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EAR PROTECTOR

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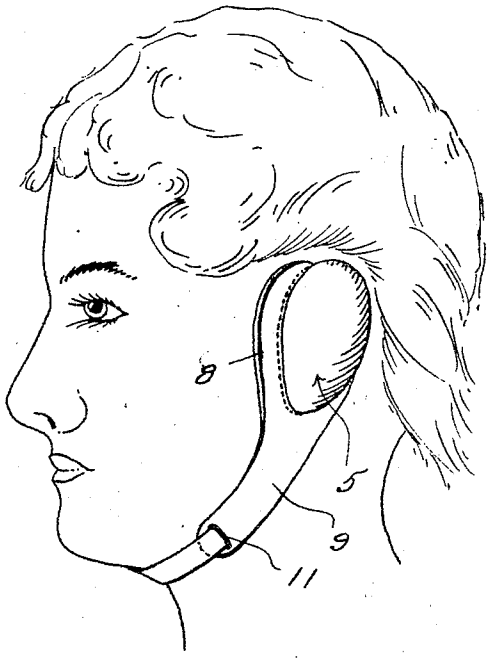


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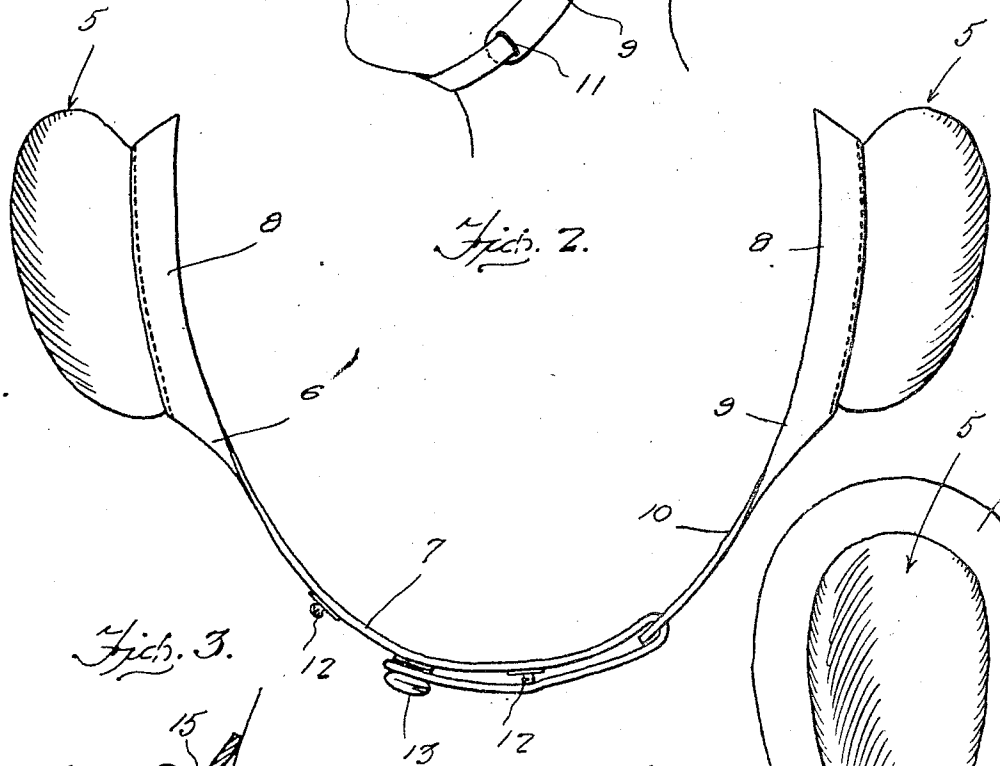


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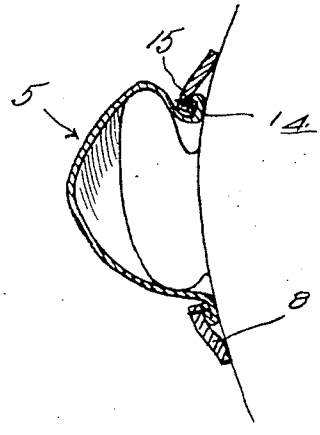


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This invention appertains to improvements in apparel to be worn during the operation of shampooing the head.

The principal object of this invention is to provide a protector for ears which in use will efficiently serve to prevent any of the shampooing liquid from entering the ears.

In the following specification, various other important objects and advantages will become apparent to the reader.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 represents a view of the protector in use.

Figure 2 is an elevational view disclosing the device in its entirety.

Figure 3 is a cross sectional view of the device in use.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary inside elevational view disclosing one of the ear units.

Referring to the drawings, wherein like numerals designate like parts, it can be seen that the device includes a pair of ear envelopes, each generally referred to by numeral 5. A sheet 6 is provided at one end with a strap extension 7 while its opposite end is enlarged and constructed to provide a continuous margin or border 8 for one of the envelopes 5.

A sheet 9 is also constructed at one end to provide a continuous margin or border for the remaining envelope 5. However, the reduced extension 10 of the sheet 9 is provided with a transversely extending opening 11 for receiving the strap extension 7 of the sheet 6. The strap 7 is provided with a plurality of longitudinally spaced male elements 12 for cooperation with the socket member 13 at the extremity of the strap 7.

The envelopes are constructed of suitable soft material (preferably waterproof) and each has its edge portion bent outwardly as at 14 and backwardly as at 15. This backwardly bent portion of the envelope is stitched against the inner side of the marginal portion of the corresponding sheet 6 or 9 and in this manner a rib will be provided which will bear against the head in a position snugly surrounding the ear.

Obviously by assembling the envelopes on the ears of the user, the reduced extension 10 and strap 7 may be connected by disposing the strap 7 through the opening 11 and engaging the socket member 13 with one of the elements 12 to maintain the envelopes engaged with the ears so that they will not easily become displaced therefrom.

It is thought that the foregoing description will be clear to one skilled in this particular art, and that while certain materials may be more suitable than others, it is to be understood that any material may be employed and that certain changes in the shape and size of the parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed hereinafter.

Having described the invention, what I claim as new is:

An ear protector of the character described comprising a pair of envelopes, a marginal border for each envelope, the edge portion of each envelope being bent outwardly and then backwardly, said backwardly bent portion of each envelope being secured to the inner side of its corresponding border so that the bent back portion will press against the head of the user.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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