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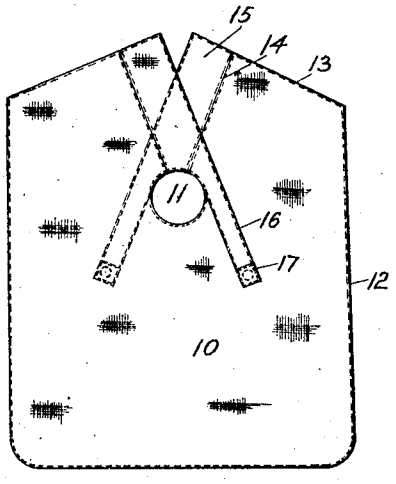


Fig. 1.

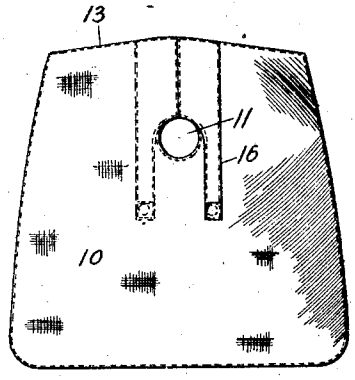


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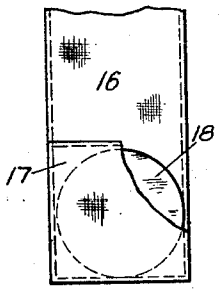


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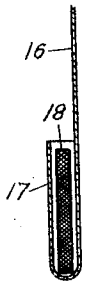


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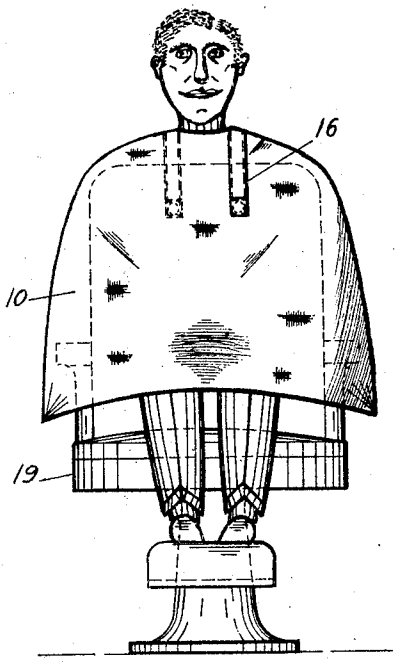


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My invention relates to aprons, and particularly to such aprons as are used by hair dressers, barbers and others for protecting the clothes and preventing hair from falling down the backs of the customers whom they are serving.

In some places it is the practice to fit such an arpon around the neck of a customer and pin it, but it often happens that the apron in this way is too tightly fastened. Again, in other places it is the practice merely to tuck the apron down around the neck, with the equally unpleasant result for the customer that the apron will work loose so that hair falls down thereunder and irritates the skin of the customer.

It is an object of this invention to provide an apron which is adjustable to fit snugly around the neck of a customer so as to prevent the cut hair from working itself under the clothing and next to the skin and thereby irritating the customer, while at the same time the apron is adapted to remain in the adjusted position without causing inconvenience or discomfort to the customer.

Another object of the invention is to provide an apron which is instantly attachable and instantly removable, so that considerable time is thereby saved by a barber when he is serving his customers.

A further object is the provision of an apron having weighted depending straps positionable in front of a customer to automatically tighten and secure the apron about his neck.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will appear from the following detailed description and from the accompanying sheet of drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is an expanded plan of the apron per se; and Fig. 2 is a plan of the same showing the position the apron will assume when in use;

Fig. 3 is a front elevation of the apron as it appears when in service;

Fig. 4 is an enlarged fragmental view of the end of one of the straps showing the weight in the pocket; and Fig. 5 is a longitudinal section therethrough.

In the drawings the apron comprising my invention is indicated as a whole by the numeral 10. This apron may be made of any suitable textile fabric, such as cotton, linen, or the like, and is provided with a round opening 11 therein and also has an outer edge 12 of any suitable formation. The outer edge terminates in rearward extending edges 13, and inner edges 14 extend in oblique relation to each other to the outer edges 13 and radially from the opening 11.

To each of the inner edges 14 is stitched a portion 15 so that the portions overlap and cross each other. These portions are preferably made of the same textile fabric as the apron 10, and each of them extends forward to and beyond the opening 11 and passes the opening on the side opposite to which the portion is stitched with the respective inner edge in order to form a strap 16 on each side of the opening. On each strap 16, at the free end thereof, is sewed a pocket 17, which is adapted to hold therein a flat weight 18 of lead or any other heavy materials.

In practice, when a customer is seated in a barber's chair 19, as shown in Fig. 3, the the apron 10 is placed so that the opening 11 fits around his neck and the rearward portion of the apron having the outer edges 13 and the inner edges 14 with the attached portions 15 connected is positioned about his back. The strap 16 of one of the portions 15, which snugly conform to the shape of the neck, will then rest under the apron in front of the customer, while the other strap will also rest in front of him but on top of the apron. When the apron is thus properly adjusted, the straps will hang in virtually parallel relation to each other, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3, and the weights will thus hold the apron without undue tightness in the adjusted position and thereby prevent hair and other particles from working themselves under the apron and to the skin of the customer, so that he is free from annoying causes while the barber is rendering him his service.

It is seen from the foregoing that I have invented an apron which is of great usefulness in the barber's trade and other professions. It should also be observed that, since the weights 18 are removable from the pockets 17, the aprons of my construction can be laundered at any time and are therefore sanitary to use and far superior to rubber bibs, which, beside carrying disease germs, cause the customer to perspire and feel uncomfortable.

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

1. A protective device of the class described comprising an apron of suitable shape having a hole formed therein near one end, straps forming a part of the apron and extending inwardly from said end to and past the said hole, a pocket provided at the free end of each strap, and a removable weight adapted to be received in the said pocket.

2. A protective apron made of a textile fabric provided with an opening therein and having an outer edge; inner edges extending to the outer edge from the opening; and overlapping portions connected with the inner edges and normally crossing each other and extending forward to and beyond the opening and passing the opening on sides opposite to which the respective portions are connected in order to form a strap on each side of the opening, as and for the purpose set forth.

3. A protective apron made of a textile fabric provided with an opening therein and having an outer edge; inner edges extending to the outer edge from the opening; overlapping portions connected with the inner edges and extending to and beyond the opening in order to form a strap on each side of the opening; and a pocket in each strap at the free end thereof, as, and for the purpose, set forth.

4. A protective apron made of a textile fabric provided with an opening therein and having an outer edge; inner edges extending in oblique relation to each other to the outer edge from the opening; and overlapping portions connected with the inner edges and normally crossing each other and extending forward to and beyond the opening and passing the opening on sides opposite to which the respective portions are connected in order to form a strap on each side of the opening, as, and for the purpose, set forth.

5. A protective apron made of a textile fabric provided with an opening therein and having an outer edge; inner edges extending in oblique relation to each other to the outer edge from the opening; overlapping portions connected with the inner edges and normally crossing each other and extending to and beyond the opening in order to form a strap on each side of the opening; and a pocket in each strap at the free end thereof, as, and for the purpose, set forth.

6. A protective apron made of a textile fabric provided with a round opening therein and having an outer edge; inner edges extending in oblique relation to each other to the outer edge radially from the opening; and overlapping portions connected with the inner edges and normally crossing each other and extending forward to and beyond the opening and passing the opening on sides opposite to which the respective portions are connected in order to form a strap on each side of the opening, as, and for the purpose, set forth.

7. A protective apron made of a textile fabric provided with a round opening therein and having an outer edge; inner edges extending in oblique relation to each other to the outer edge radially from the opening; overlapping portions connected with the inner edges and normally crossing each other and extending to and beyond the opening in order to form a strap on each side of the opening; and a pocket in each strap at the free end thereof, as, and for the purpose, set forth.

8. A protective apron made of a textile fabric provided with a round opening therein and having an outer edge; inner edges extending in oblique relation to each other radially from the opening; overlapping portions connected with the inner edges and normally crossing each other and extending to and beyond the opening in order to form a strap on each side of the opening; and a weight supported by each strap at the free end thereof, as, and for the purpose, set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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