The Social Lives of Hats

Saratoga County History Center June 26, 2021-October 2021

The Tang Teaching Museum Collection

Empire Hat Block Manufacturing Company

Madcaps, Inc. (New York, New York, c. 1930–1992)
Founded by Alfred Z. Solomon and Janet Sloane
Hat block, 20th century
Wood
7 1/2 x 6 1/2 x 8 7/8 inches
Gift of Beverley Estabrook Mastrianni
ED2017.4.2a-f



Probably Imperial

Madcaps, Inc. (New York, New York, c. 1930–1992)
Founded by Alfred Z. Solomon and Janet Sloane
Hat block, 20th century
Wood
8 1/2 x 7 1/2 x 10 1/4 inches
Gift of Beverley Estabrook Mastrianni
ED2017.4.10a-f



Unrecorded maker

Madcaps, Inc. (New York, New York, c. 1930–1992)
Founded by Alfred Z. Solomon and Janet Sloane
Hat block, 20th century
Wood
7 3/4 x 6 1/2 x 9 1/4 inches
Gift of Beverley Estabrook Mastrianni
ED2017.4.13a-f



Unrecorded maker

Madcaps, Inc. (New York, New York, c. 1930–1992)
Founded by Alfred Z. Solomon and Janet Sloane
Hat block, 20th century
Wood
8 1/2 x 7 3/8 x 10 inches
Gift of Beverley Estabrook Mastrianni
ED2017.4.14a-f



All Together Now 1/9

New York Hat Block Company
Madcaps, Inc. (New York, New York, c. 1930–1992)
Founded by Alfred Z. Solomon and Janet Sloane
Hat block, 20th century
Wood
8 x 7 1/8 x 7 1/2 inches
Gift of Beverley Estabrook Mastrianni
ED2017.4.15a-f



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The Saratoga County History Center Collection

Sharon Hats (Dallas, Texas) Bowler-style hat Gray felt Gift of Caroline Reynolds 1988.10.1



Maker unrecorded

Hat Blue silk velvet lined with yellow twill, yellow-gold braid Gift of Middle Grove I.O.O.F. Lodge #476 1991.60.3



Premier Knox (New York)
Delano (Boston)
Boater hat
Sennit, black grosgrain ribbon, interior leather band stamped "JAB"
Gift of Dan Fitzgerald
1983.164.7



Maker unrecorded

Bonnet Flat black velvet, velvet ribbon, dried grass, pink artificial flowers, black glass seed-beaded twigs, large glass beads Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Van Aernem 1976.73.3B



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Maker unrecorded

Bicorn

Black beaver trimmed with gold braid and eagle-black brocade ribbon bow with names "Lafayette" and "Washington" Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Butler 1966.55.9



Maker unrecorded

Bonnet

Black straw with black ribbon ties, ruched black net inside the brim, black lace, pale artificial flowers, black ribbon bow Gift of the Estate of Mrs. John (Kathleen) Knickerbacker 1982.111.102



Maker unrecorded

2000.11.3

Fireman's dress uniform hat Black/navy wool felt with metal insignia marked "Ballston Spa, NY E.M.L. No 1/F.D."
Gift of Lewis Schumacher, in memory of deceased firefighters



John B. Stetson Company

Retailed by Savard Bros. (Saratoga Springs, New York)
Royal DeLuxe homburg
Gray wool felt, black grosgrain ribbon band, gray grosgrain
binding on brim edge, crown lined in white silk satin
Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Van Aernem
1976.73.5



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Chelson Handmade Felts

Derby (bowler)
Black wool felt, white satin lining with leather interior band
Gift of Dan and Rita Fitzgerald
1985.46.4



Marretta, Inc. (New York)

Hat

Net covered with layers of green veiling, edges trimmed with red berries, artificial leaves, and green grosgrain bows, hat pin with green grosgrain tip
Gift of the Estate of Mrs. John (Kathleen) Knickerbacker
1982.111.46



Maker unrecorded

Brimless cap
Ruched brown silk velvet, edges covered with pheasant feathers
and down, light brown velvet bow at back
Gift of the Estate of A. Eugenia Cook
1983.146.17



Maker unrecorded

Hat Light blue feathers, interior cap with velvet trim Gift of the Estate of Sabra Hook 1982.159.31



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Jonquil Juliet cap Brown satin, decorated with pearl beads and satin feathers Gift of Alma Whittaker 2001.4.13



Maker unrecorded

Drawn bonnet
Black silk taffeta, pleated net-lined curtain, net and silk lining in brim, trimmed with black and white feathers, black silk ribbon ties
Gift of Mildred Roerig
1980.166.24



Mangin Maurice (Paris, France)

Bonnet with standing brim
Ruched and pleated black silk velvet, black sequin trim, black silk satin
ribbon ties and bows
Gift of Ralph Craw
1987.57.3



Maker unrecorded

Pillbox-style hat Dark seal fur, black sateen lining Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jennings 1986.26.6



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Daunay (Schenectady, New York)
Capote bonnet
Black silk velvet, black plumes, prism-cut black glass beads, buttons
Gift of the Estate of A. Eugenia Cook/Mildred Hathaway
1983.146.3



Alfred Wolfson (New York)
Hat
Light blue silk, blue velvet flowers, synthetic horsehair braid
Gift of the Estate of A. Eugenia Cook
1983.146.33



Van Horn & Son (Schenectady, New York) Top hat Gray felt, black grosgrain band, beads Gift of Phyllis Keeler 1983.146.34



Cottrell & Leonard (Albany, New York)
Top hat
Black silk, black grosgrain ribbon bow, internal leather band, pink moire silk crown lining
Gift of L. Foster James
1985.1.1



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Maker unrecorded

Men's motoring cap Wool tweed, internal leather band with the words "Real Russia" and "W.M.S. Richards" sewn Gift of Barbara Weeks 1984.66.1



Harry Hayman (New York and Paris)

Cloche Black straw, black wool felt, black grosgrain ribbon Gift of the Estate of Mrs. John (Kathleen) Knickerbacker 1982.111.108



Frank B. Howe (Saratoga Springs, New York)

Cloche
Brown silk, brown straw braid, padded ribbon flowers, sprigs of silk buds
Gift of Ralph Craw
1986.35.14



Grossman's Millinery (Amsterdam, New York)

Hat

Dark olive silk velvet, dark red silk ribbon, brown ostrich plumes, black lining Gift of the Estate of A. Eugenia Cook 1983.146.1



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Makers unrecorded

Children's bonnets
Hand-crocheted; off-white, silk-pleated with feathers; silk with lace and embroidered flowers
Gifts of Rev. and Mrs. Nelson (Priscilla Whittemore) Elliott
1988.28.2, 1988.28.3
Gift of Donald Reed
1969.14.176



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