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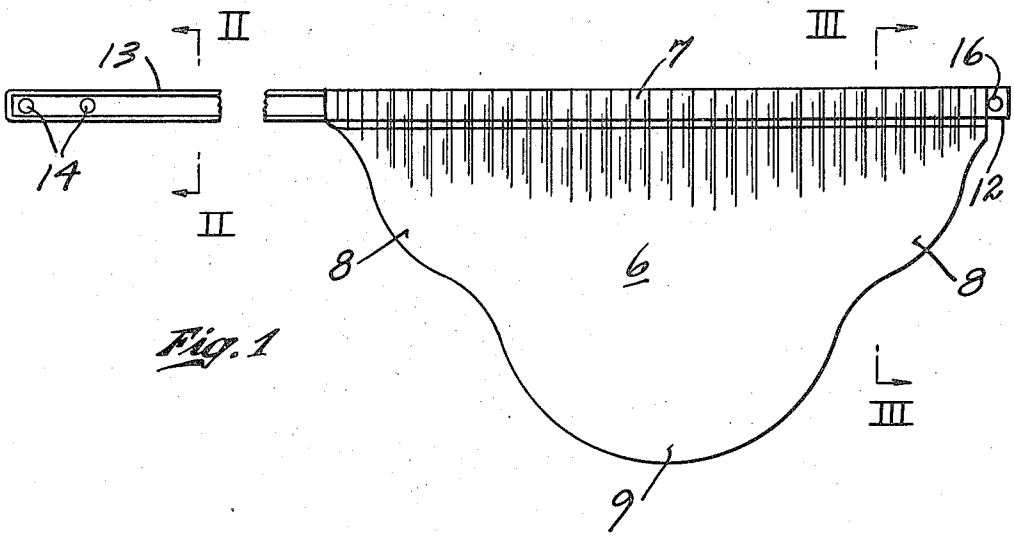


Fig. 1

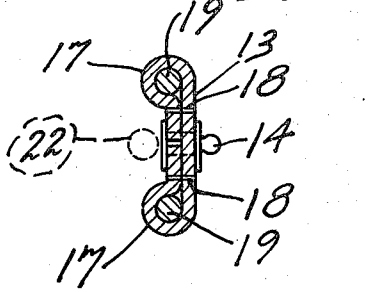


Fig. 2

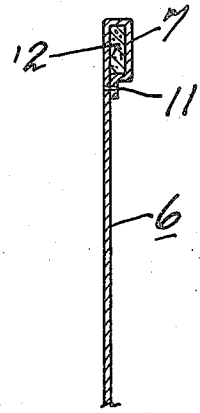


Fig. 3

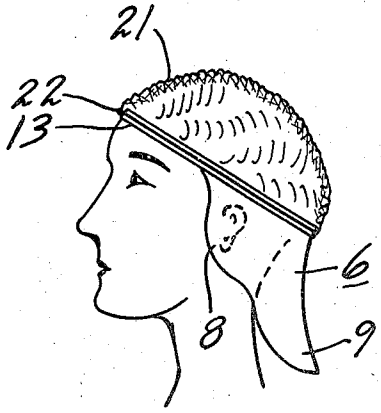


Fig. 4

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1 Claim. (Cl. 2—174)

My invention relates to hair-drying shields and more particularly relates to an article of this kind adapted to protect the back of the neck and the ears from the hot blast of air employed in hair-drying machines.

After the hair has been washed, set, etc. preparatory to drying it is held in place by means of a hair net to prevent disarrangement when subjected to the hot blast from the hair-drying machine. In order to prevent the formation of creases across the forehead caused by the elastic band provided on the hair net, the shield is provided with a strap which is channel-shaped in cross section to receive the elastic band.

My invention embodies other novel features, details of construction, and arrangement of parts which are hereinafter set forth in the specification and claim and illustrated in the accompanying drawing forming part thereof, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of my improved shield;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the shield strap taken along the line II—II of Fig. 1;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the shield taken along the line III—III of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a side elevational view showing the manner of mounting the shield upon the head of the user for protecting the ears and neck from the hot air blast and also to prevent the formation of creases across the forehead by placing the elastic border of the hair net upon the shield strap.

Referring now to the drawing for a better understanding of my invention, I show a shield 6 provided with a hem 7 along its straight upper edge and having ear covering portions 8 and a neck covering portion 9. The hem is stitched at 11 and is adapted to receive therein an elastic member 12 which, in its unstretched form, extends less than the width of the shield. A strap 13 has its one end secured to one end of the elastic member 12 and is provided with one or more fastening members 14 for engagement with a companion fastener 16 mounted on the other end of the elastic member.

As shown in Fig. 2 the strap 13 is formed channel-shaped by providing a hem 17 along each side by stitching at 18 and having a round cord 19 or the like disposed within the hems.

The shield is preferably formed of relatively light weight cloth adapted to protect the ears and neck from the hot air directed upon the head when the hair is being dried, but may be formed of other washable material if desired. It might also be found practicable to form the shields of paper and discard same after use.

In the use of the shield to protect the ears and neck from the blast of hot air from the hair drying machine, it is positioned as illustrated in Fig. 4 and held in place by the fasteners 14 and 16; after which, the hair net 21 is mounted upon the head to hold the hair in position and having its elastic border 22 mounted in the center of the strap 13 between the cords 19 where it cannot form a crease across the forehead.

While I have shown my invention in but one form it is obvious to those skilled in the art that it is not so limited but is susceptible of various changes and modifications without departing from the spirit thereof and I desire, therefore, that only such limitations shall be placed thereupon as are imposed by the prior art.

I claim:

In an article of the character described, a shield having an upper marginal edge provided with a hem, said shield having ear protecting portions and a neck protecting portion and disposed in spaced relation to the neck to permit cooling air to circulate under the shield, a strap positioned within the hem of the shield and adapted to encircle the head of the user, said strap having a portion of its length formed of resilient material and the remaining portion formed channel-shaped in cross section to receive the elastic border of a hair net, and fastening means provided for engaging the ends of the strap.

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