

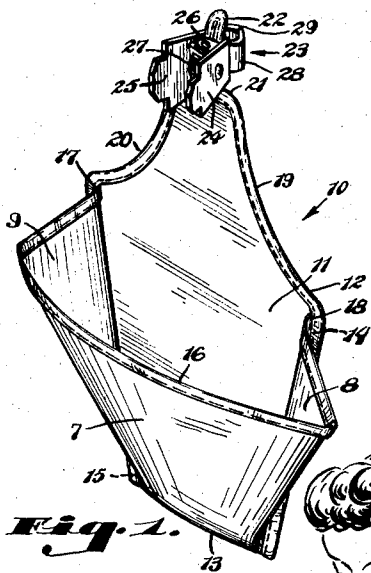
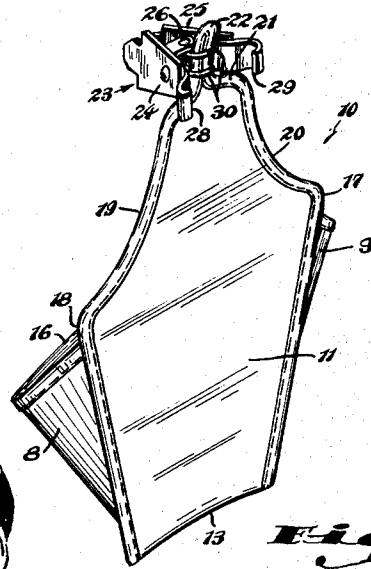
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The present invention relates to a beauty operator's appliance holder, and more particularly to a device, adapted to be readily supported at almost any convenient point of use, for receiving and holding for subsequent selection hair pins, curling devices, pads, or any other sort of small appliances used, usually in considerable quantity, by a beauty operator during the dressing of a customer's hair.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a device capable of performing the above functions, which shall be light, inexpensive, and capable of ready attachment to, or detachment from, a portion of any piece of fabric almost anywhere. A further object of the invention is to provide a device of the character indicated which can be hung upon the bib or apron of the customer, at any desired point, without disturbing or annoying the customer. A further object of the invention is to provide such a device comprising a bag or pouch which, while it will always hang with its mouth widely opened, nevertheless will effectively retain small articles deposited therein. Further objects of the invention will appear as the description proceeds.

To the accomplishment of the above and related objects, my invention may be embodied in the form illustrated in the accompanying drawings, attention being called to the fact, however, that the drawings are illustrative only, and that change may be made in the specific construction illustrated and described, so long as the scope of the appended claims is not violated.

Fig. 1 is a front perspective view of a holder constructed in accordance with my present invention;

Fig. 2 is a rear perspective view thereof;

Fig. 3 shows my holder hanging conveniently from a portion of the operator's uniform;

Fig. 4 shows the holder attached to a towel or the like and hanging in front of the customer; and

Fig. 5 shows the holder supported from a rear corner of a customer's protective apron.

In its illustrated embodiment, my holder, which is indicated generally by the reference numeral 10, comprises a pouch including a flat rear wall 11 of flexible material, the perimetral edges of said wall being rolled inwardly and stitched, as indicated at 12. At its base, there is attached to said rear wall, as at 13, a flexible sheet formed to provide a front wall 7 and side walls 8 and 9. In the preferred embodiment of my invention, the sheet forming the front and side walls is integrally joined to the rear wall 11

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at 13; but the juncture at the base of the wall 11 may, if desired, be a seam joining two separate pieces of flexible material.

The lateral edges of the side walls 8 and 9 are stitched to the lateral edges of the rear wall 11, preferably being tucked under the rolls 12, as at 14 and 15, before stitching. It is to be noted that the width of the front wall 7 at its base is substantially equal to the width of the rear wall 11 at the juncture 13; but that the upper edge 16 of the wall-forming sheet is very substantially wider than is the rear wall 11 upon a line joining the points 17 and 18 to which are secured the ends of said upper edge 16. Thereby, the front wall 7 is caused always to stand away from the rear wall 11, holding open the mouth of the pouch formed by the front, side, and rear walls.

Immediately above the points 17 and 18, the rear wall is symmetrically reduced in width, as at 19 and 20 to a level 21; and said wall 11 terminates, at its upper end, in a very narrow tab 22.

A spring clip is indicated generally by the reference numeral 23, and comprises arms 24 and 25 pivoted to each other as at 26; a spring 27 being mounted upon the pivot pin and resiliently urging toward each other the jaws 28 and 29. Suitable fastening means, such as wire bands 30, pass around the pivot pin of the clip and around the tab 22, the width of said tab being less than the overall width of the clip, as is clearly shown. Thus, the pouch above described is fixedly secured to the clip 23, and will be suspended from said clip no matter where the clip is located.

I am aware that various devices have heretofore been provided for holding beauty appliances for the convenience of the operator. Most of such devices heretofore known are relatively shallow pans, usually formed of metal or plastic material, and adapted to be suspended about the necks or upon the shoulders of the customer. I have found that such devices are annoying to the customer, who fears to move, lest her movements cause such appliances to be knocked out of the trays. Also, many customers are nervously affected by anything placed around their necks. The appliances in question are rather easily discharged from the pans by joggling, because of the slipperiness of such pans. Furthermore, if a customer's hair is relatively long, the hair will brush against appliances in pans which are supported upon the shoulders, or about the neck of the customer, thereby dislodging the appliances, or obscuring them from the operator's view, or both.

My holder, as will be readily seen from exami-

nation of Figs. 3, 4 and 5 may be attached to a towel, bib or apron 31 at any desired position, either in front of the customer, at the customer's back, or at either side. If a customer's hair is long, the pouch may be suspended low enough so that the hair will not obscure it. Because of the depth of the pouch and the flexibility of its walls, appliances are not readily dislodged therefrom; but if, for any reason, the pouch cannot be suspended upon the customer's apron at a point for convenient use, it may readily be clipped to the operator's uniform, at any desired point, as indicated in Fig. 3.

Because of the ease of operation of the clip 23, the holder may be readily moved from point to point as the operator's work causes her to move here and there about the patient. It is not necessary to manipulate complicated catches, safety pins, or the like. Instead, the operator merely grasps the finger piece ends of the arms 24 and 25 compressing them between her fingers, thereby moving the jaws 28 and 29 apart to permit instant removal of the clip; and the jaws can thereafter be pressed against any piece of fabric whereupon, upon release of pressure against the finger pieces, the jaws will be moved together by the spring 27 to grip the fabric and to suspend the pouch.

Such location and attachment of the clip is materially facilitated by the construction of such clip and its particular location upon and relative to the pouch. Positioned, as it is shown, with its hinge pin 26 parallel with, and axially extending in the direction of length of, the rear wall 11, its gripping jaws 28 and 29 project rearwardly beyond said wall and move laterally thereof as they open and close. Thus, the actuating fingers 24 and 25, located in front of the pouch, may be gripped and squeezed by the operator to separate the gripping jaws 28 and 29, and, when the latter are then pressed against any fabric surface and the fingers 24 and 25 are released, the gripping jaws will gather up, and fasten upon, a fold of such fabric, without special attention on the part of the operator.

I claim as my invention:

1. An appliance holder for beauty operators and the like comprising a pouch including a flexible rear wall, flexible side walls each joined at one edge to said rear wall, and a front wall, joined to said side walls and, at its bottom, to said rear wall, the upper edges of said front and side walls being located well below the upper edge of said rear wall, and a spring clip secured to the upper edge of said rear wall and providing a pair of separable jaws pivotally associated upon an axis substantially parallel with, and axially extending in the direction of length of, said rear wall, said jaws being spring-urged toward each other and adapted to engage and grip therebetween a portion of fabric anywhere to support said pouch in a position of convenience.

2. The holder of claim 1 in which said jaws project rearwardly beyond the rear face of said rear wall.

3. The holder of claim 1 in which that portion of said rear wall located above the upper edges of the side and front walls is symmetrically reduced in width from each side toward its center, and means engaging said clip and laterally surrounding and embracing such reduced portion of said rear wall to secure said clip to said holder.

4. The holder of claim 3 in which said rear wall terminates at its upper end in a portion narrower than the overall width of said clip when closed.

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