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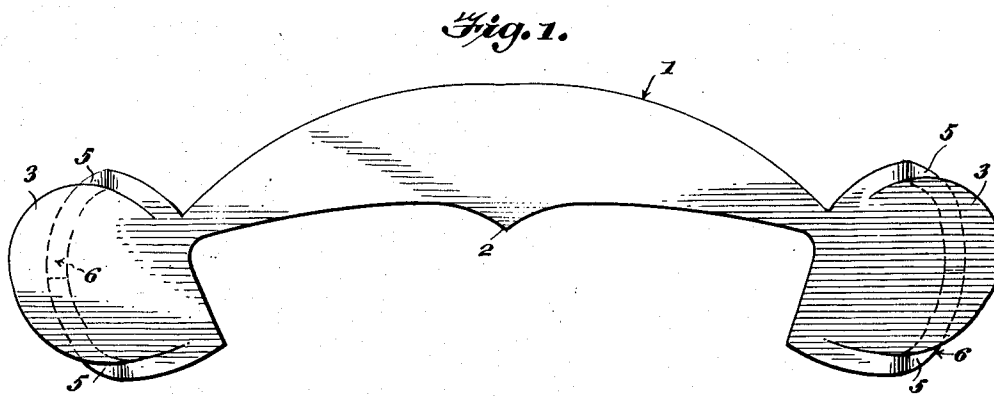
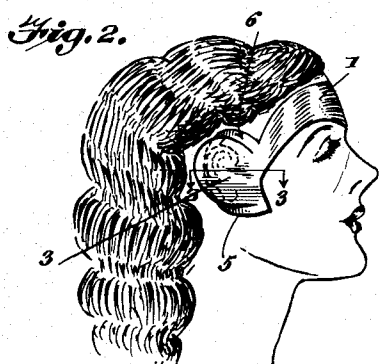
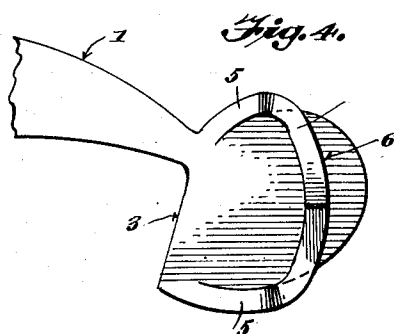
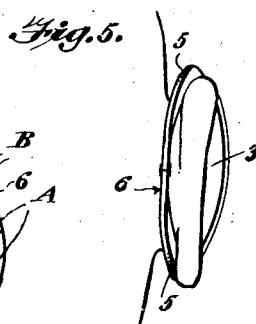
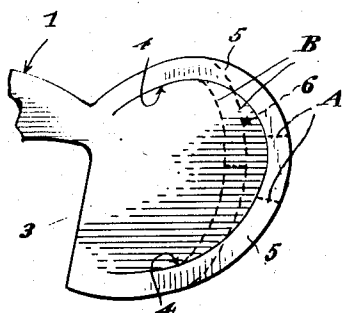


Fig. 6.



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This invention relates to an ear and forehead protector, designed for use particularly in beauty shops.

An object of the invention is the construction of a simple and efficient protector for the ears and forehead of the person, against the heat of certain machines, such as those used for hair drying, permanent waving, shampooing, hair waving, dyeing, etc.

Another object of the invention is the construction preferably from a single piece of material a protector including a body with ear protectors and means for efficiently holding the protector in place on the head of the customer.

A still further object of the invention is the construction of a protector having integral ear protectors, and said ear protectors provided with edge strap sections which are formed into ear-engaging straps, for efficiently holding the protector in place when in use.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, my invention comprises certain novel constructions, combinations, and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and more particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a view in front elevation of a device constructed in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a side view, showing the device in use.

Figure 3 is an enlarged sectional view, taken on line 3—3, Fig. 2, and looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary view of the device, in elevation, showing the inside of the ear protector, and the strap.

Figure 5 is a view in rear elevation of one end of the device, showing the same applied to the ear.

Figure 6 is a fragmentary plan view of the device, prior to folding over of the strap sections and securing the same in a continuous strap form, as shown in Figure 4.

In the drawing, in which is shown the preferred form of the invention, 1 designates the curved body which normally rests against the forehead of the wearer. At the middle of body 1 is a depending point 2 that normally registers with the nose of the wearer. At the ends of the body 1 are ear protectors 3.

The device is preferably formed from a single piece of material, which material may be any suitable heat-resisting substance.

In forming the device, the ear portions 3 are

slit or cut at 4 around the outer edges thereof, producing strap sections 5, 5. After the blank is cut as shown in Figure 6, the edge strap-unit is preferably cut on the dotted lines A, and then are brought together as clearly shown in Figure 4, with the abutting ends suitably fastened, as by stitching, whereby a continuous strap 6 is formed in connection with each ear protector, thereby allowing the device to be applied to the head of the wearer, with no other means required than said ear strap 6, to hold the device securely in place.

The device may be formed in different sizes, so that the operator can quickly and easily select the suitable device for the individual customer.

In the present invention it will be seen that the ear protectors are provided with the sole means for fastening the device in place upon the wearer; there is not required an encircling band on the head, nor any tying strings. My device is novel in structure and is easily applied to the wearer's head.

Referring to Figure 6, when the ear protector 3 has been slitted or cut at 4 to form the strap unit, and cut along lines A, the strap sections 5 then are moved over to the dotted lines B, prior to fastening together, whereby when the device is on the wearer, with the straps behind the ears (Fig. 5) the ear protectors will entirely cover the ears, producing an efficient protection for the wearer, as is clearly indicated in Fig. 2.

While I have described the preferred embodiment of my invention and illustrated the same in the accompanying drawing, certain minor changes or alterations may appear to one skilled in the art to which this invention relates during the extensive manufacture of same, and I, therefore, reserve the right to make such alterations or changes as shall fairly fall within the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim is:

1. A device of the character described, comprising a body for extending across and covering a person's forehead, flaps at ends of said body for covering a person's ears, and loops for engaging about a person's ears carried by said flaps with their front ends united to forward portions of said flaps.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a body for extending across and covering a person's forehead, flaps at ends of said body for covering a person's ears, and loops for engaging about a person's ears extending substantially circumferentially of said flaps with their front ends united to upper and lower portions of

front ends of the flaps and their rear portions extending transversely of the flaps in spaced relation to rear ends thereof with the flaps extending across and rearwardly beyond the loops.

3. A device of the character described, comprising a body for extending across and covering a person's forehead, flaps extending rearwardly from and downwardly below ends of said body for covering a persons ears and adjacent portions of the face in front of the ears, and securing loops for engaging about the ears having their rear portions spaced forwardly from rear ends of said flaps and extending transversely of the flaps under the same in position for engaging back of the ears.

4. A device of the character described, comprising an elongated flexible body for extending across and covering a person's forehead, said body having enlarged end portions, the said end portions being each slit in spaced relation to its margin to provide a bordering strip and a flap for covering an ear, the said bordering strips having portions removed therefrom and their ends secured to each other to form ear-encircling loops of reduced diameter terminating short of the rear ends of the flaps and adapted to engage about a persons' ears and removably hold the device in place.

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