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Fig. 1.

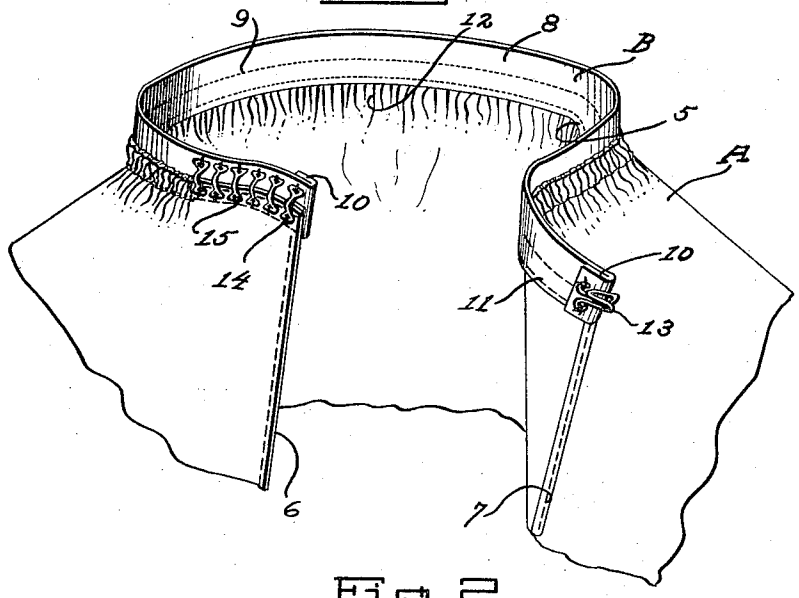


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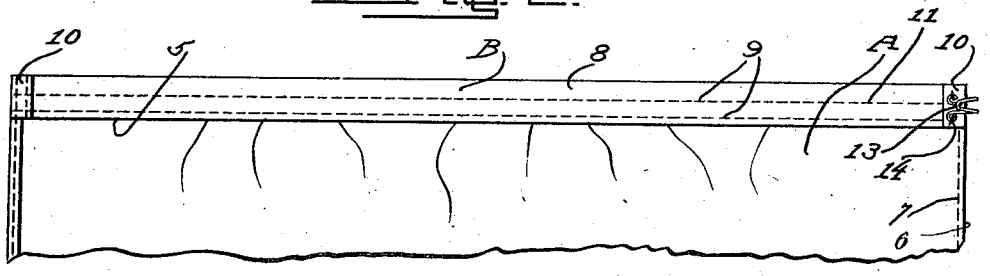
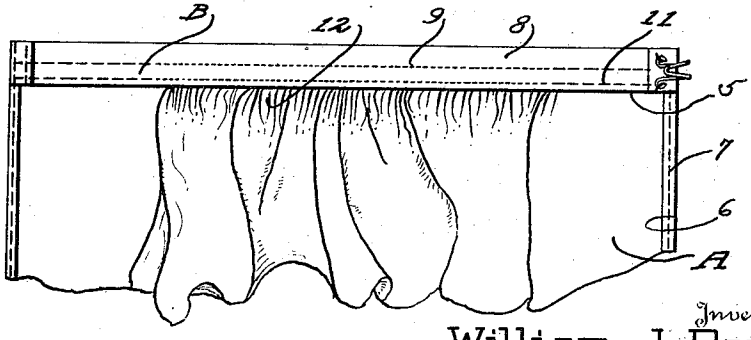


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM J. DAVID, a citizen of the United States, residing at Farwell, in the county of Howard and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Barbers' Haircloths, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to barbers' hair cloths, and the primary object of the invention is to provide a novel hair cloth or bib, which will snugly engage the neck of the wearer and eliminate the necessity of pinning the cloth in place or tucking the same around the shirt band of the wearer, said cloth effectively eliminating short hairs from working their way down around the neck of the wearer and between the cloth or bib.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a novel barber's hair cloth embodying an improved neck band formed of elastic material for snugly engaging the neck of the wearer and embodying means whereby the same can be readily adjusted to the size of the neck of the wearer.

A further object of the invention is the provision of novel means for securing the elastic band to the hair cloth or bib so that the cloth will not bind about the neck of the wearer and so that the cloth will uniformly cover the shoulders of the wearer, said band eliminating the usual tight feeling about the neck of the wearer when the cloth is tucked or pinned in place.

A further object of the invention is to provide a novel means for securing the fastening elements utilized for adjustably connecting the elastic neck band in place around the neck of the wearer, so that the fastening elements will form a reinforcing means for securing the neck band to the cloth at a point where reinforcement of the band is most desirable.

A still further object of the invention is to provide an improved barber's hair cloth or bib of the above character, which will be durable and efficient in use, one that will be simple and easy to manufacture, and one which can be placed upon the market at a reasonable cost.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement and formation of parts, as will be hereinafter more specifically described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, forming a part of this specification, in which drawings:

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of the improved barber's hair cloth or bib, illustrating the improved neck band secured in place.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary view of the improved cloth or bib showing the manner of stretching the neck band during the sewing of the cloth thereto.

Figure 3 is a similar view illustrating the appearance of the cloth after the cloth has been secured to the band and the band has resumed its normal relaxed form.

Referring to the drawings in detail, wherein similar reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the letter A indicates the body portion of the improved barbers' cloth or bib, and B, the novel neck band therefor.

The body portion A of the barbers' hair cloth or bib A can be formed of any preferred kind of fabric and made in the usual way. As shown, the body portion A is cut to form a neck opening 5 and the rear edge of the body A may be cut, as at 6, to define a passage leading to the neck opening 5. If desired, the edges of the cut portion 6 may be turned and stitched, as at 7.

The novel neck band B includes a strip of elastic webbing or the like 8, which can be of any desired width. This strip of webbing 8 is placed on the inner surface of the body portion A and so disposed that the outer edge thereof will extend beyond the neck opening 5. The band of elastic webbing 8 is secured to the neck opening 5 by a double row of stitching 9, as clearly shown in Figures 2 and 3 of the drawings, and if desired, the terminals of the elastic webbing 8, can be turned back and sewed as at 10.

In sewing the elastic strip 8 to the neck opening, the strip 8 is stretched to its fullest extent and the fabric is then stitched thereto at the central portion thereof. The band 8 is then permitted to relax and the terminals of the band are then secured to the terminals of the neck opening 5, as at 11. When the fabric band or strip 8 is fitted to relax, the fabric gives the appearance as if the same was shirred to the band as clearly indicated by the reference character 12 in Figure 3 of the drawings.

One terminal of the elastic strip or band

8 has secured thereto the male member 13 of fastening members 14, which may be of any preferred character. As shown these fastening members are of the hook and eye type, and as stated, the hook 13 is secured to one terminal of the band. The eye members 15 of the fastening elements 14 are secured to the other terminal of the elastic band or strip 8, and there are a plurality of these eye members, so as to permit the hook 13 to engage any one thereof and thereby permit the size of the band to be adjusted. As clearly shown in Figure 1 of the drawings, the fastening elements 14 are secured to that portion of the band and the body portion A of the cloth, which is left smooth during the sewing operation of the cloth to the band 8, and this permits the convenient connection of the hook 15 with the eyes. It is preferred that the eyes 15 have one of their terminals secured to the elastic band or strip 8 and their other terminals secured to the body portion A of the cloth, which acts as a reinforcement for the band or strip 8 and the cloth, in order to more firmly unite the elastic strip or band 8 with the body portion A of the cloth.

The means of connecting the body portion A with the neck band B forms the most important part of the improved cloth, as by said means the cloth is permitted to fully and uniformly envelop the wearer and the neck band is permitted to snugly engage the neck of the wearer.

In applying the improved barbers' cloth to the wearer the same is thrown over the wearer's shoulder and the neck band is placed around the wearer's neck and adjusted in position by placing the hooks 13 in any one of the eyes 15. The body portion A is then moved out so as to fully cover the wearer.

Changes in details may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of this invention; but,

I claim:

A barber's hair cloth comprising a flexible body open at the back and having an upper edge forming a neck encircling portion, a neck band of elastic material extending along the upper edge portion of the body in overlapping relation thereto and stitched to said body, said band having its intermediate portion stretched before being stitched to the body and its end portions stitched to the body while unstretched to cause even gathering of the body between the unstretched end portions of said band, a plurality of fastener elements secured in spaced relation longitudinally of one of the unstretched end portions of the band and each being in the form of an eye member disposed transversely of the neck band and having its upper end secured to the neck band and its lower end secured to the upper edge portion of the body, and a cooperating fastener hook carried by the other unstretched end portion of the band for engagement with a selected one of the eye members when the garment is in place.

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