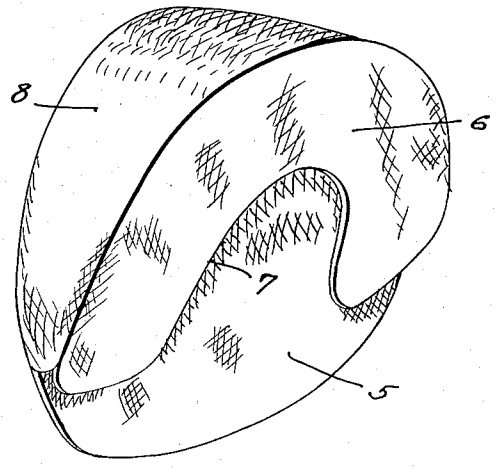
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Fig. 1.



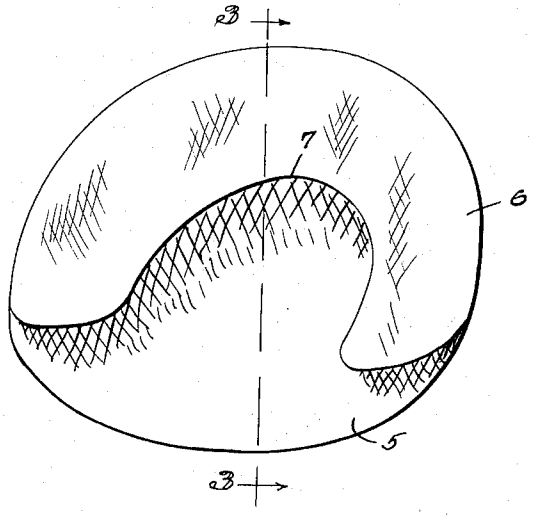


Fig. 2.

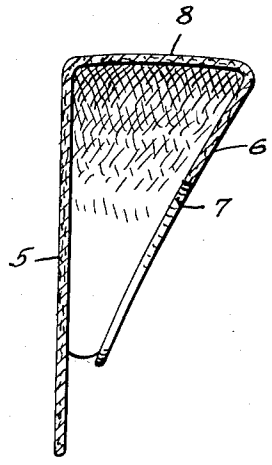


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to ear protectors designed primarily for protecting the ears of persons against heat of driers used in beauty parlors, for drying the hair after the hair has been shampooed and dressed.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which is constructed in such a way and of such material that when it is positioned over an ear, and the usual hair net is placed thereover, the protector will collapse against the ear, the rear surface of the protector resting directly against the portion of the head in back of the ear, to provide a protector for the head, protecting that portion of the head in back of the ear, against the heat from the drier.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists of certain novel details of construction and combinations of parts, hereinafter more fully described and pointed out in the claim, it being understood that changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a protector constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is an end elevational view illustrating the inner side of the protector.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawing in detail, the ear protector comprises an outer section 5 which is substantially circular in design so that it will cover the outer surface of a person's ear, over which the protector is positioned.

The reference character 6 indicates the inner section of the protector which is formed with a curved edge 7, the ends of the inner section 6 terminating at points in spaced relation with the lower edge of the outer section 5. This curved edge 7 of the inner section 6, constitutes an opening to permit the device to be readily slid over the ear, the outer section being so constructed that it will extend to a point below the lobe of the ear, to insure complete protection of the ear.

The outer and inner sections 5 and 6 are connected by the curved section 8 which is curved to fit the contour of the upper edge of the human ear, and is constructed of soft or collapsible material which under the pressure of a hair net positioned thereover, will cause the inner section 6 to fit closely against the head directly in back of the ear to prevent the heat from the drier passing to the head at the hair line, to cause discomfort to the person undergoing treatment.

In constructing the guard, it is contemplated to use a soft material, such as wool, silk, nylon, cotton cloth or cotton, plastic, paper, asbestos, or other heat resisting material, the nature of the material being such that it may be discarded after use by each individual, thereby insuring an exceptionally sanitary guard.

It will also be seen that because of the construction of the guard the guard will move into close contact with the head surface in back of the ear, protecting the ear.

It will also be understood that it is contemplated to manufacture the protector by the well known molding method wherein the entire protector is made in one piece.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed is:

An ear protector comprising a body formed of pliable material including a wide outer wall and a substantially narrow inner wall, said walls having curved edges, a wide upper wall connected between said outer and inner walls along the upper curved edges thereof, said wide upper wall tapering from a point intermediate its ends towards the ends thereof providing a wide space between said outer and inner walls at the upper extremity of said body and substantially narrow portions adjacent to the ends of said wide upper wall, said inner wall having an upwardly curved lower edge, said inner wall extending inwardly of said upper wall providing an opening adapted to fit over the ear of a person, said outer wall having a downwardly curved lower edge, said outer wall extending downwardly from said upper wall and beyond the lower edge of said inner wall and adapted to cover the entire ear on which said protector is worn.

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