

Innovation Patent

이젠 평범은 보통보다도 못하다. 특이한 정도에도 차이가 있다. 다소 특별하거나 황당해도 이젠 그저 평범으로 느낄 정도로 시대가 많이 변했다. 그런데 간혹 보면 너무나도 황당한 발명들이 있다. 이들은 많은 점들을 느끼게 하면서도 나름대로 철학까지 있어보인다.

양보다는 질이다. 수많은 내용보다는 하나의 특별한 아이디어가 이젠 소중하다. 우린 그런 것들을 황당발명이라고 하기보다는 혁신발명이라고 하고 싶다. 최근 다음과 같은 내용으로 미국에서 특허를 받았는데,,,쩍

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Head mounted letter "M" display

Abstract

A foam body is made in the form of the letter "M". Side portions of the foam body include confronting, temple engaging, inside surfaces, spaced apart a distance less than the temple--temple width of a person's head. The foam body is constructed from a springable form that stores spring energy when bent and allows the side portions to be sprung apart, and when released to move back towards each other. The side portions of the form body are sprung apart and a person places his/her head between the side portions. Then the side portions are released so that they will spring back towards their static positions and clamp onto the person's head, so as to secure the letter "M" display onto the person's head.

TECHNICAL FIELD

This invention relates to a novelty item for showing fan support for a sports team. More particularly, it relates to a foam plastic letter "M" display that is adapted to be self-securing onto the head of a person.

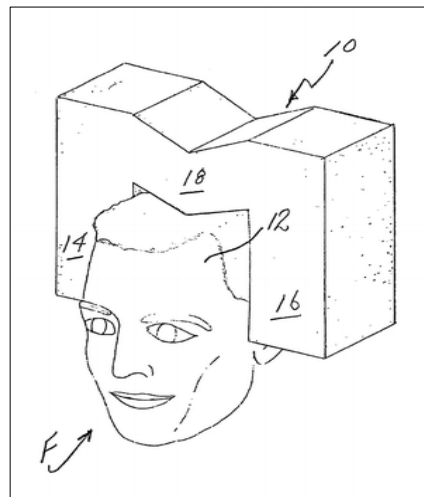
BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Fan interest for sports teams goes beyond merely watching the teams perform. The fans come to games wearing clothing and other items, and/or carrying signs or other displays showing their support for their team. Fan worn displays include replicas of team hats, jerseys, etc. and other items that are created by or for the fans.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a display that is adapted to be mounted onto the head of a fan and which is provided with the shape of a letter "M" that has some association with a particular team. For example, the Seattle Mariners baseball team is commonly referred to as the "M's." It is an object of the invention to provide a display in the shape of a "M" that is adapted to be self-secured to the head of a fan, so that, for example, the fan can wear it to a game or elsewhere.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The letter "M" display of the present invention is basically characterized by a foam body having the shape of a letter "M" and including a pair of laterally spaced apart side portions and an interconnecting portion. The interconnecting portion forms a substantially "V" shaped central upper portion of the letter "M". The side portions depend from the interconnecting portion and define a space between them, below the interconnecting portion. The side portions of the foam body also form the side parts of the letter "M".





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(54) **HEAD MOUNTED LETTER "M" DISPLAY**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

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