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Fig. 1.

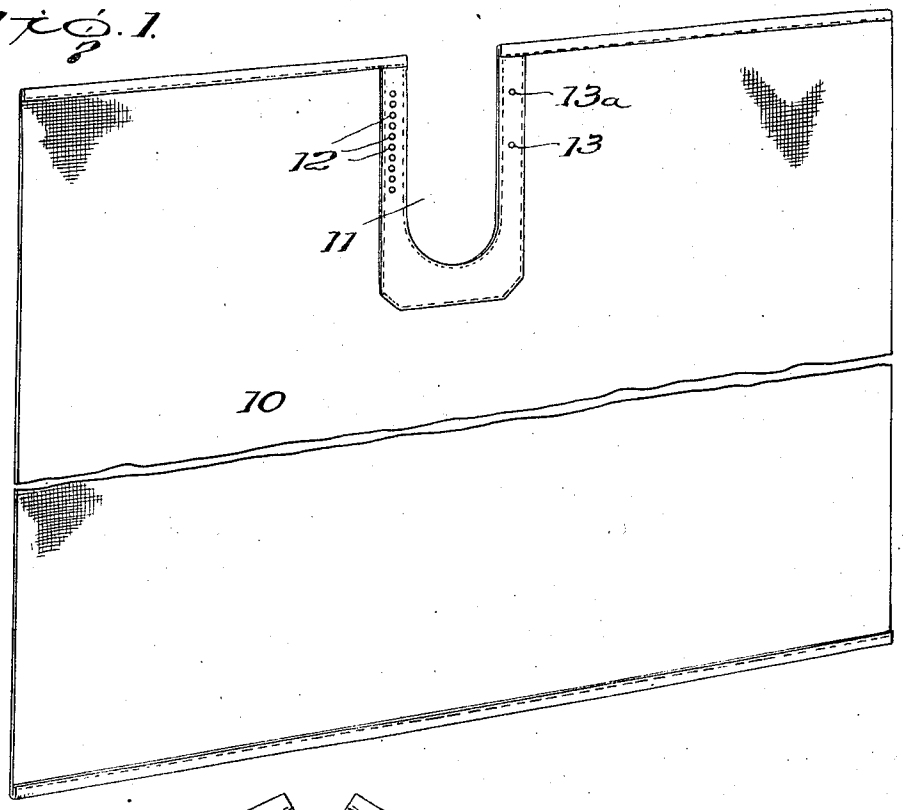
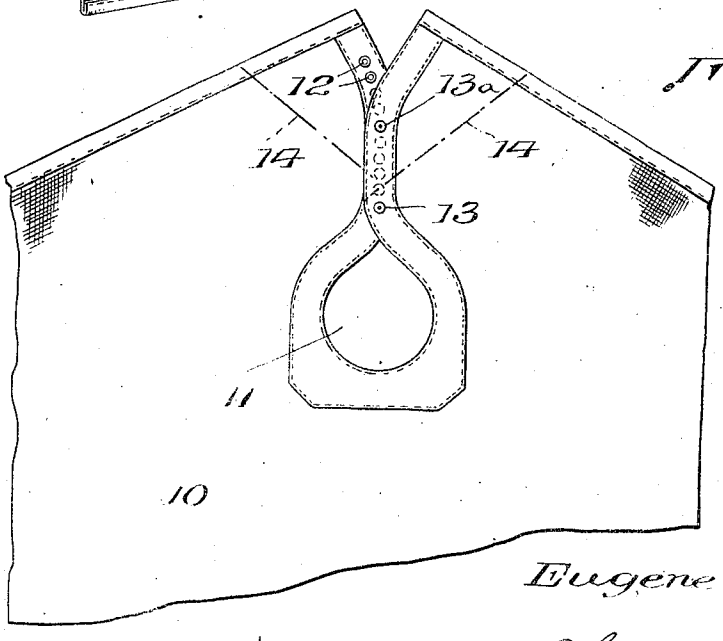


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to improvements in garments of the protective type, such as hair gowns used by barbers.

The object of the invention, primarily, is to provide a garment, such as a hair gown, that can be used on individuals having different neck sizes while, at the same time, permitting the garment to be closely fitted around one's neck and completely protecting the wearer at the back of the neck.

Another object is to provide a hair gown, or like garment, with an adjustable neck opening and means for closing the opening over an extended area at the back of the wearer's neck.

More specifically, the invention contemplates a hair gown, particularly for use by barbers, wherein a plurality of fastening elements are provided at each side of the neck opening, with the elements at one side spaced apart from each other a distance greater than the spacing of the elements at the other side, whereby the elements on the first side will span a number of the elements of the second side, thus holding the two edges overlapped or closed for an appreciable distance downwardly from the back of the wearer's neck.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain details of construction and combinations and arrangements of parts, all as will hereinafter be more fully described, and the novel features thereof particularly pointed out in the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a protective garment of the character described, the intermediate portion of the garment having been broken away; and

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the garment with the neck opening closed.

In the use of certain types of protective garments, such as hair gowns used by barbers in cutting one's hair, it is quite difficult to fit the ordinary gown around the patron's neck so as to preclude the cut hair gaining access to the patron's flesh immediately below the neck. It has heretofore been proposed to provide garments of this type with adjustable neck openings, whereby the garment could be closely fitted around the patron's neck, regardless of the neck size of the patron, but none of these garments with the adjustable neck openings has been capable of completely protecting the patron's flesh at the back of the neck due to the fact that none of them has been provided with means for holding the garment closed for any appreciable distance downwardly from the back of the neck. Thus, even with these prior garments having adjustable neck openings, the cut hair has free access to the patron's flesh over a considerable area immediately below and at the rear of his neck. In the present gown, means are provided for holding the opposite edges of the neck opening overlapped and closed for quite some length at the rear and below the patron's neck.

In the preferred embodiment illustrated in the drawing, the garment 10 is provided with a neck opening 11 which, as illustrated, but not necessarily, extends into the body of the gown from one edge thereof. The opposite edges of this opening are provided with fastening elements for holding the opening closed, as illustrated in Fig. 2. Preferably, these fastening elements consist of cooperating snap fasteners, the elements at one side of the opening being illustrated more or less diagrammatically at 12, and the elements at the other side of the opening being indicated at 13, 13a. There are a comparatively large number of elements 12 at the one side of the opening, with the elements arranged rather close together so that, by engaging the element 13 with one of the elements 12, the neck opening can be closed and made of any one of a number of sizes depending upon which one of the elements 12 is used. Thus, the neck opening may be said to be adjustable in the sense that it can be closely fitted around the different patrons' necks, regardless of variations in the size of the individual's neck. When the neck opening is thus closed by engaging the fastening element 13 with one of the elements 12, the garment is placed under some strain, with the result that its edge portions, merging into the neck opening, tend to flare open, as indicated by the dot-and-dash lines 14, in Fig. 2. Due to this flaring of these edge portions, the wearer's flesh immediately below the back of the neck is left exposed, so that cut hair may freely fall thereon. To eliminate this fault which is found in the ordinary protective garment having the adjustable neck opening, the present garment is provided at the side of neck opening opposite the fastening elements 12 with the second fastening element 13a which, as will be noted, is spaced from the fastening element 13 so that the two elements 13, 13a, may bridge or span more than two and, preferably, quite a few, of the elements 12. Consequently, when the two elements 13, 13a, at the one side of the neck opening, are engaged with two of the elements 12 at the opposite side of the neck opening, as

illustrated in Fig. 2, the edges of the neck opening are overlapped and held closed throughout a considerable distance of their length from the point at which the element 13 engages one of the elements 12. In other words, this overlapping of the edges of the neck opening closes the garment for a considerable distance downwardly from the back of the patron's neck, thus completely protecting his skin at the back of the neck from falling, cut hair.

With this arrangement, consisting of a comparatively large number of closely spaced fastening elements at one side of the neck opening and two comparatively widely spaced elements at the opposite side, the garment may be snugly fitted around practically any size neck and, at the same time, there will be no flaring of the edge portions of the garment at the back of the neck, so that, in the use of the garment by a barber, the wearer's neck is completely protected from falling, cut hair.

What I claim is:

A hair gown having an adjustable neck opening therein, two widely spaced fastening elements along one edge of said opening, and a series of more closely spaced fastening elements along the opposite edge of said opening, said series extending along said opening a distance greater than that between said two elements whereby the size of said opening can be varied and the back of the wearer's neck properly protected for an appreciable distance by engaging said two elements with different pairs of correspondingly spaced elements in said series of elements.

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