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Fig. 1.

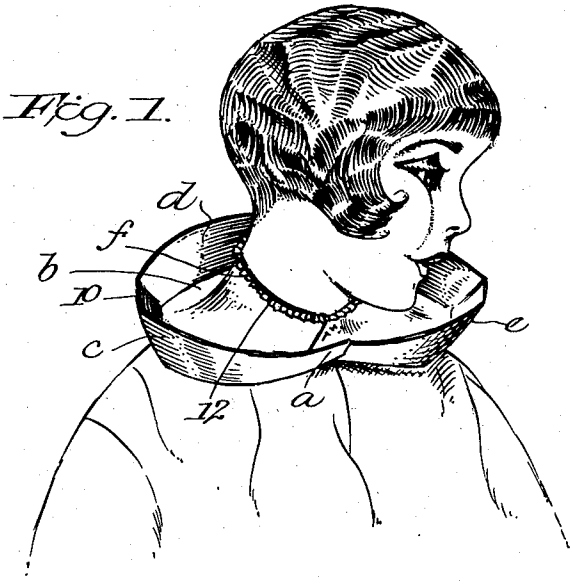


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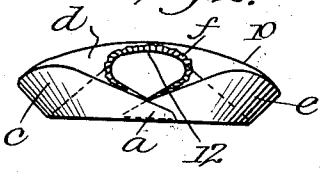


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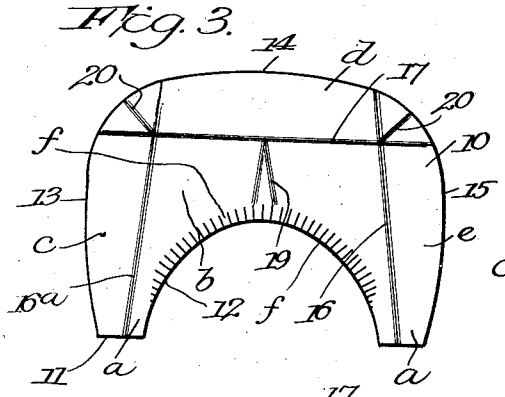


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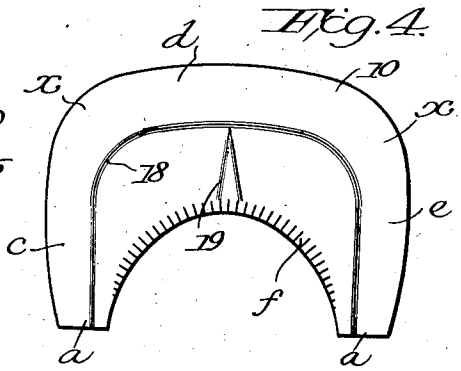
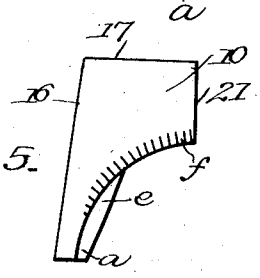


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This present invention is a sanitary hair receiver and collector useful in connection with the cutting or trimming of hair in ladies' coiffure or beauty shops, men's barber shops or the like.

The present practice is to use a mantle or apron which is placed about the neck and falls over the shoulders to cover the garment, the hair falling to the floor and later swept up, resulting in a messy, unsanitary condition in the shops or home and which is highly objectionable to a large number of persons. Also, these mantles are rarely, if ever, cleaned or sterilized after each hair cutting but are used repeatedly on one person after another, and often are shaken in the room preceding each use allowing hair and other dirt to float through the air of the room or fall on the floor.

While various forms of hair collectors have been purposed for receiving and collecting the hair to prevent it from falling on the floor, these are not used, so far as applicant is aware, because of their cost, construction, weight, cumbersomeness in use or because they are intended for repeated use and necessitate sterilization before each use in order to be sanitary.

The object of the present invention is the provision of a most inexpensive hair collector, preferably a flexible sheet material, such for example, as paper or "Cellophane", paper toweling, etc., having self-sustaining properties to form a substantially annular trough-like receptacle, particularly when creased, folded or deformed out of its normal flat position and which may be packed for sale in packages of superposed sheeting, and readily gathered up after each hair cutting, with collected hair therein, and destroyed.

The above object may be accomplished by the several examples illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 shows the invention as applied in use;

Fig. 2 is a front side of the invention, in reduced size, and assuming the shape it has when applied about the neck of a person;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a flat sheet or blank which provides the hair collector shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and illustrating one manner in which the sheet may be scored or creased to facilitate its shaping into or permitting it to assume a trough-like shape about the neck, when applied; and

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 but illustrating another manner in which the sheet, which forms the collector, may be scored; and

Fig. 5 illustrates a further modification of the blank shown in Fig. 4, wherein it is illustrated as being folded.

Throughout the several forms of the drawing like parts, even in modified forms, will bear like characters of reference, and will be so referred to in the description.

In all forms of the invention as illustrated, the device is fashioned from a sheet of paper or the like 10 which may be of a general rectangular shape cut inwardly from one edge 11 thereof on an arcuate line, which intersects said edge at both ends of the line for the purpose of providing a cut-away portion 12 which may be fitted about the neck of the person. For purposes of convenience, but not necessarily, the other edges of the paper sheet 10 may be rounded, as indicated at 13, 14 and 15, or the sheet may be oval shaped. This sheet 10, so produced, and when fitted around the neck of the wearer, may have the end portions *a* at the neck opening 12 secured together by any suitable means, such as a pin or other type of fastener which results in the area of sheet adjacent the neck extending downwardly over the shoulder of the wearer. The marginal outer edge portions of the sheet adjacent the edges 13, 14 and 15, may then be turned up, as illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, to form a trough-like receptacle, extending around the neck, over the shoulders, under the back of the head and under the chin of the wearer.

In order to facilitate this turning up or channeling of the paper sheet, when fastened about the neck in the manner illustrated and described, it may be scored in any desired manner which will accomplish this end;— but for purposes of this disclosure three forms have been illustrated in Figures 3, 4 and 5. This scoring, as shown in Figures 3 and 4, and folding as shown in Figure 5, will permit the blank 10 to automatically assume the channel shape illustrated in Figures 1 and 2, when applied about the neck of the person. To provide comfort to the wearer as well as to assist the area *b* of the paper material to assume a dishedlike shape between the upwardly extending marginal edge portions *c*, *d* and *e*, and the edge of the neck opening 12, this edge 12 has been provided with a multiplicity of inwardly extending slashes or cuts to provide a fringe *f*. This fringe also permits the collector to be tightly engaged with the neck without discomfort so as to prevent the hair from passing between it and the neck.

In Figure 3 the scoring lines 16, 16*a* and 17 are shown as substantially straight lines, the lines 16 and 16*a* extending from the edge 11 and on opposite sides of the neck portion 12, respectively, to the opposite edge 14, and the line 17 extend-

ing between the edges 13 and 15 and intersecting the scoring 16 and 16*a* and disposed at an appropriate medial portion between the neck opening 12 and the rear edge 14. The scoring 19 and 19*a* between the neck opening 12 and the scoring 17 permits a fold or pleat to be formed in the area *b* of the sheet 10, while the diagonal scoring 20 permits pleating or puckering of the material between the end portions of the scoring lines 16, 16*a* and 17, when the sheet 10 is being applied to the neck.

In Figure 4 the sheet or blank 10 of the hair collector is provided with a scoring line 18 which is more or less U-shaped with the ends of the U extending to the edge 11 of the sheet and embracing the neck portion 12. With this type of scoring and with certain types of paper, it may be necessary to deform the edges of the blank at the points *x* with the fingers so as to produce the effect, shown at *x* in Fig. 1, and which deformation is provided for or permitted by the scoring 20 in Figure 3 in conjunction with the adjacent portions of the scoring-line 16, 16*a* and 17.

In Figure 5, the sheet 10 thereof is substantially the same as the sheet 10 in Figure 3 with its scoring, but is folded on itself,—first inwardly on the line 17 and then again inwardly on the lines 16 and 16*a*. The whole blank then being further folded upon itself upon the medial line 21 and the neck end portions *a* being folded upon themselves, as indicated at 22. The collector as shown in Fig. 5 readily assumes a trough-like shape when unfolded and the edge 12 has been brought tightly about the neck of the wearer and the end portions *a* fastened, as indicated in Figures 1 and 2.

The paper blanks, as shown in Figures 3 and 4, are normally packed and packaged in superimposed relation in a flat, unfolded condition for storage and sale purposes, one being used as required for each haid cutting operation; and the blanks as shown in Figure 5 are packaged in their folded condition one upon the other.

From the foregoing it will be observed that the present invention is a very simple and economical sanitary hair receiver comprising a paper sheet or the like, shaped to provide a neck opening 12 and when fitted about the neck and fastened in position will provide upwardly and outwardly extending marginal portions or wings *c*, *d* and *e* above the shoulders and projecting beyond the head to receive and retain hair clippings, and which can be readily removed and rolled up with the hair-clippings therein, and destroyed; and which can be packaged and sold after the manner of the paper towel or toilet paper and will entail very little more expense, if any, than the package of hand paper towels, while having the additional useful advantages of being extremely sanitary.

While several forms of the blank have been shown which facilitates cupping or troughing of the blank, when applied to the wearer, it is to be understood that this scoring or folding may be varied, or in some cases eliminated, when desired without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What I claim as new and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent, is:

1. A sanitary receiver for hair clippings comprising a substantially flat blank of flexible sheet material having self-sustaining properties and having a neck opening therein larger than the neck of the wearer, whereby when the neck opening is fitted about the neck the sheet will assume an annular trough-like formation, and means between the edges of the neck opening and the outer edge of the sheet for facilitating the formation of said trough.

2. A sanitary receiver for hair clippings comprising a substantially flat sheet of paper having an edge cut-away to provide an arcuate opening larger than the neck of the wearer, whereby when the ends of the arcuate opening portion of the sheet are overlapped and fastened, the sheet will assume an annular trough-like formation, and fold lines on the sheet for facilitating the formation of said trough about the neck.

3. A sanitary receiver for hair clippings comprising a substantially flat sheet of flexible material having self-sustaining properties and having a neck opening therein larger than the neck of the wearer, whereby when the neck opening is fitted about the neck the sheet will assume an annular trough-like formation, and said sheet being folded upon itself for packaging, said lines of fold being positioned and arranged on the sheet for facilitating the formation of said trough when the sheet is unfolded and fitted about the neck.

4. A sanitary receiver for hair clippings comprising a substantially flat sheet of paper having an edge cut-away to provide an arcuate opening larger than the neck of the wearer, whereby when the ends of the arcuate opening portion of the sheet are overlapped and fastened, the sheet will assume an annular trough-like formation, and scoring on the sheet between said opening therein and the outer edge thereof for weakening the sheet and fascilitating the formation of said trough about the neck.

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