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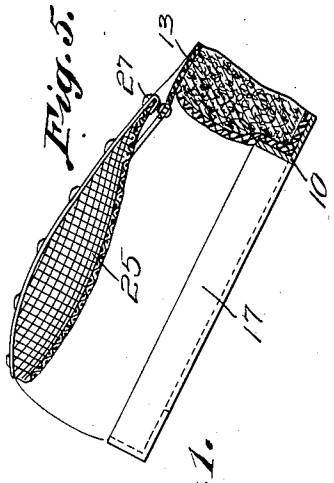


Fig. 1.

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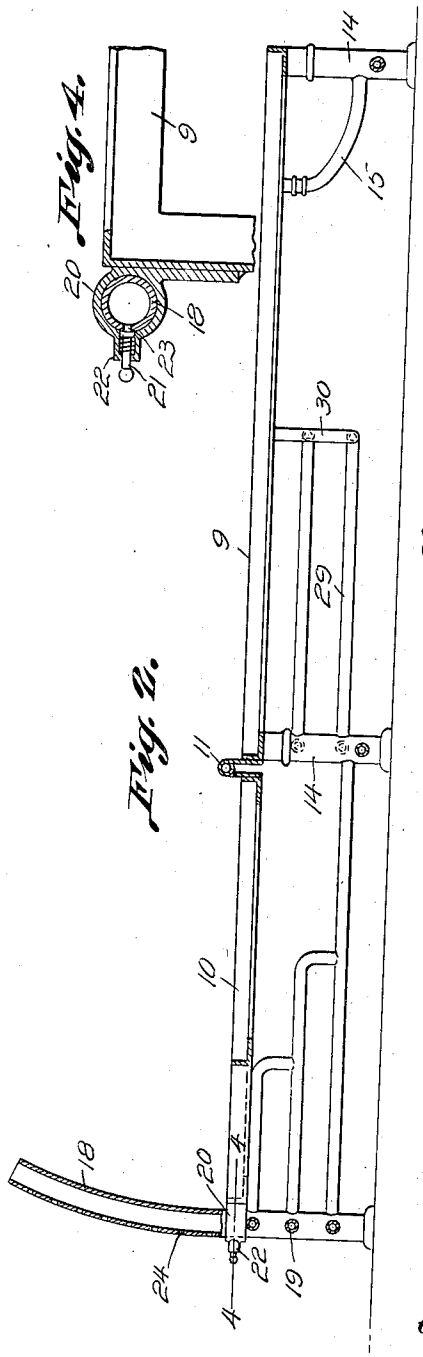
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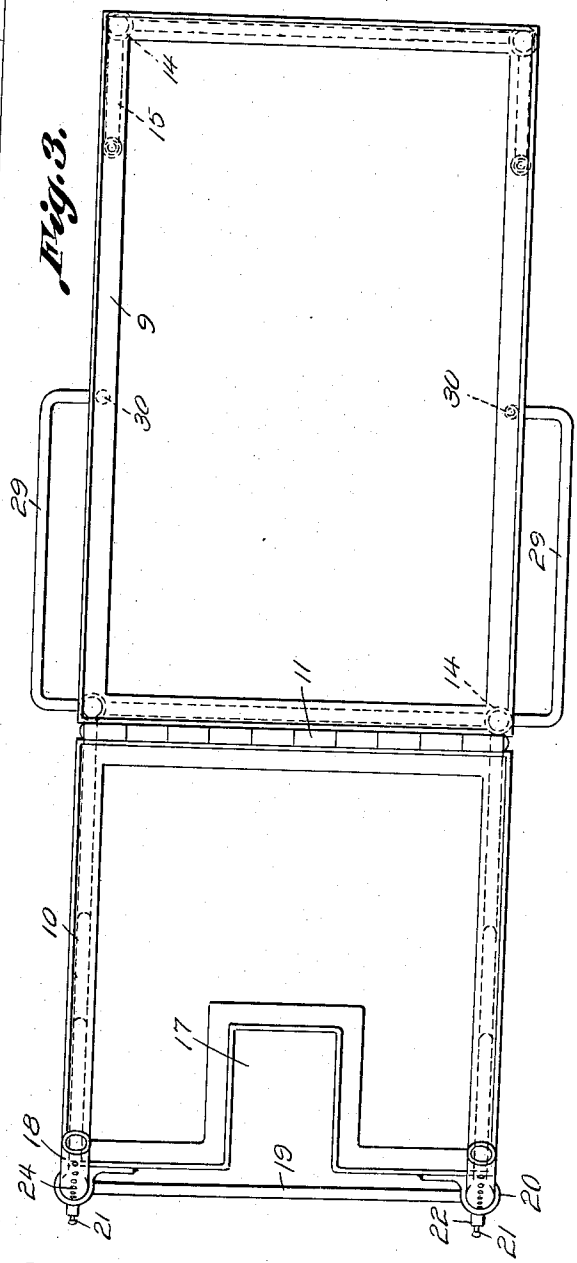


Fig. 2.

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The present invention relates to a new and improved article of furniture primarily adapted for use in beauty parlors.

The primary object of the invention resides in the provision of an article of furniture in the form of a couch including an adjustable head and shoulder rest with a central opening formed therein in which is disposed what can be termed a net hammock which permits complete drying of the head of the reposer without disturbing the wave set.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of an article of furniture having the above mentioned characteristics that is formed of a relatively light weight and durable material, attractive in appearance and relatively inexpensive to manufacture.

The invention will be fully and comprehensively understood from a consideration of the following detailed description when read in connection with the accompanying drawings which form a part of the application.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the new and improved couch.

Figure 2 is a transverse sectional view of the couch frame with the cushions normally supported thereon being removed.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the couch frame illustrated in Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken substantially on line 4—4 of Figure 2, and

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken substantially on line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawings for a more detailed description thereof, there is illustrated a couch 8 comprising a body supporting section 9 and head and shoulder supporting section 10, said sections being hingedly connected at 11. The sections 9 and 10, as more clearly shown in Figure 3 of the drawings, are substantially rectangular shaped with the side and end rails thereof being formed of angle iron Monel or other light weight durable material upon which are disposed the cushions 12 and 13, respectively. If desired the cushions 12 and 13 may be covered with a waterproof material of any desired color scheme to harmonize with the general appearance of the beauty parlor.

The body portion 9 of the couch is supported on tubular standards 14 welded or otherwise secured to each corner of the angle irons with an arcuate shaped brace 15 extending from each of the end leg members to the side rails of the body 9 of the couch for adding rigidity thereto. A transverse tube 16 is disposed between each of the front and rear pair of leg members for adding further rigidity to the structure.

The head and shoulder rest frame 10, as afore indicated, is hingedly associated with the body section 9, the hinge 11 being welded or otherwise secured to the end rails of the respective frames. The central portion of the frame 10 is formed with a recess 17 for a purpose to be hereinafter described, and the front end of said frame is adjustably supported on the pair of arcuate shaped standards 18 with a series of tubes 19 disposed therebetween. As is to be understood, the frame 10 is adjustable to a number of positions to suit the comfort of the user. For adjustably supporting the same there is provided cylindrical shaped bracket members 20 welded or otherwise secured to each corner of the front end of the frame 10 and adapted to slidably engage the arcuate shaped standards 18. Each of the bracket members 20 is formed with a pin 21 supporting a tension spring 22 for normally urging the end 23 thereof into one of the openings 24 formed in the standards 18. The angularity of the frame 10 is adjusted by moving the bracket vertically on the standards 18 and to be retained in the adjusted position by means of the pins 21, as shown in Figure 1 of the drawings.

The head and shoulder cushion 13 is formed with a central opening corresponding with the opening 17 formed in the frame 10 and within said opening there is disposed a head receiving net-like hammock 25. The hammock 25 is preferably formed of a relatively heavy weight net-like material, the edges of which are bound with a tape material 26 and attached to the cushion 13 by means of snap fasteners or the like 27. After setting a wave in the hair, it is customary to dry the hair and present practice necessitates the customer being seated beneath a dryer for a considerable period of time. By means of the herein described invention and after setting the wave, the customer may recline upon the couch with the head resting upon the hammock 25. Air from the dryer 28 supported on the head rails 19, as more clearly shown in Figure 1 of the drawings, can circulate around the entire head without disturbing the wave set while completely drying the hair. The opening extends from the top of the cushion 13 to the bottom of the frame 10, thus assuring free and complete circulation of the heated air from the dryer around the head. The head and shoulder rest 10 may be readily adjusted to suit the comfort of the user by the means hereinbefore described.

Side rails 29 project from the front pair of leg members 14 with the other end thereof attached to the side rails of the frame 19 as indicated at 30. The side rails 29 add rigidity to the frame and at the same time are adapted to support a manicure tray 31, said tray being supported on vertical tube-like members 32 formed with brackets 33 to be positioned over the side rails 29 in the manner shown in Figure 1 of the drawings. The side rails 29 are disposed on each side of the frame 10 so as to accommodate the use of the manicuring tray for working upon each of the hands of the user of the couch while drying the hair.

It is believed that the use and practicability of the couch is readily apparent from the above description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings.

Also it will be understood, of course, by those skilled in the art that variations in the hereinabove described device involving the substitution of substantial equivalents for the devices described are intended to be comprehended within the spirit of the present invention and that the invention is capable of extended application and is not confined to the exact showing of the drawings nor to the precise construction described and, therefore, such changes and modifications may be made therein as do not affect the spirit of the invention nor exceed the scope thereof as expressed in the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. A device for use during a hair drying operation comprising a couch having a cushion portion adapted to support the upper part of the body of the occupant in reclining position, said cushion having an opening extending vertically therethrough adjacent one end thereof, a series of spaced fasteners about said opening, a sheet of foraminous flexible material constructed and arranged to overlie said opening and having a series of fasteners about its edge cooperating with said first mentioned fasteners to hold said sheet in position and an air drying means supported adjacent said sheet so that the head of the occupant may rest upon said sheet when said occupant is reclining upon said couch and be between said air drying means and sheet and said air from said drying means may engage the hair of said occupant and pass through said opening.

2. A device for use during a hair drying operation comprising a couch having a portion for supporting the upper part of the body, said couch having a frame with an opening extending vertically therethrough, a cushion on said frame having an opening extending vertically therethrough alined with said opening in said frame, a layer of net material spanning said opening and extending some distance therein in dish-like formation to support the head of the occupant of said couch whose hair has been dressed and is damp and means for directing air toward said couch and opening whereby the head of the occupant is between said last mentioned means and net and air may engage the hair of the occupant and pass through said net.

3. A hair drying device comprising a frame, means for supplying air for drying supported adjacent said frame, a portion of said frame being movable toward and from said means, said portion having an opening extending vertically therethrough, a cushion supported on said portion having an opening therethrough alined with said first mentioned opening, a net of flexible material secured about said latter opening and extending thereacross for supporting the head of the party reclining on said cushion whose hair has been dressed and is damp, whereby the head of said party is between said first mentioned means and net so that air can pass from said means, engage said hair and pass through said net.

4. A device for use during a hair drying operation comprising a couch having a frame, one end portion of said frame being movable vertically about a horizontal axis intermediate of said frame, a cushion supported on said portion, said portion and cushion having openings extending vertically therethrough in alinement, a sheet of flexible net material extending over the top of said opening and supported thereabout on said cushion and disposed in shallow dish-like formation to support the head of the occupant of said couch whose hair has been dressed and is damp so that air can be blown against said hair and through said net and openings.

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