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MAKE-UP CAPE

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FIG. 1.

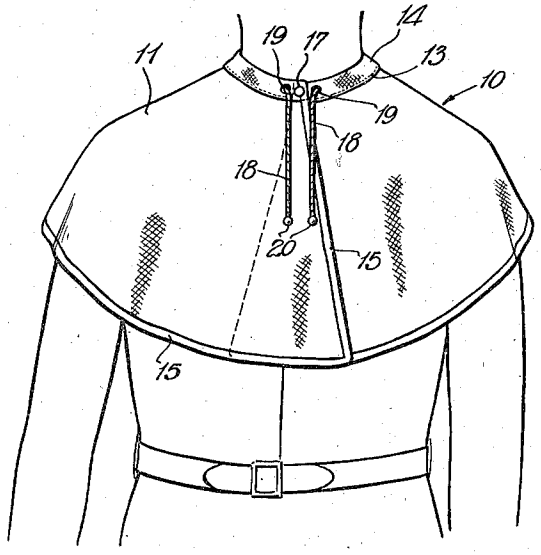


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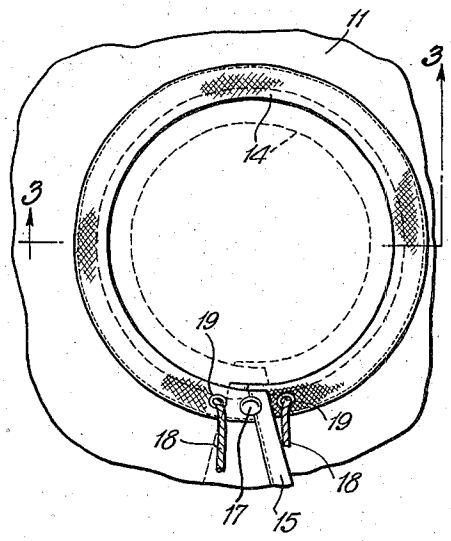


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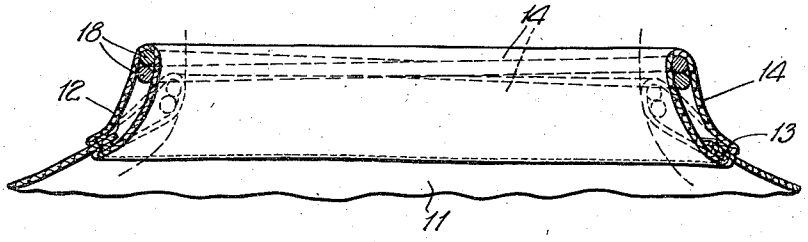
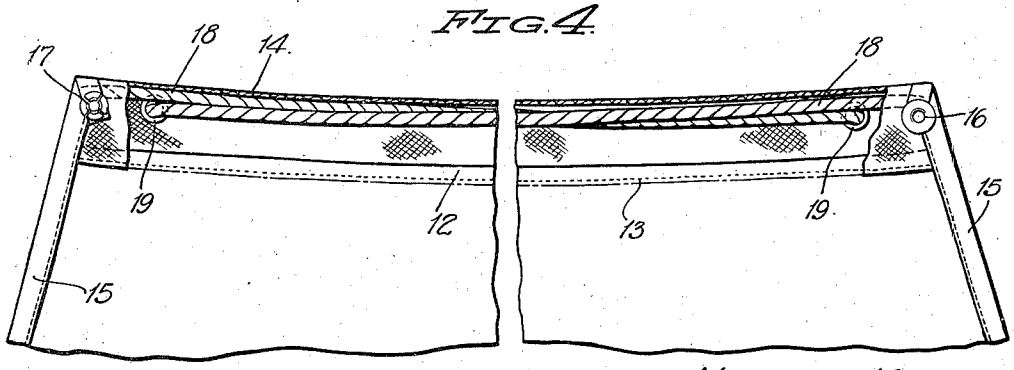


FIG. 4.



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This invention relates to make-up capes for use by ladies to protect their dresses from becoming soiled during the application of facial cosmetics.

It is customary for ladies to complete their attire before applying lipstick, rouge, powder and other facial cosmetics, for to don a dress over the head after applying facial cosmetics results in soiling of the dress by contact with the facial make-up and also disturbs the make-up, necessitating restoring of the same. The primary object of this invention is to provide a cape which may be fitted about the neck of a wearer and be supported therefrom to completely overlie the shoulders and upper portion of a dress to protect the same from becoming soiled during the application of facial cosmetics.

Another feature of the invention resides in a ladies make-up cape which may be quickly and easily applied and removed by the user.

Another feature of the invention is the provision of a cosmetic make-up cape which is readily adjustable to snugly fit about necks of different sizes without unsightly gathering at the neck and thus making it unnecessary to manufacture the articles in assorted neck sizes.

A still further feature is to provide a make-up cape which is simple and inexpensive of construction, pleasing in appearance so as not to detract from the beauty of a wearer when making up, and which may be compactly folded for storage in a drawer and for carrying in a bag when traveling.

Other features of the invention will become apparent as the following specification is read in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the make-up cape in position upon a wearer.

Figure 2 is a fragmentary top plan view illustrating the neck band in expanded position in full lines and in a contracted position in dotted lines.

Figure 3 is an enlarged detail vertical sectional view on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary plan view of the neck end of the make-up cape in an open spread out position with part broken away in section.

Referring to the drawing by reference characters, the numeral 10 designates the improved make-up cape in its entirety which includes a cape-like body 11 of flexible material such as fabric which may be moistureproof or otherwise. The material from which the body 11 is constructed is cut in circular fashion in plan so as to assume a natural drape when the cape is fitted about the neck of a wearer. The top edge 12 of the body is cut on a circle and secured thereto by stitching 13 in a tubular neck band 14. The neck band 14 is constructed of a soft fabric which is circularly cut on the bias and folded upon itself before stitching the top neck edge 12. The end edges and the bottom edge of the body 11 are bound by binding tape 15 secured thereto by stitching and the binding tape on the end edges overlaps and closes the ends of the tubular neck band 14.

Secured to one end of the neck band 14 is a male snap fastener element 16 and secured to the other end thereof is a female snap fastener element 17 which interlockingly receives the male element 16 to secure the ends of the neck band together, and which tends to cause the neck band to assume an upstanding position as illustrated in full lines in Figure 3, and which is the maximum adjustment of the neck band. When the snap fasteners are engaged as shown in Figure 1, with the cape fitted about the neck of a wearer, the cape completely covers the shoulders and the upper portion of the front and back of a wearer, with the end edges of the body hanging in definite lapped relation.

The neck band 14 is made in a size which is maximum for the average lady's neck, but by a novel pull cord means now to be described, the neck band 14 may be pulled in to contracted position to snugly fit about ladies' necks of smaller size, which enables the manufacture of the make-up cape in one size instead of an assortment of sizes. The pull cord means includes a pair of flexible pull elements or cords 18—18 which extend the length of the neck band interiorly thereof. The inner ends of the cords 18—18 are respectively connected to the neck band by the gripping flanges of the snap fastener elements 16 and 17, while the free ends extend in opposite directions as best illustrated in Figure 4. The free ends of the cords respectively pass outwardly through eyelets 19—19 provided in the outer wall of the tubular neck band adjacent the ends thereof. The outer free terminal ends of the cords are provided with beads 20 or other ornaments. The cords 18—18 cross at their mid portions within the tubular neck band 14 to provide a frictional rubbing contact sufficient to hold the cords against accidental slipping when they are pulled to effect a final snug adjustment of the neck band about the neck of a wearer.

As previously stated, the snap fastener elements 16 and 17 when engaged, provide an initial maximum adjustment of the neck band to the wearer's

neck, and to effect a snug final adjustment, the wearer pulls upon the outer free ends of the cords 18—18 causing the peripheral edge of the neck band to be pulled inwardly about and snugly against the neck as illustrated in dotted lines in Figure 3. As the neck to be fitted by the neck band becomes smaller in size, the neck band will assume a more flattened position than that shown in dotted lines in Figure 3 and when pulled to the minimum adjustment the neck band is substantially horizontal.

The novel construction of neck band adjustment herein shown and described prevents gathering or puckering of the neck band which would result by the use of elastic bands or ordinary draw strings for contracting the neck band about the neck. The cape 10 may be quickly applied by a user to protect her dress during the application of facial cosmetics which might be dropped while making up. The cape may be easily and quickly removed, any particles of make up may be shaken therefrom, and the cape compactly folded and stored away for future use.

While I have shown snap fastener elements for initially securing the neck band about the neck of a user, other well known types of separable fasteners may be substituted therefor. Also, the adjustable neck band feature may be embodied in other forms of protectors, such as baby bibs, tonsorial capes, and the like. Also, whereas the cape has been described for make-up purposes, the same may be used to protect one's garments while having a hair shampoo. Furthermore, such changes in structure and design as come within the scope of the appended claims may be resorted to if desired without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is:

1. A make-up cape comprising a cape-like body of flexible material for encircling the neck and to overlie and depend from the shoulders of a wearer, a tubular neck band secured to the top neck edge of the body, the material from which the neck band is constructed being cut on the bias, separable fastening means for securing the ends of the neck band together and cause the neck band to assume an upstanding position and provide a maximum neck adjustment, and a pair of pull elements having their inner ends respectively connected within the tubular neck band adjacent the ends thereof and extending about the interior of the tubular neck band in opposite directions, the outer wall of the tubular neck band having openings adjacent the ends thereof, the free outer ends of the pull elements passing through the respective openings whereby simultaneous pulling upon the free ends of the pull elements will cause the neck band to be pulled inwardly to effect a smaller neck adjustment.

2. A make-up cape as set forth in claim 1, in which the pull elements are crossed within the tubular neck band for frictional rubbing contact to secure the same in an adjusted position when pulled thereto.

3. A make-up cape comprising a cape-like body made of flexible moistureproof material having a top edge shaped to fit about the neck of a wearer, a tubular neck band of soft fabric stitched to the top edge of the body, the fabric material from which the tubular collar is constructed being cut on the bias to impart a smooth appearance to the neck band at all times, releasable fastening means for securing the ends of the neck band together in an upstanding position and a pair of pull cords having their inner ends secured within the neck band adjacent the respective ends thereof and extending through the tubular neck band in opposite directions, the outer wall of the tubular neck band having openings therein adjacent the ends of the neck band through which the respective free ends of the pull cords freely pass whereby pulling upon the free ends of the pull cord will cause the neck band to be drawn inwardly to effect a smaller adjustment of the neck band to snugly fit about the neck of a wearer.

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