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Fig. 1.

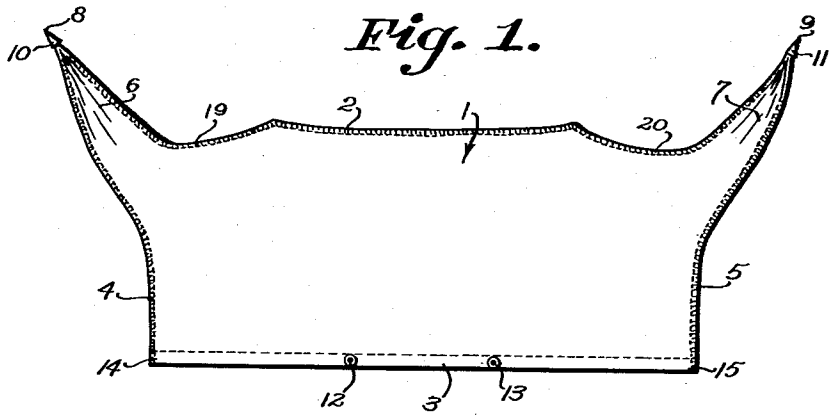
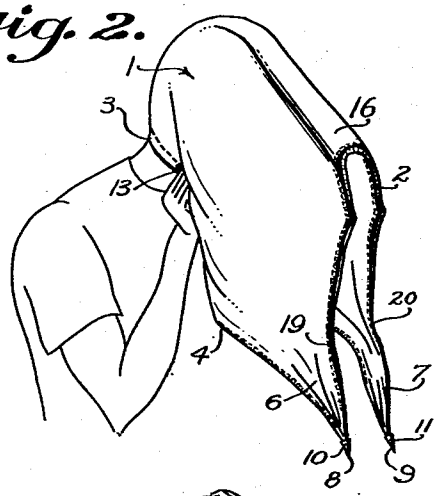


Fig. 2.



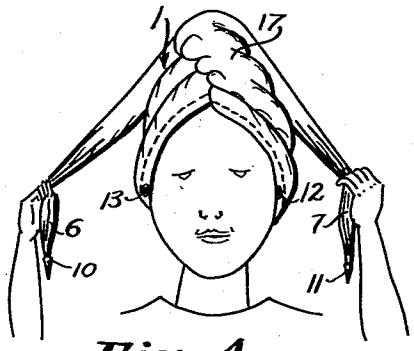


Fig. 4.

Fig. 3.



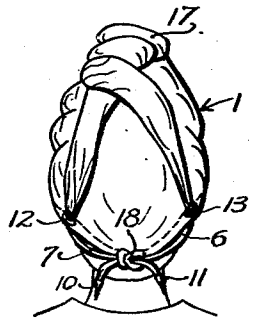


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The present invention relates to accessories for use in hair-drying operation following hair and scalp treatments in beauty parlors, hairdressing establishments or the like, or for use on beaches or bathing establishments, or wherever it is desired to dry the hair after wetting thereof. Customarily it is the practice to effect such drying by wrapping the hair in a towel or other water absorbtive fabric article which is caused to be shaped into a turban which contacts the hair and is worn as a head-dress until the hair has dried at least to an extent to be manageable.

The wrapping of a towel or other rectilinearly shaped article into a turban-like headdress requires considerable practice and dexterity in order to provide a sufficiently close fit about the wearer's head to prevent accidental displacement, and also in the unwrapping thereof, and substantial amounts of time are consumed in such fabrications. The present invention provides an improvement in such articles through making available an improved shape of fabric blank that can be wrapped into a turban-like headdress in an easy and expeditious manner, and which will not become unwrapped or displaced accidently. Certain structural improvements over conventional towels are incorporated in the present article which enhances the expeditious and secure formulation thereof into a turban-like covering for the head and hair and for positively securing and maintaining such turban in position while being worn.

Further objects of the invention will become apparent as the description proceeds, and the features of novelty will be pointed out in particularity in the appended claims.

The invention will be more readily understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is an elevation of an improved accessory in opened position showing the shape and structural features thereof.

Figs. 2 through 5 are perspective views showing successive steps to be taken sequentially in formulating the accessory of Fig. 1 into a turban-like head enclosing covering.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the improved article is represented by numeral **1**, which is made of conventional porous toweling or other water-absorptive fabric, the shape of which is generally mainly irregularly rectilinear in contour instead of a true conventional rectangle. That is to say, the body **1** has longitudinally extending sides, or edges **2** and **3**, the edge **2** being regarded as an upper edge for the body **1** and the edge **3** being a lower edge. The said body **1** is formed with parallel edges **4** and **5** extending upwardly from the lower edge **3**, and of a length substantially one-half of the width of said body and from which points they outwardly and upwardly diverge at equal angles to meet the upwardly and outwardly diverging continuations of the upper edge **2**, thereby forming corresponding corner projections **6** and **7** which form converging strips terminating in points **8** and **9** that may be incased in metal sleeves **10** and **11** for insertion into eyelets **12** and **13** in the body **1**, adjacent to the bottom longitudinal edge **3**. These eyelets are spaced equidistantly from a median axial line interconnecting the top and bottom edges **2** and **3** and perpendicular thereto. The length of the body **1** between the side edges **4** and **5** is such that when it is placed around the back of a person's head at the hairline and as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3, it will extend behind the head with the eyelets **12** and **13**, respectively,

at each side of the head somewhere between each ear and each eye, so that in its first position of application as shown in Fig. 3 the lower edge **3** at points intermediate **14** and **12** and **13** and **15** are grasped so as to tightly bind said edge **3** into complete encirclement about the person's head at approximately the hair-line, then twist the free edges of the material defined by edge **3** and grasp therewith the overhanging portions of the material as shown in Fig. 2 and then twist such grasped portions and bring the twisted formation **17** back over the head, Fig. 4, then separate the end strip portions **6** and **7** and extend them in opposite directions as shown, then thread the strip portion **6** through the eyelet **13** and the portion **7** through eyelet **12**, and tightly tie and secure at the back of the head as indicated at **18**, Fig. 5, thereby completing the turban, which is tightly fitting and which may be worn as long as desired without danger of accidental displacement. When the hair has sufficiently dried, the turban can be removed readily by untying the knot **18** and reversing the aforesaid manipulations.

The gripping manipulation of the corner projections **6** and **7** and their insertion through the eyelets **12** and **13**, and the tying together of these corner projections is facilitated by providing the top edge **2** of the turban body **1** with scallop-like recesses **19** and **20** adjacent to the projections **6** and **7**, respectively, and following the insertion of the tips **10** and **11** through the eyelets **12** and **13**, the projecting strips **6** and **7** are drawn through the eyelets sufficiently far to form a tight fit when said strips are tied together as at **18**. The metal tips **10** and **11** materially facilitate the insertion of the points **8** and **9** of the projections **6** and **7** into the respective eyelets **12** and **13** for securing the completed turban in position.

By the completion of the above-described operation, a tight-fitting turban structure which cannot be displaced accidently and which can be worn comfortably until the hair has dried, or in fact otherwise merely as a turban if desired.

From the above it will be apparent that I have provided a blank piece of material designed in a manner such as to enable by a minimum of manipulation the arranging of the material about a person's head into a turban secured against accidental displacement, said turban being effected at a negligible cost and efficient for the purposes intended.

Having thus described the invention, what I desire protected by Letters Patent is as set forth in the following claims:

1. A hair-drying accessory comprising an elongated body portion having a length greater than its width and having generally parallel longitudinal edges of unequal length, a longer longitudinal edge being a top edge, and a shorter longitudinal edge being a bottom edge, and side edges connecting the longitudinal edges, the side edges being substantially parallel to each other from the bottom longitudinal edge to a line intermediate the longitudinal edges and parallel to the bottom edge, the side edges being extended from this line to points above and beyond the top longitudinal edge and diverging therefrom at equal angles, the generally parallel portion of the top longitudinal edge defining scallop-like recesses adjacent to the side edges and then being also extended divergingly upwardly and angularly outward to meet at the diverging side edges to form two opposite substantially equal and equally divergent corner projections for the body, the said projections terminating in points, and spaced eyelets adjacent to the bottom longitudinal edge and equally spaced from a median line interconnecting and perpendicular to the longitudinal edges, the said eyelets being adapted to receive the said points and to have the projections passed therethrough after the body portion has been placed in wearing position about the head of a wearer, the said bottom edge having a central portion lying at the nape of the neck of the wearer when in wearing position, with corner ends of the said edge extending to the front of the forehead of the wearer, the two projections and body portions adjacent thereto being crossed, thereby maintaining the said corner ends in wearing position, the crossed projections and adjacent body portions being twisted into a form completing the formation of a turban enclosing the head of the wearer

when in wearing position, the said projections being passed through the said eyelets which lie adjacent to the sides of the head of the wearer when in wearing position, and the ends of the projections being tied for securing the resulting turban in wearing position.

2. A hair-drying accessory comprising a generally rectilinearly-shaped body adapted to be placed on the head of a wearer and having longitudinally extending top and bottom edges and side edges connecting the top and bottom edges and forming therewith opposite top and bottom corners, the side edges and top edge being extended at corresponding top corners into strips projecting outwardly from the body and terminating in points at their projecting extremities, the bottom edge having a central portion adapted to lie at the nape of the neck of a wearer when in wearing position and the said edge to extend to the front of the forehead of the wearer, the said body being formed into a turban for enclosing the head of the wearer and having a surmounted twisted formation, the said body having spaced eyelets adjacent to the bottom longitudinal edge, the said eyelets being at the sides of the head of the wearer when the accessory is in wearing position for receiving the points and strips subsequent to the twisting operation for securing the said body around and over the head of the wearer in tightly fitting engagement therewith when the body is formed into the said enclosing turban when in wearing position around the head and hair during drying thereof, the said projecting strips being sufficiently long and narrow to enable them to be tied together at the back of the head of the wearer when in wearing position for securing the resulting twisted formation and completely wrapped turban in wearing position enclosing the head and hair of the wearer.

3. A hair-drying fabric blank adapted to be formed into a head-enclosing turban, which comprises a generally

rectilinearly-shaped body of water-absorbent fabric having longitudinally extending top and bottom edges, and side edges connecting the top and bottom edges, the top and side edges diverging outwardly and upwardly and meeting in points to form elongated and progressively narrowing strips projecting outwardly from the body at approximately equally divergent angles relatively to the top edge, the bottom edge having a central portion which is adapted to lie at the nape of the neck of a wearer when in wearing position and the said edge to extend to the front of the forehead of the wearer when the two extremities of the bottom edge and the lower portions of the side edges cross when the blank is in wearing position, the corners formed between the bottom edge and the side edges being held manually during application of the blank into wearing position on the head of the wearer, the said blank having spaced eyelets adjacent to the bottom edge and positioned at the sides of the head of the wearer when the blank is in wearing position, the said eyelets being adapted to receive the said points and strips, the points and strips being inserted through adjacent eyelets following crossing and twisting of the lower side edge portions of the blank when the blank is in wearing position, the said strips extending through the eyelets being drawn together and tied at the back of the neck of the wearer for securing the resulting turban in wearing position.

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