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BARBER'S CAPE.

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Fig. 1.

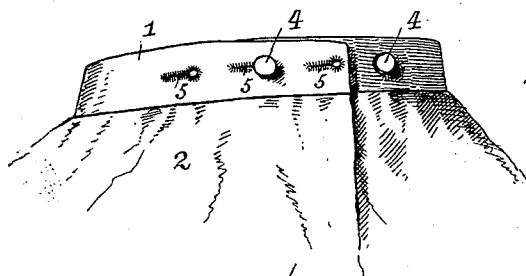


Fig. 2.

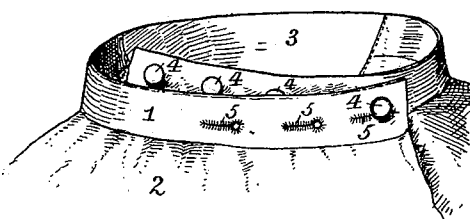


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED P. TEUSHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Licking and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Shampooing-Cape, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to barbers' appliances, and particularly to a shampooing-cape, the object in view being to provide means for securing a yielding contact of the neck portion of the cape with the neck of the wearer and at the same time provide means for adjustment whereby the neck-opening may be made of a size to suit the wearer. While a yielding pressure may be secured by forming the cape with an elastic yoke or neck portion, it is obvious that in order to suit wearers having small necks it is necessary to make the opening of such a size as to cause inconvenience to a person having a neck of larger size, and therefore it is desirable to provide means whereby the necessary, without an excessive, amount of pressure may be secured upon necks of all sizes.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cape constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a rear view of the same. Fig. 3 is a similar view showing the cape at a different adjustment from that indicated in Fig. 2.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates a neckband, to which is attached the skirt portion 2 of the cape, and inserted in the garment and extending through said neckband is a crescent-shaped gore or yoke 3, of rubber or other similar elastic material. The portions of the neckband upon opposite sides of the elastic yoke or gore are provided, respectively, with a series of buttons 4 and buttonholes 5, and as the buttonholes are elongated or formed with their length parallel with the upper and lower or longitudinal edges of the neckband, or in the direction of strain produced by the elasticity

of the yoke or gore when the garment is in place, it is obvious that either buttonhole may be connected with either of the buttons, thereby providing for a multiplicity of adjustments, which adapts the device for necks of all sizes.

Various devices may be employed for securing the adjustment of the neckband to suit wearers having necks of different sizes; but I have found that the above-described construction provides for adjustment with facility and rapidity and at the same time provides for the folding of the button-supplied portion of the band under the other portion, whereby the two sections of the neckband lie parallel with each other at any adjustment. This prevents forming a bunch or inequality to irritate the neck of the wearer.

By making the elastic gore of crescent shape and locating it immediately at the front of the neck a water-tight contact with the neck is insured, thus preventing any possibility of the shirt-bosom becoming soiled.

The body or skirt portion of the garment may be made of any suitable material, such as waterproof cloth or rubber, when the device is intended for use as a shampooing-cape, but it is obvious that when it is designed to employ the cape for other purposes than shampooing said skirt or body portion may be made of any suitable fabric, such as that in common use for such purposes.

The elastic gore, which is introduced between the sections of the neckband, is tapered toward its lower end and enlarged or widened toward its upper end, and the upper neck-engaging edge of the gore is concaved, as shown in Fig. 1, or curved to conform to the neck, thus giving to the gore a crescent shape, the lower reduced end extending into the skirt portion of the cape in order to prevent the straining of the latter at the point of attachment to the neckband. Obviously the major portion of the adjustment in adapting the device for necks of different sizes occurs in the line of the neckband, but the skirt portion is also affected, especially in a device of the class described in which it is desirable not to have the skirt portion full or gathered for the reason that the plaits thus formed are liable to receive and hold objects falling upon

the apron. In other words, it is necessary to provide means for allowing the skirt portion to yield without employing gathers or other devices which affect the uniformity of the surface of the apron when it is contracted.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

The herein-described barber's cape consisting of a skirt portion for covering the shoulders and a permanently-attached neckband therefor, said neckband and skirt being cut away or gored in front, an elastic gusset set

into the gore, said neckband and skirt being also coincidentally separated at the back to form overlapping flaps, a series of buttons on the neckband of the inner flap, and a number of buttonholes on the neckband of the outer flap for permitting the cape to be adjusted closely to necks of varying sizes, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of witnesses.

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