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Fig. 1

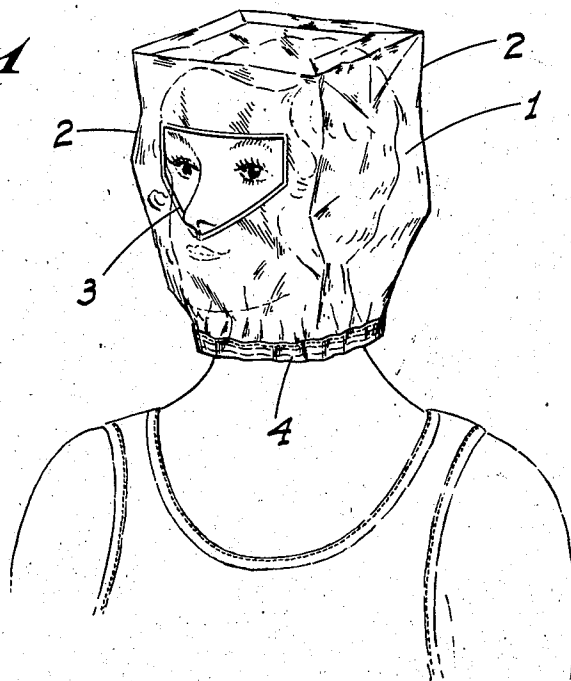


Fig. 2

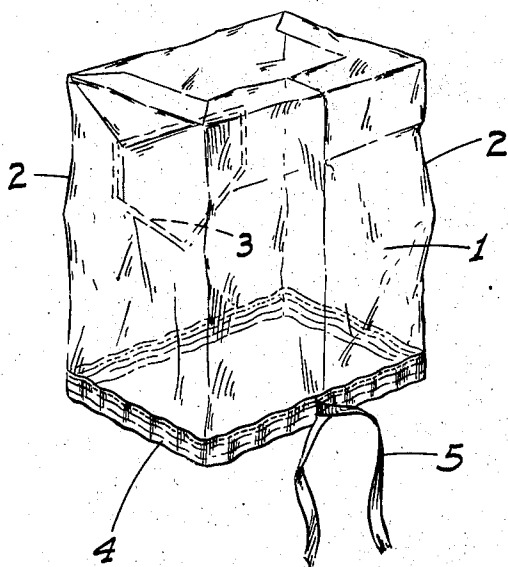
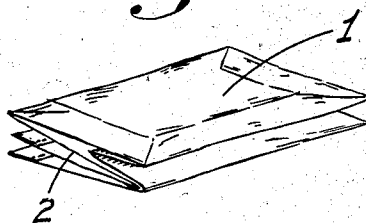


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to protecting devices for women's gowns and other garments of the type that are slipped on and removed from over the head.

5 With the custom of rouging the cheeks and the lips now prevalent in this country, retail shopkeepers dealing in women's gowns have found that a considerable percentage of new gowns become soiled and rendered unsaleable after having
10 been tried on by the prospective customers. This is because a certain amount of the face and lip coloring matter on the person on whom a gown is being tried adheres to the garment with the contact of the same with the face as said garment is slipped on and off.

15 It is therefore the object of my invention to eliminate this soiling of garments of this character and the accompanying losses or expense to the shopkeeper by the provision of a head covering for the prospective customer on whom the garment is being tried, of such a nature that it may be instantly placed on or removed from the head, which will then completely cover the
20 rouged portions of the face without interfering with the breathing or visibility of the wearer and which besides protecting the garment from contact with the face will also protect the hair of the wearer from being possibly disarranged by the putting on or removing of the garment over the head. The coverings are of a simple and very
25 inexpensive nature so that a supply may be kept in a shop and an individual one used for each customer and then given her without cost for her own use at home if she so desires, without adding materially to the expense of operation of the shop and saving many times their cost in the protection afforded against damage to some-
30 times costly garments.

35 These objects I accomplish by means of such structure and relative arrangement of parts as will fully appear by a perusal of the following specification and claim.

In the drawing similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several views:

40 Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my improved protector showing the same in position on a woman's head.

Fig. 2 is a similar view of the protector detached, looking from the back.

50 Fig. 3 is a similar view of the protector folded.

Referring now more particularly to the characters of reference on the drawing, the protector comprises a head cover 1 of bag-like form and preferably made of cellophane or similar trans-
55 parent, flexible, light and water-proof material,

and of a size to freely fit over the head. The bag is formed with vertical relatively rigid edges 2 at the junction of the sides with each other which extend to the top of the bag and act to hold the latter from sagging down against and possibly
5 deranging the hair as well as holding the sides themselves from contact with the corresponding portions of the head, as indicated in Fig. 1.

The front side of the cover bag is provided with an opening 3 to expose the eyes and through
10 which the nose of the wearer freely projects, while fully covering the cheeks and lips. The lower edge of the opening is intended to engage under the base of the nose back of the nostrils so that free breathing is not interfered with,
15 while the lower edge of said opening is cut V-shaped so that it will tend to center itself relative to the nose and thus retain the bag centered on the head.

The lower open end of the cover bag is provided with a hem 4 all around through which a draw cord or tape 5 is passed, so that the bag may be taken in somewhat about the neck to prevent undesired upward movement of the cover which might otherwise be had with the with-
25 drawing of a garment over the head. The cover is preferably fastened so that it may be easily folded into a flat compact form convenient for keeping in a drawer or the like if the owner so desires.

30 As previously indicated, the covers are initially owned and kept by the shopkeepers, preferably in open and stacked relation so that one may be instantly placed over the head of a prospective customer prior to trying on a gown. The cover
35 after having been used and removed may be either discarded or folded and given to the customer for her own use at home, to protect her coiffure and the gown when placing or removing the latter over the head.

40 From the foregoing description it will be readily seen that I have produced such a device as substantially fulfills the objects of the invention as set forth herein.

While this specification sets forth in detail the
45 present and preferred construction of the device, still in practice such deviations from such detail may be resorted to as do not form a departure from the spirit of the invention, as defined by the appended claim.

50 Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and useful and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A head protective covering comprising a flex-
55 ible collapsible bag of transparent material, said

bag being polygonal sided in form vertically and having sharp corners forming relatively rigid vertical edges to aid in maintaining the bag against collapse vertically when once extended, the interior area of the bag when thus extended being such as to permit the bag to be slipped into posi-

tion over the head without disturbing or touching the coiffure thereof, and means to then draw the mouth of the bag about the neck of the wearer, the bag being provided with an opening to expose the eyes and nose of the wearer.

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