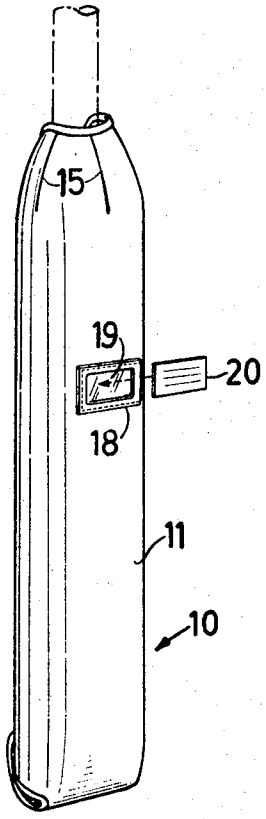
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FIG. 1



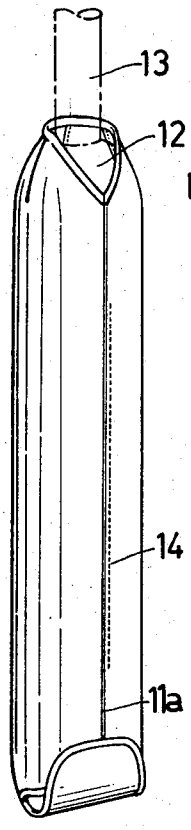
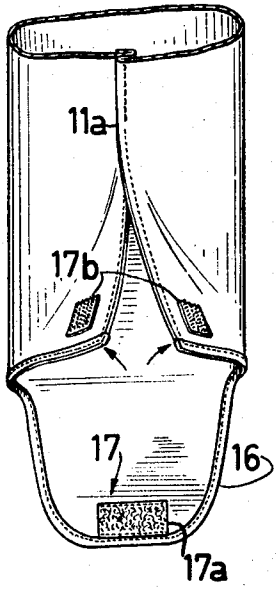


FIG. 2

FIG. 3



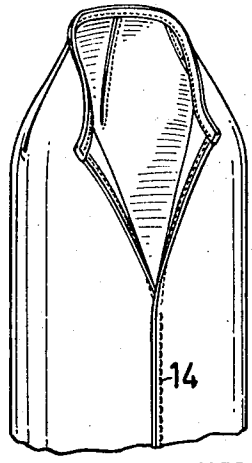


FIG. 4

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A curling broom cover consisting of a sheath of waterproof fabric proportioned to snugly fit the corn of a curling broom. One end of the sheath is shaped to form a collar which fits the upper end of the corn, and the other end of the sheath is provided with a flap which can be folded around the free end of the corn and fastened in place.

This invention relates to a curling broom cover.

Objects of the invention are to provide a curling broom cover that is inexpensive, durable, and which can easily be attached to and removed from the corn of a curling broom.

The curling broom cover is preferably formed from a single piece of fabric having a rubberized or plasticized interior surface which renders it waterproof, and it is proportioned to snugly fit the corn of a curling broom. In addition, the cover is so formed that it can very easily be attached and removed. When in place, the cover reduces the tendency of the corn to dry out and also the tendency of the corn to warp. The cover protects the corn fibers against breakage and also protects car upholstery, rugs, clothing and the like against soiling when the broom is transported.

These and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following specification and drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view showing the front of a curling broom cover,

FIG. 2 is a perspective view showing the rear of the curling broom cover of FIG. 1,

FIG. 3 is a perspective view, partly broken away, showing the lower end of the cover with its flap open, and

FIG. 4 is a perspective view, partly broken away, showing the upper end of the cover.

Referring to the drawings, a curling broom cover **10** is preferably formed from a generally rectangular piece of flexible material with its longitudinal edges **11***a* partially sewed together to define a sheath **11** that is proportioned to snugly fit the corn **12** of a curling broom **13**. The sheath **11** is open at both ends.

The longitudinal edges **11***a* of the sheath **11** are joined by a central longitudinal seam **14** that extends from about one-quarter of the length of the sheath from one end to about the same distance from the other end. Thus, portions of the longitudinal edges **11***a* are left free at each end, and they define slits in the sheath extending inwardly from each end to facilitate attaching and removing the cover (FIGS. 3 and 4).

At its upper end, the sheath **11** is shaped by means of darts **15** to provide a collar that fits the upper portion of the corn **12**. FIG. 4 shows the upper end of the sheath **11** in detail.

At its lower end, the sheath **11** is provided with a flap **16** on the side of the sheath opposite from the longitudinal edges **11***a*. The flap **16** is of sufficient length that it can be folded around the bottom or free end of the corn **12** and overlap the lower end of the sheath. When folded, the flap **16** also covers part of the free lower portion of the longitudinal edges **11***a* (FIG. 2).

Fastening means is provided for removably attaching the free end of the flap **16** to the sheath **11**. A preferred form of fastener is a conventional nylon tape fastener **17** of the kind commonly used by dressmakers. The fastener **17** is composed of two basic parts. Part **17***a* consists of an entangled mat of nylon fibers, and part **17***b* consists of small loops of nylon arranged in rows. The two parts stick to each other when they are pressed together, but they can readily be pulled apart. Two small pieces of part **17***b* are sewed to the sheath **11** on both sides of the longitudinal edges **11***a*, and one piece of part **17***a*, large enough to cover both pieces of part **17***b*, is sewed to the inside surface of the flap **16**. Thus, when the flap is folded and the two parts **17***a* and **17***b* are stuck together, the free lower portions of the longitudinal edges **11***a* are retained in place.

The sheath **11** is preferably made from a piece of fabric having a rubberized or plasticized interior surface that renders it waterproof.

A small pouch or pocket **18** having a transparent window **19** can be sewed on the front of the cover for receiving an identification card **20**. If desired, a larger pocket could also be sewn on the front of the cover for storing curling gloves, etc. A longitudinal narrow fabric tube could be sewn on the edge of the cover for receiving the handle of curling brooms having detachable handles, and a small fabric handle could also be formed on the edge of the cover for carrying purposes.

The cover is installed by inserting the handle of the curling broom through the open lower end of the cover which is then slipped downwardly to completely enclose the corn. The flap **16** is then folded around the bottom or free end of the corn and fastened. To remove the cover, the flap is opened and the cover is pulled downwardly away from the corn.

It will be understood that the form of the invention herewith shown and described is a preferred example and that various modifications can be carried out without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A curling broom cover comprising:
an elongated sheath of flexible material that is proportioned to snugly fit the corn of a curling broom,
the sheath being open at both ends and having a longitudinal slit extending inwardly at each end to facilitate attaching and removing the cover,
one end of the sheath being shaped to form a collar that is adapted to fit the upper portion of the corn, the collar being adapted to permit the cover to be pulled off the free end of the corn,
a flap extending from the other end of the sheath, the flap being of sufficient length to permit it to be folded around the free end of the corn and overlap the sheath and at least a portion of the slit at said other end, and
fastening means for removably attaching the free end of the flap to the sheath.

2. A curling broom cover as claimed in claim **1** wherein the sheath is of waterproof fabric material.

3. A curling broom cover as claimed in claim **2** wherein the fastening means is a nylon tape fastener attached to the sheath on both sides of the slit at said other end and to the inside surface of the flap.

4. A curling broom cover as claimed in claim **1** wherein the sheath is formed from a single piece of material and its longitudinal edges are joined by a central longitudinal seam that extends from about one-quarter

of the length of the sheath from one end to about the same distance from the other end.

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