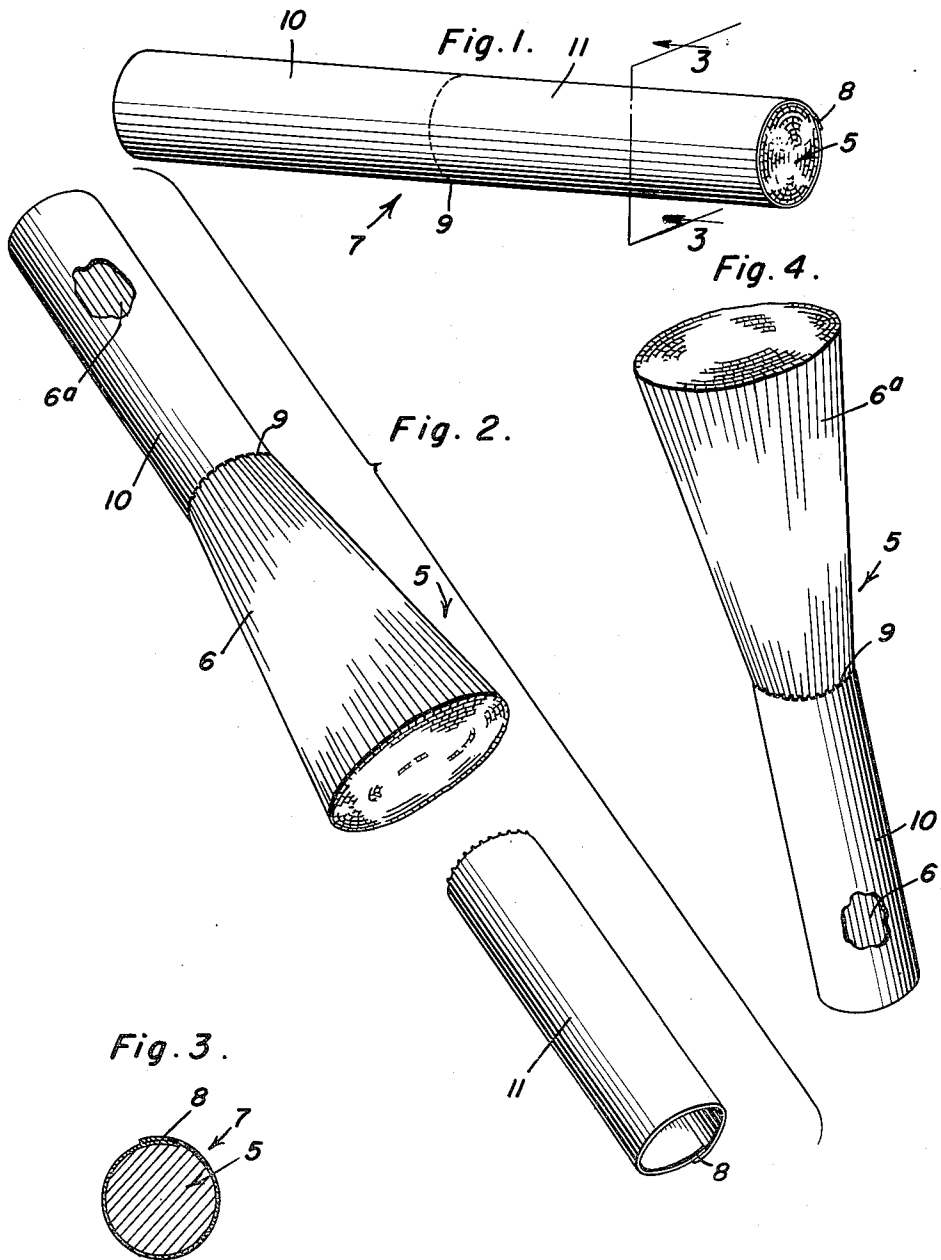


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The present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in sanitary-type neck dusters, of the disposable type, adapted for single service use in barber shops and similar establishments.

It is a matter of common knowledge that neck dusters of the kind referred to in the opening statement of the invention are not new. In fact, many States require barbers to use individual dusters and for such and other reasons any number of disposable dusters are in practical use and are disclosed and covered in granted patents. For example, one form of a neck duster for barbers' use, structurally similar to that herein disclosed, is revealed in Patent 1,837,154, granted to one Michael Farone, under date of December 15, 1931.

The patented neck duster referred to is made from a sheet of paper slitted at one transverse end and transversely from a line adjacent to one longitudinal edge to the other edge except for a portion adjacent one end and this sheet is rolled up so that the unslitted portion becomes a wrapper for the slitted or ribboned portion and the wrapper is, in practice, ripped off in a manner to provide a dusting brush and a short shank, the latter being adapted for use in connection with a special hollow handle.

It is an object of the present invention to improve upon the neck duster covered in the stated patent and to do away with the separate rigid handle and to so construct my duster that a simple wrapper serves not only as the protective cover for the brush but also as a handle.

More specifically, the improved duster, the subject of the instant disclosure, comprises a disposable sanitary neck duster for single service use embodying a paper core made up of slitted ribbons usable as brush-bristles, and a tubular paper stock wrapper encasing the core from end to end, said wrapper being centrally scored to define duplicate half-sections, either one of which is adapted to be twisted and thus detached to expose a bunch of bristles for available use, the remaining and undetached section then serving as a handle.

Other objects and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and the accompanying illustrative drawings.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a sanitary neck duster constructed in accordance with the present invention showing same in the form in which it is constructed and marketed for use;

Figure 2 is an enlarged perspective view show-

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ing one half-section of the wrapper removed to expose and bring the dusting brush into use, and the other half-section serving as a handle;

Figure 3 is a cross section on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, looking in the direction of the arrows; and

Figure 4 is a perspective view based on the adaptation at the left in Figure 3, showing how the handle on the latter shifts from left to right, whereby to provide a second dusting brush.

Referring now to the drawings by distinguishing reference numerals it will be seen that the aforementioned core or filler is denoted by the numeral 5. This may be shredded paper, or may be a rectangular sheet with its opposite longitudinal edges slitted to provide paper ribbons which, when bunched together, provide the dusting brush 6. Surrounding and tightly enclosing the coiled filler 5 is a cardboard or equivalent wrapper 7 and this is of suitable strength and rigidity and is simply a tube with its longitudinal edges overlapped and secured together, as at 8. The wrapper corresponds in length to the filler, as is obvious. Moreover the filler is so packed in the wrapper that when a portion of the latter is removed, the ribbon like portions expand to provide the stated brush 6. The wrapper is centrally provided with scoring, as at 9, and this serves to divide same into duplicate half-sections 10 and 11. It follows that by grasping one section, the section 10 for instance, and holding it, then grasping the other section 11 and twisting it axially, the scoring 9 permits said section 11 to be detached and then slipped off like a detachable sleeve. This mode of use is brought out in Figure 2 wherein it will be seen that the section 11 has been twisted and removed thus permitting the "bristles" to expand and provide a brush head. The remaining section 10 remains tightly in place and then functions as a handle in an obvious manner.

In practice it makes no difference which one of the sections, 10 or 11, is removed. It follows, therefore, that either section may serve as the handle and this obviates the necessity of the barber stopping to find which end is which. Once the duster has been used on an individual customer, it may be discarded.

It is thought to be within the purview of this invention to use, if the authorities allow it, both ends 6 and 6^a of the filler as a brush. For example, after the section 11 has been removed (as shown in Figure 2) and the brush head 6 has been once used, by simply sliding the sleeve 10 from left to right over the used portion 6 and

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uncovering the then unused portion 6^a, the latter may be used as a second brush (see Figure 4). It follows too that part 10 serves as the handle in both instances. From a standpoint of economy, this two-way phase of the invention is of the utmost in importance.

A careful consideration of the foregoing description in conjunction with the invention as illustrated in the drawings will enable the reader to obtain a clear understanding and impression of the alleged features of merit and novelty sufficient to clarify the construction of the invention as hereinafter claimed.

Minor changes in shape, size, materials and rearrangement of parts may be resorted to in actual practice so long as no departure is made from the invention as claimed.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

A two-in-one sanitary neck duster for throw-away use in barber shops and the like comprising a compressed disposable paper core made up of slitted ribbons coiled into roll form, the opposite half-portions of said core being selectively and progressively usable as bristle brushes, and a cardboard tube wholly encasing said core and constituting a wrapper for said core, said tube being of a length commensurate with the length of the core and being divided by a central score line into half-sections optionally usable as handles, the inherent properties of said core serving to cause same to expand radially and said tube confining and compressing said core until latter is to be used by the barber, one half-section of said tube being adapted to be grasped in one

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hand and the other half-section in the other hand and the two half-sections twisted axially in relation to one another so that by slipping one half-section endwise from the core, the corresponding half-portion previously bound and covered thereby is liberated so that the ribbons therein may be fluffed out and used as a dusting brush, the remaining half-section then serving as a handle, the latter half-section being bodily shiftable in a longitudinal direction on said core, after said dusting brush has been once used, to again enclose and compress said used brush and to frictionally bind said half-section around same, whereby said half-section again comes into use as a handle at the opposite end of said core and simultaneously uncovers the previously covered ribbons and allows same to be fluffed out and used as a second dusting brush.

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