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Fig. 1.

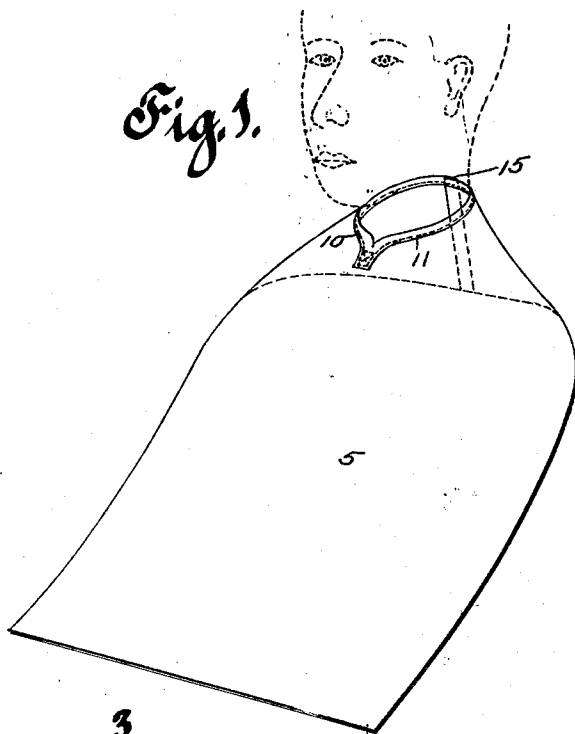


Fig. 2.

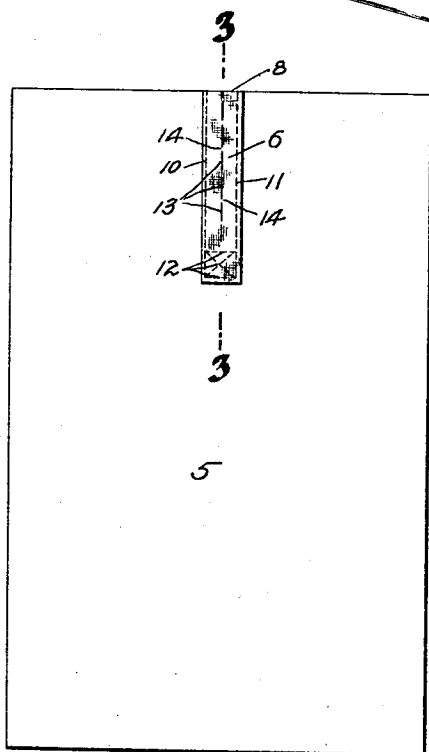
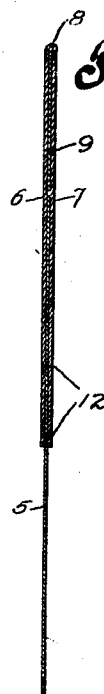


Fig. 3.



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Our invention relates to a barber's hair cutting garment and more particularly to such a garment formed of paper properly reinforced.

At the present time, barbers usually employ comparatively expensive hair cutting fabric cloths or bibs which are used on successive customers with consequent danger of transmission of diseases, etc. The laundering of the usual cloth barber's garment is quite expensive, and the general wear and tear soon ruins the cloths so that, all things considered, it costs the barber a considerable amount per customer to use such hair cutting cloths as are now commonly employed, and in addition fastidious persons dislike the idea of having the same cloth used that has previously been used on other customers.

It is the principal object of the present invention to overcome the objections heretofore noted and to produce a barber's hair cutting garment formed of paper properly reinforced and which will answer all of the purposes of the present expensive hair cutting cloths and yet can be so economically manufactured that it may be thrown away after a single use and a new sanitary garment supplied for each customer.

In the drawings which show, for illustrative purposes only, a preferred form of the invention—

Fig. 1 is a view of an improved garment applied and illustrating features of the invention;

Fig. 2 is a face view of a garment before use;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially in the plane of the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

In said drawings, 5 indicates a sheet of paper of the proper texture and flexibility which forms the sheet portion of the garment, and is designed to replace the conventional hair cutting cloths of today. The sheet 5 is of the proper size to cover the shoulders and extends sufficiently far over the lap to protect the wearer's clothes from falling hair and the like.

Extending from one edge of the sheet 5 is a reinforcing strip preferably formed of

fabric. In the form illustrated, the reinforcing strip is folded substantially at the middle and forms two strips 6—7 joined, as indicated at 8, over one edge of the sheet 5, and the free ends extend inwardly as illustrated. Thus, that portion 9 of the sheet 5 between two portions 6—7 of the reinforcing strip is properly held or housed when the parts 6—7 are secured to the sheet. The reinforcing member may be secured in any suitable manner preferably by stitching along the sides as indicated at 10—11, and preferably by cross or reinforcing stitches as 12 at the inner end. Thus, the paper and the reinforcing strip between the rows of stitching 10—11 are free of each other.

When the garment is to be used, it is opened longitudinally of the reinforcing member so as to form a neck-engaging portion as illustrated more particularly in Fig. 1. While the garment may be slitted for use in the course of manufacture, we consider it preferable to leave the garment substantially intact or sealed up so that the slit may be formed by the barber himself in full view of the customer who is to wear the garment. In the preferred form illustrated, the reinforcing means may be provided with openings or slits as indicated at 13, and we preferably leave small unslitted portions 14—14 between adjacent slits. Thus, when the garment comes from the manufacturer, the neck receiving portion does not fully appear, and the barber, standing in full view of the customer, may tear the reinforcing strip and underlying paper along the intermittent slitted portion to form the neck engaging slit in the garment. The unslitted portions as 14 form, in effect, seals guaranteeing the customer that the garment has not previously been used.

When the garment is to be used, the barber tears open the slit and draws the slitted portion around the customer's neck and overlaps the rear edges as indicated at 15 and secures such edges as by means of a pin. When the barber has finished with the customer, the garment is removed and discarded.

We consider it advantageous, though not necessary, to form the reinforcing strip dou-

ble as illustrated more particularly in Fig. 3. In addition to giving added strength to the reinforcing portion, this double arrangement provides a fabric portion on each side of the paper and when applied the fabric portion may even separate slightly from the paper and form in effect three seals about the customer's neck to prevent the downward passage of hair.

Garments as herein described may be very cheaply manufactured and when manufactured in quantity the actual cost of each garment should not be more than the real cost of each use of the present conventional hair cutting cloth and in addition the desirable sanitary advantages of the present garment are realized.

While one preferred form of the invention has been described in considerable detail, it is to be understood that modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

We claim:

1. A barber's garment of the character indicated comprising, a sheet of paper, a fabric reinforcing strip extending inwardly from one side of said sheet and secured thereto, said fabric reinforcing strip having a weakened portion extending longitudinally thereof for permitting the same to be readily torn, whereby a slit is formed to constitute a neck encircling portion.

2. A barber's garment of the character indicated comprising, a sheet of paper, a reinforcing strip secured to said sheet of paper and extending inwardly from one edge thereof, said reinforcing strip having readily frangible portions at spaced points extending inwardly from the edge whereby said fabric strip and paper may be readily torn to form an inwardly extending slit to constitute a neck engaging portion of the garment.

3. A barber's garment of the character indicated comprising, a sheet of paper, a reinforcing strip secured thereto, one of said parts being readily frangible along a line extending from the edge of the sheet of paper inwardly so as to permit an opening to be readily made for the purpose described.

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