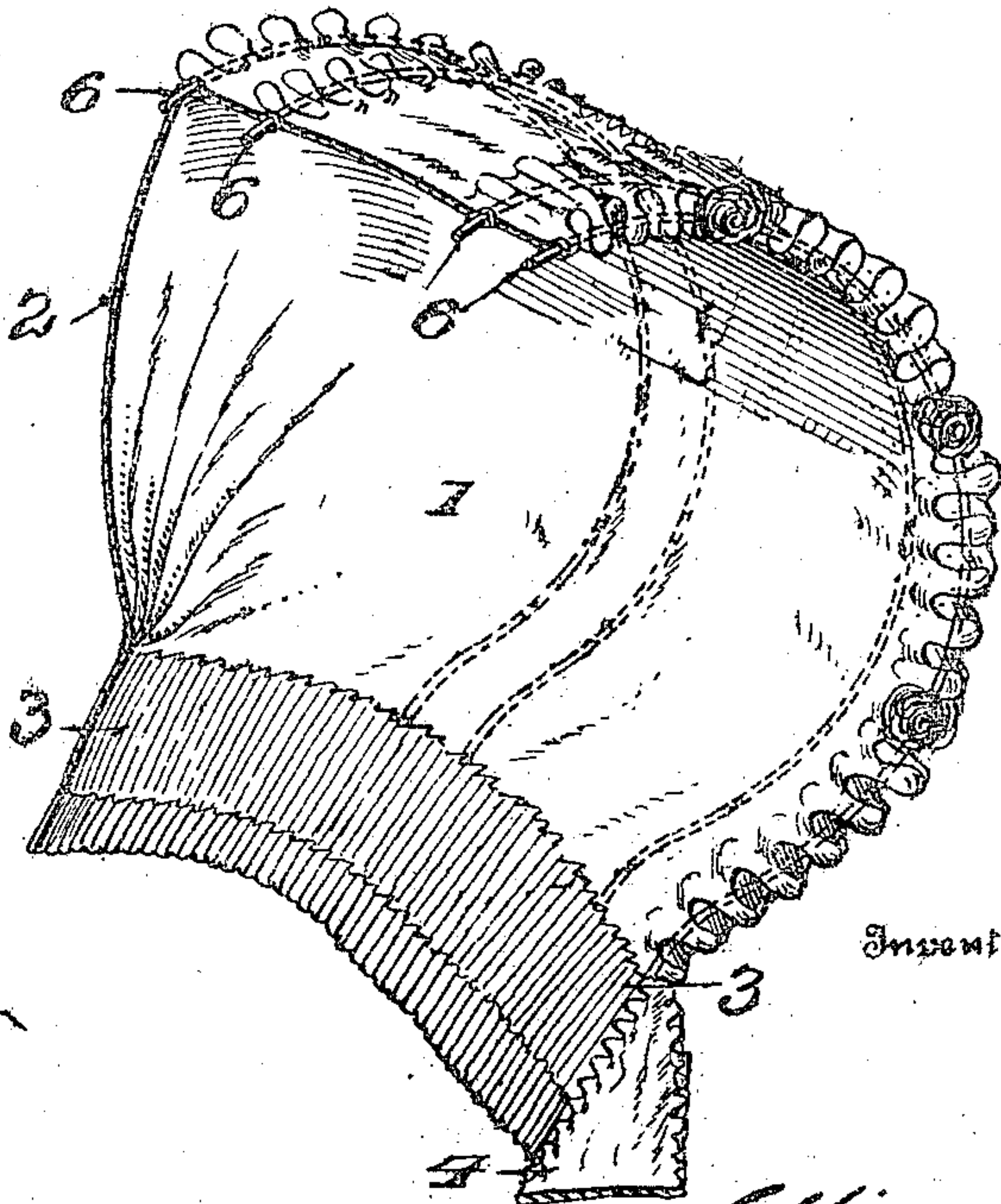
Fig. 2.



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Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLARA C. COLLINS, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Wearing-Apparel; and I do hereby 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 apper-
10 tains to make and use the same.

The object of this invention is to provide a woman's convertible headgear and neck-piece capable of being used for automobile, evening and theater wear.

15 A further object is to enable a woman's hood or headgear to be readily converted into a neck-piece, and with equal facility restored to its original use, and in both instances present an effective appearance.

20 The invention will be hereinafter fully set forth and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing the article
25 as a head covering. Fig. 2 shows it in its collapsed condition when used as a neck-piece. Fig. 3 is a skeleton outline.

In carrying out my invention I form the body 1 of any suitable material, preferably
30 silk gathered and stitched in any manner desired by the user. This body portion, viewing the article as a hood or head covering for women, is of arched formation, and comprises a back 2 and depending portion 3,
35 which latter surrounds the neck of the wearer and rests upon her shoulders and is drawn together at the center of its lower edge and is preferably embellished by a ruffle to the ends of which may be secured
40 fastening ties 4.

The article is equipped with a series of approximately parallel sustaining wires 6
45 secured to the collar piece 5. These wires are preferably located between the outer portion or covering and the lining. They are retained within the material, either by rows of stitching, or by loops or pockets formed therefor. I have shown two wires located
50 relatively close together, one being at the extreme forward edge of the arched portion, and the second a short distance rearwardly therefrom. I have also shown a second pair of wires, relatively close to each other, one of them being secured to the extreme rear
55 edge of the arch. The points of location of the wires may be concealed by any suitable

ornamentation, such as sections of plaited ribbons or tulle. The front wire is preferably additionally ornamented so as to add to the general attractiveness of the article
60 as a whole. If desired an internal wire framing may be employed to insure the retention of the cap or hood formation.

When worn as a covering for the head the arched portion will extend over the head and
65 down the sides, the wires being held erect by the collar piece 3 which is drawn in at the neck by the ties 4. As shown in Fig. 1 the article in this position conveys the idea of a hood having tying ribbons and worn
70 with a collar of the style now in vogue. In this manner the article may be worn on the street or in vehicles, and may be readily converted, as for instance, at theaters or places
75 of entertainment, into a neck-piece, simply by loosening the ties to relax the collar and moving the arched portion rearwardly and allowing it to rest at the back of the neck or
80 on the shoulders, the wires 6 allowing such arched portion to readily collapse. If desired the ties may be further drawn together so as to give a more striking resemblance to a boa or neck-piece.

It will be noted that as the front wires are spaced apart throughout from the other pair
85 the collar will tend to hold the front wires slightly raised even when the article is thrown back from the head. This gives a slight elevation at the back of the neck as shown in Fig. 2, producing an attractive
90 appearance as well as shielding the neck from drafts. In this position too the collar 3 may convey the impression that it is a separate article of apparel.

The advantages of my invention will be
95 readily appreciated. It will be seen that by suitable ornamentation wearing apparel of this character may be made exceedingly attractive, and that by means of my invention a single article may be worn as a head cover-
100 ing by women for evening and theater wear and may be readily removed from the head and converted into an ornamental neck-piece with practically no difficulty.

When made primarily for automobile pur-
105 poses the body covering may be of different material from that required for dress occasions.

I claim as my invention:—

1. As an article of manufacture, a con-
110 vertible head covering and neck piece comprising an arched portion of soft material

and a collar, a collapsible frame secured to said collar and designed to normally support said material in the form of a hood or head cover or, when said collar is loosened, 5 to collapse and allow said material to fall upon the shoulders of the wearer to form a neck piece.

2. As an article of manufacture, a convertible head covering and neck piece comprising an arched portion and a collar, a 10 series of approximately parallel sustaining wires in such arched portion and secured to

said collar at spaced apart points, said wires permitting such arched portion to collapse and rest on the shoulders of the wearer and 15 cover the back of the neck, and ties secured to the ends of said collar.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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