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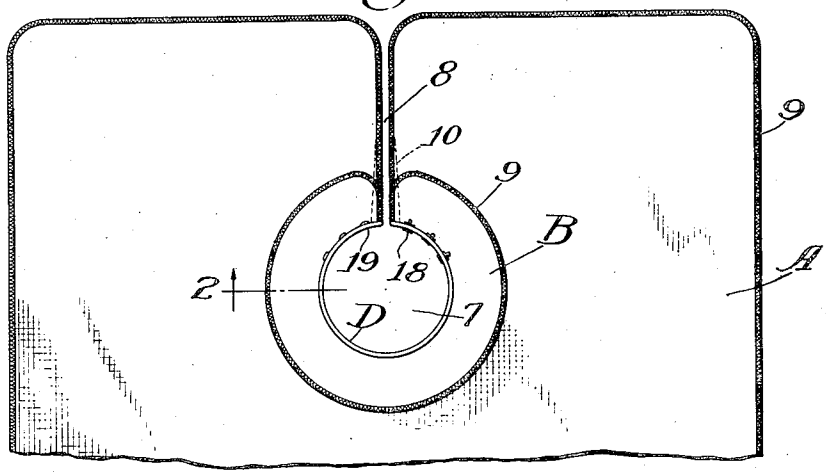

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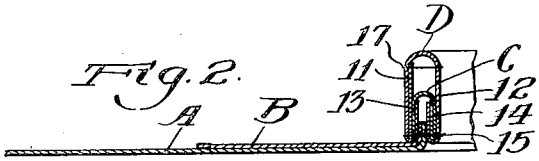

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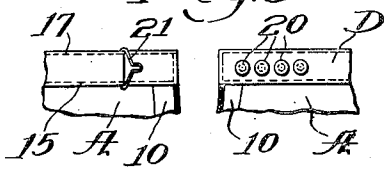

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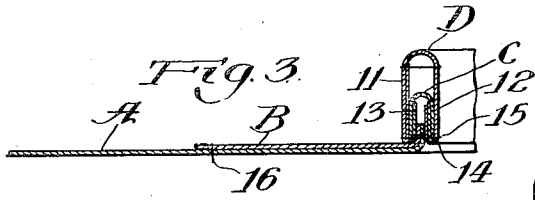

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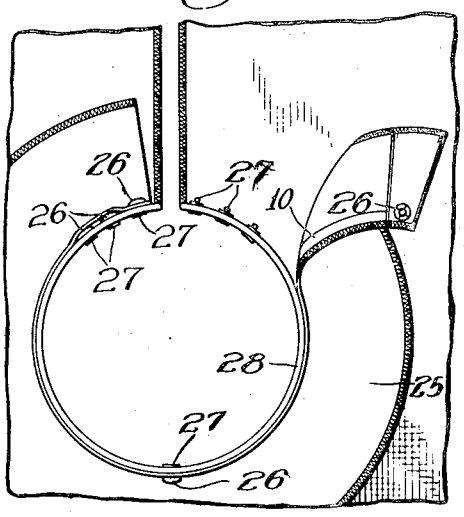

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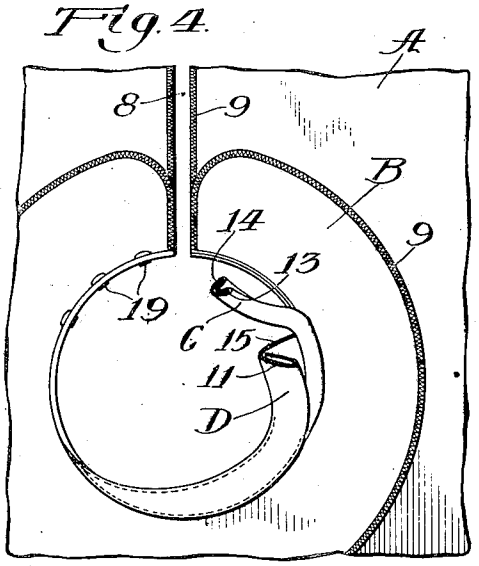

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This invention relates particularly to waterproof capes adapted for use in beauty parlors, barber shops, and the like, to protect the clothing of a customer while being given a hair treatment.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a water-proof cape having an improved and adjustable collar which is easy to make, flexible and adapted to fit snugly around the neck of the wearer.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved neck-yoke which may be removably secured to the collar, or may have its inner and outer edge portions stitched securely to the body portion of the garment.

The invention is illustrated in a preferred embodiment in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a broken plan view of a garment embodying the invention; Fig. 2, a sectional view taken as indicated at line 2 of Fig. 1; Fig. 3 is a sectional view, similar to Fig. 2, showing a modification in which the neck-yoke is stitched to the body portion of the garment; Fig. 4 is a broken plan view showing a portion of the collar opened up; Fig. 5 is a fragmentary view showing one form of fastener for connecting the ends of the collar; and Fig. 6 is a broken plan view of a modification in which the neck-yoke is releasably connected to the collar by means of snap fasteners.

In the embodiment illustrated, A designates a body fabric, B a neck-yoke, C, a binding piece, and D a collar band.

As indicated in Fig. 1, the body fabric A may be of rectangular form and is provided with a neck-opening 7 which opens to the edge of the garment by means of a slit 8. The neck-yoke B may be in the form of a wide band shaped to conform to the neck-opening. Preferably, the members A and B are made of a thin fabric which has been water-proofed by means of a special process well known in the art. Also, in order to improve the appearance and protect the edge portions of the fabrics, the members A and B have their edges bound with a thread as indicated at 9. It has been found desirable to provide a reenforcing fabric 10, as indicated in Figs. 1 and 5 which is held in position by the binding 9 and protects the garment against tearing from careless handling.

The improved collar is formed by bending a binding piece C, which may or may not be made of water-proof material, into U-form by doubling back the edge portions towards the inside of the piece. The member D should be of water-proof material and is also of U-form having its outer leg 11 formed by doubling back the edge portion towards the inside of the band, and having its inner leg 12 doubled back around the inner leg of the binding piece C, as indicated in Fig. 2. Thus, it will be seen that the outer leg 11 of D is in juxtaposition to the outer leg 13 of the binding piece C while the inner leg 12 of the collar band embraces the inner leg 14 of the binding piece. Both of the U-shaped members embrace the marginal edge portion of the body fabric A at the neck-opening and a single line of stitching 15 will sew the eight thicknesses of fabric forming the collar to the body portion. If desired, the yoke may also be secured in position by the same line of stitching as indicated in Figs. 2 and 3.

The neck-yoke B provides a double thickness of material at the portion of the garment which is subjected to the heaviest wear and is the first part of the garment to wear out. The outer edge of the yoke may be stitched down as indicated at 16 but, in any case, the yoke may be cut off after it has served its period of usefulness, without injury to the rest of the garment. Preferably, the upper portion of the member D is provided with a line of stitching 17 which sews the double thickness of the leg 11 to the single thickness of the leg 12. This helps to hold the collar in an upright position and still provides a snug and flexible band. As shown in Figs. 1 and 4, the ends of the collar are provided with male buttons 18 which may engage the female openings 19.

As shown in Fig. 5, another form of fastening may be used which comprises studs 20 which are adapted to be engaged by a spring wire loop 21.

In the modification shown in Fig. 6, the neck-yoke 25 is provided with female buttons 26 which are adapted to engage some studs 27 provided on the collar 28. By this arrangement the yoke 25, after being worn out, may be removed and replaced by a new unit. The same type of fasteners may be used to hold the yoke in position that are used to connect the ends of the collar.

The foregoing detailed description is given for clearness of understanding only and no unnecessary limitations should be understood therefrom but the appended claims should be construed as broadly as possible in view of the prior art.

I claim:

1. A fabric garment of the character set forth, comprising: a body portion provided with a cut-out neck-opening and a slit extending from said neck-opening to the edge of the body portion; a collar comprising a U-shaped binding piece having its edge portions doubled back toward the

inside of the piece, and a U-shaped collar band having its edge portions doubled back towards the inside of the band, said collar band embracing said binding piece with its outer leg in juxtaposition to the outer leg of the binding piece, and the free edge of the inner leg doubled back around the inner leg of the binding piece, both of the U-shaped members embracing the marginal edge of the body portion at the neck-opening and being stitched thereto; and fasteners on said collar for releasably connecting the ends thereof.

2. A garment of the character set forth, comprising: a body portion provided with a cut-out neck-opening and a slit extending from said neck-opening to the edge of said body portion; a neck-yoke provided around said neck-opening; and a collar comprising a U-shaped binding piece having its edge portions doubled back towards the inside of the piece, and a U-shaped collar band having its edge portions doubled back towards the inside of the band, said collar band embracing said binding piece with its outer leg in juxtaposition to the outer leg of the binding piece, and the free edge of the inner leg doubled back around the inner leg of the binding piece, both of the U-shaped members embracing the marginal edge of the body portion at the neck-opening and being stitched thereto; and fasteners on said collar for releasably connecting the ends thereof.

3. A garment as specified in claim 2, in which the neck-yoke is releasably connected to said collar by snap fasteners.

4. A garment as specified in claim 2, in which the inner edge of the neck-yoke is in juxtaposition to the edge of the body portion at the neck-opening and is embraced by both of the U-shaped members and is stitched thereto, and the U-shaped collar band has its legs stitched together above the binding piece.

5. A water-proof cape for the purpose set forth, comprising: a body fabric provided with a cut-out neck-opening slit to the edge of the garment; a neck-yoke in the form of a wide marginal band for said neck-opening, the outer edge of said yoke being stitched to the body fabric and the inner edge in juxtaposition to the edge of the body fabric at said neck-opening; a collar comprising a U-shaped binding piece having its edge portions doubled back towards the inside of the piece, and a U-shaped collar band having its edge portions doubled back towards the inside of the band, said collar band embracing said binding piece with its outer leg in juxtaposition to the outer leg of the binding piece, and the free edge of the inner leg doubled back around the inner leg of the binding piece, both of the U-shaped members embracing the marginal edge of the body portion at the neck-opening and the inner edge of said neck-yoke and secured thereto by a line of stitching; and snap fasteners on said collar for adjustably connecting the ends thereof.

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