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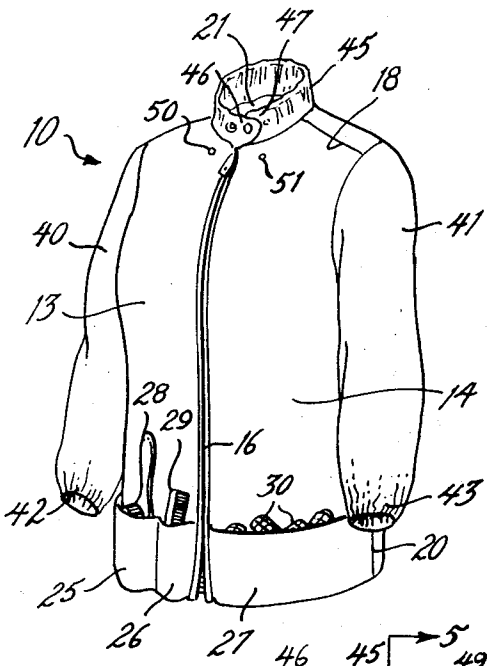


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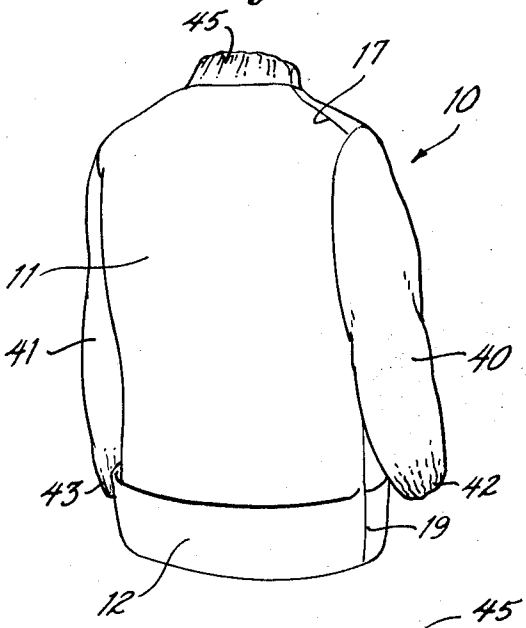


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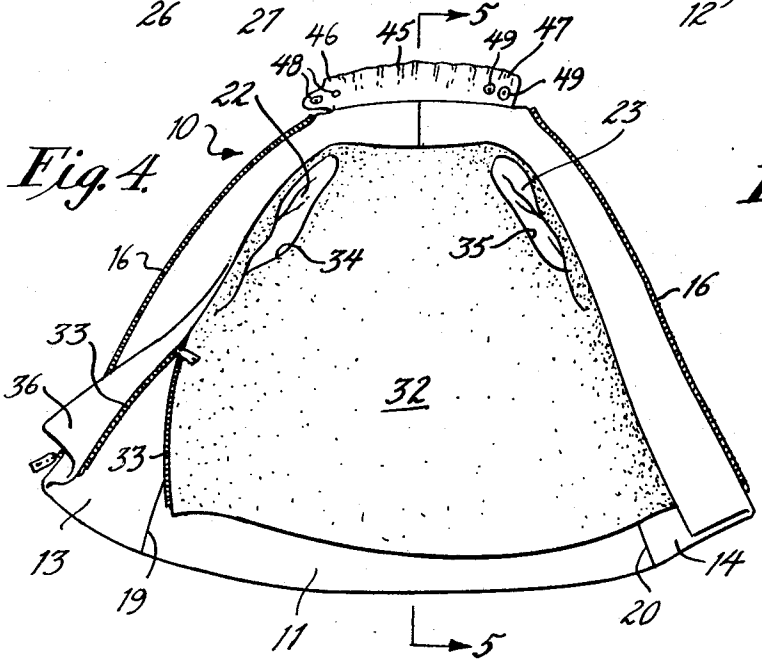


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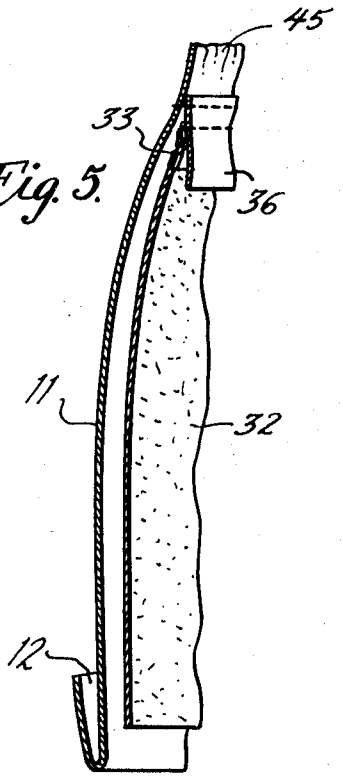
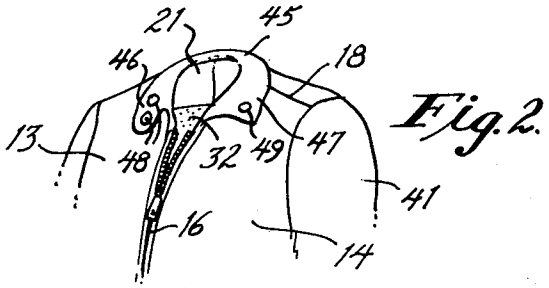


Fig. 2.



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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A garment of liquid impervious flexible sheet material having a body covering part and arm covering sleeves, the body covering part having a resiliently contractile collar for snug engagement about a wearer's neck, the sleeves having resiliently contractile cuffs for snug engagement about the wearer's wrists, and an absorbent lining covering the interior of the garment.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

As is well known to those versed in the art of beauty care, the coloring or dyeing of hair is now extremely popular, and while there are types of protectors or body shields which have been proposed for use in the hair dyeing procedure, these devices have not been entirely satisfactory. For example, prior protective devices of this type have been unduly restricting to body movement so that a wearer could not perform the necessary operations upon herself, or have been so easily displaced or disheveled by body movement so as to defeat its protective purpose. Moreover, prior devices intended for this purpose have been lacking in the convenience of accessory holders and catchers for drippings and the like, and without full protection at the neck and wrists.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Accordingly, it is an important object of the present invention to provide a beauty care protective garment of the type described which overcomes the above-mentioned difficulties in the prior art, permitting of complete and unobstructed body movement without sacrificing the protective characteristics so as to enable one to perform the desired beauty care operations upon herself; wherein extreme comfort is afforded to the user by the provision of an absorbent lining in conjunction with a liquid impervious protecting sheet material; and further including the convenience of receptacles for convenient accessibility to utensils employed in beauty care operations, as well as the reception of drippings, cuttings and the like.

It is a further object of the present invention to provide a highly improved beauty care protective garment having the advantageous characteristics mentioned in the preceding paragraph, which affords highly effective protection at the neck and wrists to exclude the entry thereat of undesired materials, and wherein a collar is provided which may be selectively closed snugly about the neck for certain operations, and positively retained in an open position away from the neck for other operations.

While the device of the present invention has been primarily designed and employed in the use of hair dyeing, and similar beauty care operations, and will be illustrated and described hereinafter with particular reference thereto, it is appreciated that the instant device is capable of other applications requiring similar body protection, say in the bathing of young children or animals, or in the shampooing of the wearer's hair, and the like.

Other objects of the present invention will become apparent upon reading the following specification and referring to the accompanying drawings, which form a material part of this disclosure.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangements of parts, which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described and of which the scope will be indicated by the appended claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view showing a garment constructed in accordance with the teachings of the present invention, being in its closed condition of use.

FIG. 2 is a partial front perspective view illustrating the collar of the garment in a positively retained open condition.

FIG. 3 is a rear elevational view of the garment of FIG. 1.

FIG. 4 is a front elevational view showing the garment of FIG. 1 is an open condition to illustrate the interior thereof.

FIG. 5 is a partial sectional view taken generally along the line 5—5 of FIG. 4.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

Referring now more patricularly to the drawing, the garment illustrated therein is generally designated **10**, and includes a back section or part **11** fabricated of a flexible, liquid impervious sheet material, which may be treated fabric, plastic or the like and is adapted to cover the back of a wearer's body, say from the neck to the hips. Along the lower region of the back part **11**, extending laterally thereacross and coextensive therewith may be an upwardly folded portion **12** defining an upwardly opening receptacle or pocket.

A pair of front halves or sections **13** and **14**, each also fabricated of a suitable liquid impervious sheet material, are joined together along adjacent edges by a suitable openable closure means **16**, such as a slide fastener and combine to define a front part of the garment **10**. The front half or section **13** may be joined at its upper extremity, as by a seam **17** to an upper edge region of the back part **11**, and similarly the front half or section **14** may be joined at its upper edge to an upper region of the back part **11**, as by a seam **18**. Further, the front half or section **13** is joined along its outer side edge to the adjacent side edge of the back part **11**, as by a seam **19**, while the front half or section **14** is joined along its outer side edge by a seam **20** to the adjacent side edge of back part **11**. In this manner, the front part **13**, **14** is joined to the back part **11** to define an open upper end between the seam **17** and **18** providing a neck opening **21**, and along opposite sides to define an arm hole or opening **22** between seams **17** and **19**, and a similar arm hole or opening **23** between seams **18** and **20**.

The lower end of the garment **10** is open, say to surround the hips of a wearer, and on the exterior of the front sections **13** and **14**, preferably along the lower edge thereof, may be provided a plurality of upwardly opening receptacles or pockets, as at **25** and **26** on the front section **13** and **27** on the front section **14**. The pockets **25**, **26** and **27** may extend entirely across the front part **13**, **14**, the sections **25** and **26** being sized and configured suitably for certain utensils, such as a hairbrush **28** and comb **29**, while the pocket or receptacle **27** may be relatively large for containing curlers **30** or the like. In addition, the pockets or receptacles **25**, **26** and **27** combine with the rear pocket or receptacle **12** to extend entirely about the lower circumferential region of the garment **10** to effectively receive and contain falling particles, say or hair or hair clippings, as well as dripping liquids, and the like.

The openable closure or separable fastener **16** may extend from the lower edge of the front part **13**, **14** to

the neck opening **21** for complete opening and closing of the front part, as between the conditions of FIGS. 1 and 4. Further, there is advantageously provided interiorly of the front part **13**, **14** and back part **11**, a removable lining **32**, advantageously fabricated of highly absorbent material, such as terry cloth or toweling. The lining **32** is suitably detachably secured interiorly of the garment **10**, as by detachable securement means **33**, which may assume the form of a slide fastener extending about the side and top edges of the lining. Of course, the lining may be provided with sleeves or arm holes, as at **34** and **35** in respective registry with arm holes or openings **22** and **23**. By this construction, the garment **10** may be worn directly over the user's body in complete comfort, and the lining is readily removable for washing, as desired. Also, other detachable securement means than the slide fastener **33** may be employed, it being preferred to locate the detachable securement means beneath a flop or fly **36** for increased comfort to the wearer.

Connected to respective arm holes or openings defined in the front part **13**, **14** and back part **11**, are a pair of tubular arm covers or sleeves **40** and **41**, respectively, which are also preferably fabricated of liquid impervious flexible sheet material. That is, the sleeves **40** and **41** communicate through respective arm openings **22** and **23** with the interior of the garment, and are provided on their distal ends with resiliently contractile cuffs **42** and **43** for snug conforming engagement about the wrists of a wearer. By means of the sleeves **40** and **41** and the cuffs **42** and **43**, the arms of a wearer are effectively protected from falling clippings, drippings and the like. Also, liquid from the wet hands of the wearer may not enter the sleeves **40** and **41** through the constricted cuffs **42** and **43**.

Surrounding the neck opening **21** is a resiliently contractile collar **45**, also advantageously fabricated of suitable liquid impervious flexible sheet material, being suitably secured to the front part **13**, **14** and back part **11**, and upstanding thereform for snug conformably fitting circumposition about the wearer's neck. The collar **45** may be split or open in the front, in alignment with the openable closure **16**, having end portions **46** and **47** terminating on opposite sides of the closure **16**. Further, the collar end portions **46** and **47** are respectively provided with detachable fastener elements, such as at **48** and **49**, which fastener elements may comprise buttons, interfitting snaps, or the like. Advantageously, there are plural fastener elements **48** and **49** for selective engagement with each other to close the collar **45** more tightly or loosely, as desired, in an upstanding relation circumposed about the wearer's neck. In addition, the front part halves or sections **13** and **14** are respectively provided with fastener elements **50** and **51** in the regions adjacent to collar end portions **46** and **47**. By this construction, the tubular flexible collar **45**, in its open condition, is foldable downwardly and the fastener elements **48** are selectively with the fastener element **50**, while the fastener elements **49** are selectively engageable with the fastener element **51**. In this manner, the collar **45** is positively held in a downward position away from the wearer's neck, to facilitate

beauty operations proximate to the neck opening **21**. This collar condition is best seen in FIG. 2.

From the foregoing, it is seen that the garment of the present invention fully protects a wearer's body and arms from skin irritations, stains and the like as may result from the procedure of dyeing one's hair, as well as maintaining the body dry and clean during the act of shampooing, washing children or animals, and other like procedures. Further, utensils employed in such procedures are conveniently retained on the person of the user in the pockets of the garment, which pockets further serve to collect material which would otherwise fall to the floor or soil a person's clothes.

Although the present invention has been described in some detail by way of illustration and example for purposes of clarity of understanding, it is understood that certain changes and modifications may be made within the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A beauty care protective garment fabricated of liquid impervious flexible sheet material and comprising a back part for covering the back of a wearer, an upwardly opening pocket extending laterally across the exterior of said back part for receiving hair cuttings and liquid drippings, a front part for covering the front of a wearer and connected to said back part to define a neck opening and a pair of arm openings, a plurality of pockets on said front part for holding beauty utensils, a resiliently contractile collar extending about said neck opening, a pair of sleeves extending from said arm openings for covering the wearer's arms, a resiliently contractile cuff surrounding the distal end of each sleeve, and an absorbent lining covering the interior of said back and front parts.

2. A beauty care protective garment according to claim **1**, said lining being fabricated of terry cloth, and detachable securement means removably securing said lining in position.

3. A beauty care protective garment according to claim **2**, said front part comprising a pair of vertically extending half sections, vertically extending openable closure means fastening said half sections together, said collar being open in alignment with said openable closure means, and detachable fastener means for closing said collar.

4. A beauty care protective garment according to claim **3**, said collar being foldable downwardly to overlie the upper regions of said front and back parts, and separable connections on said collar and upper front part regions for retaining said collar in its downwardly folded condition.

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