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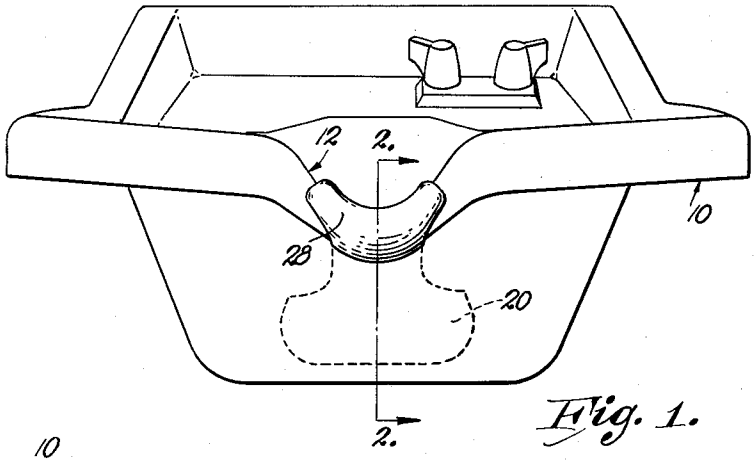


Fig. 1.

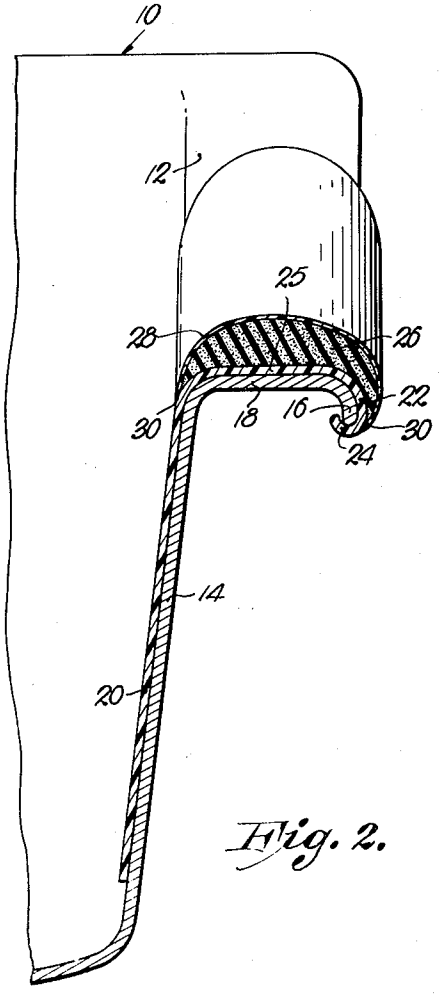


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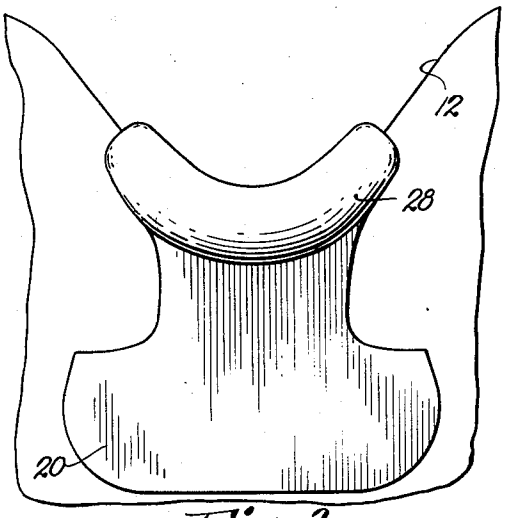


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This invention relates to beauty parlor equipment and particularly to shampoo bowls used in such an establishment for the washing of hair, which bowls are conventionally provided with a neck-receiving notch in the forward wall thereof that permits the hair of the customer to fall within the bowl when the nape of the neck is positioned within the bowl notch.

Discomfort and inconvenience is experienced by the customer of the beauty shop when the conventional shampoo bowl is used because the notch thereof is objectionably harsh, due to the hardness thereof and the temperature which assumes that of the water within the bowl and in many instances, the material from which the bowl is made and particularly at the notch thereof becomes so hot that the customer cannot comfortably remain in the position where the hair may be washed within the bowl.

One of the important objects of this invention, therefore, is the provision of a neck rest for hair shampoo bowls that may be quickly attached to the notched portion thereof and which will be equipped with means for not only lending comfort to the person whose hair is being washed by way of presenting a soft, comfortable rest, but will insulate the neck of the user from the direct contact with the bowl per se to prevent experiencing temperatures of objectionable levels.

Another object of this invention is the provision of a neck rest for hair shampoo bowls which is constructed of materials capable of permitting the quick attachment of the neck rest to the bowl and which will positively maintain the neck rest in position throughout the hair washing or shampooing operation, but that will allow quick and convenient removal of the neck rest as desired.

Another object of the instant invention is the provision of a quickly attachable and removable neck rest for hair shampoo bowls and particularly the notched portion thereof which has as a part of the neck rest a pad of flexible, soft material covered by a sheet of water repellent substance that will maintain the neck of the user relatively dry during the shampooing operation.

Other objects of the invention include the precise manner in which the neck rest is constructed with regard to the dimensions of the hair shampoo bowl, the way in which the U-shaped body of the neck rest grips the notched portion of the shampoo bowl and the disposition of the pad and protecting cover only at that portion of the neck rest which lies within the notch of the bowl.

Other objects of the invention and the manner of constructing and using the neck rest will appear during the course of the following specification, referring to the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view of a hair shampoo bowl having a notch therein and provided with the neck rest made in accordance with the present invention;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged, fragmentary, sectional view taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a face view of the neck rest in place within the notch of the hair shampoo bowl.

The hair shampoo bowl **10** of conventional construction and character is provided with a notch **12** in the normally forward wall of the bowl, and this notch is for the purpose of receiving the neck of the person whose hair is being shampooed. The usual position of the customer of a beauty parlor, for example, is to have the back of the neck lie within notch **12** while the customer is being seated on a chair in front of the bowl **10**, thus to allow the hair of the head of the customer to fall within bowl **10** and there be washed and treated while the customer rests upon the surface of notch **12**. The discomfort and inconvenience of such practice is alleviated by the provision of the neck rest made in accordance with this invention and which is shown in the drawing in its operative position.

The bowl has, besides the neck-receiving notch **12**, an outwardly and laterally directed flange at the upper edge thereof, particularly at the upper edge of forward wall **14**. This flange is clearly shown in Fig. 2 and comprises a laterally directed portion **16** extending downwardly from flange **18**, and laterally extending portion **16** together with wall **14** and flange **18** form a structure that is U-shaped in cross-section, one leg of which is the portion **16**.

The neck rest per se is preferably constructed of plastic material or some similar substance that will be water repellent and capable of being maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. The rest has a U-shaped body of resilient sheet material having a long, flat leg **20** and a relatively short leg **22** which is curled inwardly as at **24** at the free end for engaging the edge of laterally directed portion **16** when the rest is in position. Leg **20** is flared outwardly as shown in Fig. 3 to present a comparatively great area which lies against the inner face of wall **14**. The frictional engagement and the pressure of the water against this relatively great area of leg **20** will cooperate with the hereinafter mentioned "grip" in holding the neck rest in place. The U-shaped body is stiff, yet resilient enough to be snapped into position and to be removed without the use of tools.

The U-shaped body not only has legs **20** and **22** but has a bight portion **25** which lies directly in notch **12** and conforms to the contour thereof. That portion of the U-shaped body just defined that lies within notch **12** has a pad of flexible substance mounted thereon. This pad **26** is bonded directly to the outer face of the bight and adjoining portions of the legs of the U-shaped body, and the bight portion of the U-shaped body is not only U-shaped transversely but arcuate in a plane substantially parallel to legs **20** and **22** to present an appearance such as that shown in Figs. 1 and 3. This cradle-like form of pad **26** receives the neck of the user of bowl **10** and protects the same from direct contact with the uper edge of the wall of bowl **10** and the area directly adjacent and forming notch **12**. A sheet of water repellent material **28** overlies pad **26** and has its marginal portions bonded directly to the face of the U-shaped body as at **30** (Fig. 2).

Sheet material **28** protects pad **26** from direct contact with the water being used in the shampooing operation and therefore, this pad **26** may be of sponge rubber or the like which gives the desired comfort without fear of having the same saturated with water and thereby becoming objectionable.

The distance between the outer faces of wall **14** of bowl **10** and the laterally directed portion **16** thereof is slightly greater than the distance between the inner faces of legs **20** and **22** of the U-shaped body, and the inherent resiliency of the material from which the U-shaped body is formed combined with this relation of

dimensions will permit snapping the neck rest in place, as shown in Fig. 2. The curled portion 24 of leg 22 will grip the edge of the laterally directed portion of flange 18 to securely hold the entire assembly in position.

Pad 26 should not extend into bowl 10 and downwardly along the inner face of leg 20 a distance greater than that shown in Fig. 2, but pad 26 should have a forwardly and downwardly directed portion covering the outer face of leg 22 so that all surfaces engaged by the back of the neck of the user will be protected thereby.

It is realized that neck rests for hair shampoo bowls of the character above defined and shown in the accompanying drawing may be made to embody physical characteristics other than those illustrated yet fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having thus described the invention what is claimed as new and desired to be secured by Letters Patent is:

A neck rest adapted for attachment to hair shampoo bowls comprising a U-shaped body of resilient sheet material having a long flat leg provided with a relatively wide portion at the free end thereof, a relatively short, downturned leg having an inwardly curled portion at its free end whereby to engage the bowl and a bight portion interconnecting said legs and normally overlying the edge of the bowl; a pad of flexible substance mounted on the outer face of the body, said pad overlying the bight, the downturned portion of the short leg and that portion of the long leg immediately adjacent the bight; and a sheet of water repellent material covering the pad, extending beyond its edges and bonded to the sheet material of the U-shaped body.

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