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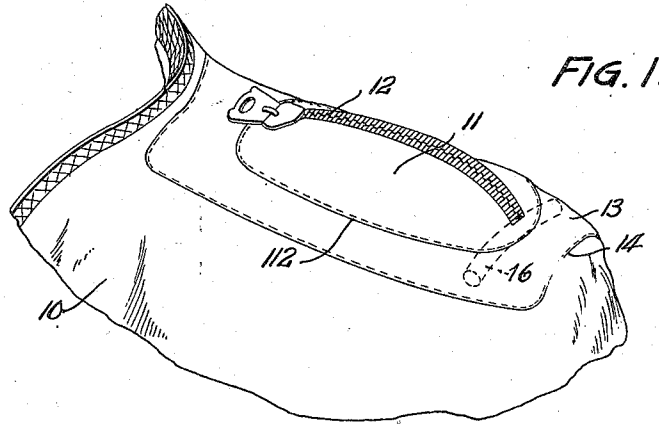


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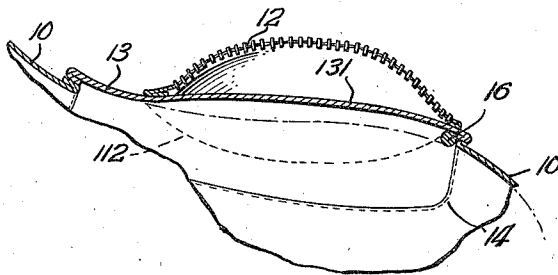


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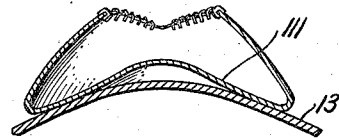


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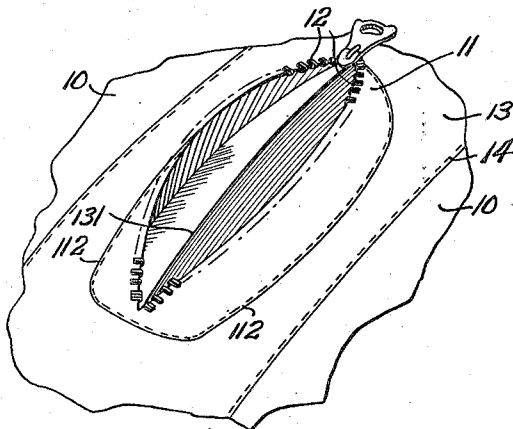


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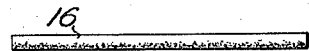
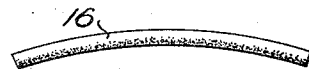


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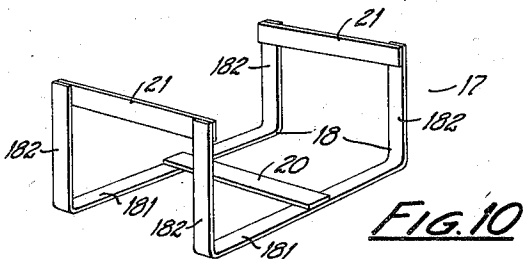
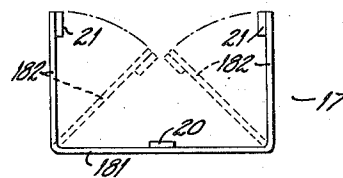
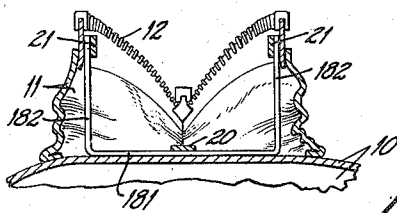
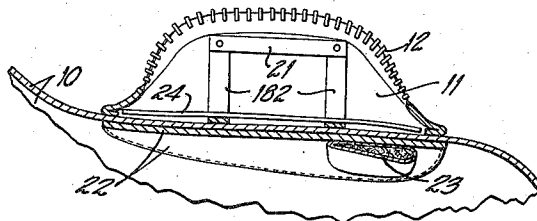
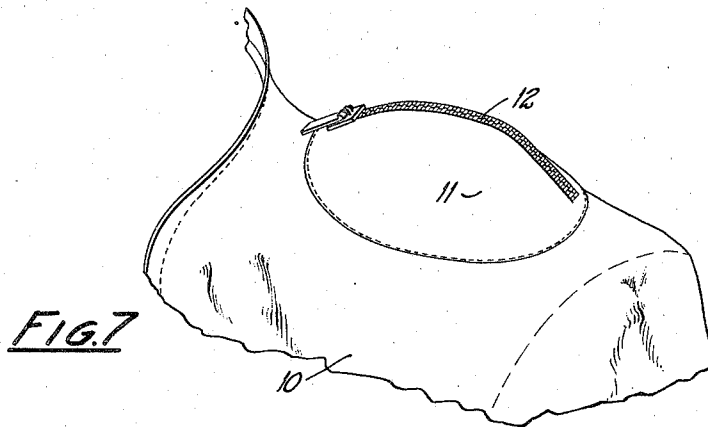
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My invention more particularly relates to a shampoo apron provided with means for the convenient reception of hair pins and the like.

When giving a patron a shampoo, the hair dresser usually, after placing a shampoo apron in position over the shoulder and around the neck of the patron, first takes down the hair, gives the shampoo and then usually gives a finger wave or dries the hair. When the hair is taken down, the hair pins are removed therefrom and afterwards the pins are again placed in the hair, and in case of a finger wave metal curlers may also be used. It has been a source of annoyance both to the hair dresser carrying out the foregoing operations and to the patron that there has been no convenient place to deposit hair pins and the like and from which they may conveniently be removed. It has been attempted to overcome this difficulty by suitably folding a towel and placing it on the shoulder of the patron as a seat for a box. Obviously, any movement of the patron is likely to result in overturning the box and scattering the contents.

The more usual procedure is to place a box on a nearby support. Such support, however, usually is not readily accessible and the hair dresser is compelled to reach further than he comfortably can for the pins and curlers to his own discomfort and loss of time and frequently to the annoyance of the patron.

In accordance with my invention, a receptacle, preferably in the form of a pocket, is permanently attached to the shoulder of the apron where the hair pins and metal curlers and any other necessary utensils may conveniently be deposited and from which they may readily be removed.

My present application is a continuation in part of my application Serial Number 51,624 which was filed in the United States Patent Office on or about November 26, 1935.

My invention will best be understood by reference to the accompanying drawings in which I have illustrated a preferred embodiment thereof and in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of one of the shoulder portions of a shampoo apron showing a receptacle in the form of a pocket permanently attached thereto;

Fig. 2 is a vertical section;

Fig. 3 is a perspective view from above showing the pocket open;

Fig. 4 is a vertical section through the shoulder portions of Figs. 1, 2 and 3;

Fig. 5 is a plan view of a member for raising the outer portion of the shoulder;

Fig. 6 is a side view of the member shown in Fig. 5;

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of a modified form of pocket generally similar to Fig. 1 when in the closed position, as illustrated;

Fig. 8 is a central longitudinal section through the pocket in open position and through the adjacent portion of the apron;

Fig. 9 is a transverse section through the pocket;

Fig. 10 is a perspective view of the frame which is secured within the pocket, and

Fig. 11 illustrates the manner in which the sides of the frame are bent inwardly when the pocket is closed.

Like reference characters indicate like parts throughout the drawings.

Referring to the drawings, 10 is a shampoo apron, the upper portion only thereof being illustrated, as my invention is confined to the shoulder portion of the apron. To the uppermost part of the shoulder portion is secured a separate receptacle, preferably in the form of a pocket 11, which may conveniently be closed by a zipper 12 or by any other desired closing means.

I preferably provide an insert 13 for the upper part of the shoulder portion and which extends longitudinally along the same and is sewed to the shoulder portion as at 14. The insert provides a certain amount of fullness for the portion of the apron to which the pocket is attached, and which relieves the pocket of the strain to which it would be subjected in case it were sewed directly to the apron. It will be evident from inspection of Fig. 4 that the insert 13 provides a certain fullness in the pocket, which may conveniently be formed of a single piece of fabric a portion of which forms the bottom of the pocket as at 111 (see Fig. 4), and which is sewed along the edges thereof as at 112 to the insert 13. The pocket is preferably folded upwardly at its middle portion somewhat before it is sewed to the insert so that when a strain is exerted on the shoulder portion of the apron due to its weight, the strain is taken up by the insert rather than by the pocket. Furthermore, the pocket is sewed to the insert on either side of the uppermost line of the shoulder thus providing a recess in the pocket between the inner flap and the outer flap as indicated in Fig. 2 where 131 indicates the uppermost portion or line of the insert, the sides of the pocket being

sewed to the insert as at 112 on opposite sides of the line along the uppermost portion of the shoulder.

In order to bring the pocket up to a substantially level position, the outer portion of the shoulder is preferably raised as by securing to the under portion of the shoulder of the apron at the outer portion thereof a flexible member 16 which extends over the shoulder portion, and which raises said outer portion to a level substantially the same as that of the inner portion of the shoulder thereby eliminating any tendency for the utensils to fall from the pocket. Such member may be in the form of a roll of cotton batting, a piece of rope, or other device which may be in the form of padding.

In the form of my invention illustrated in Figs. 7 to 11, means are provided for maintaining the pocket in extended position when in open position in order to render the contents thereof more readily accessible. In this form of my invention, a frame indicated generally at 17 is positioned within the pocket. The frame is formed of metal or other desired material and preferably comprises two inverted U-shaped plates 18 the bottom portions 181 of which extend across the bottom of the pocket and ends 182 of which extend upwardly along the inner sides of the pocket and are preferably secured at their upper ends to the pocket as by sewing, or in any other desired manner. It will be understood, however, that the upwardly extending ends of the frame 17 are also provided at the bottom portion with a connecting plate 20 and the upper portions of the ends 182 of the frame with connecting members 21. The upwardly extending ends 182 of the frame are of a length to reach approximately to the top of the pocket. The connecting plates 21 which engage the upper inner portions of the pockets serve, therefore, not only to strengthen the frame but also to prevent the collapse of the upper edges of the pockets. The bottom connecting member 20 of the frame may likewise be secured to the bottom of the pockets in any suitable manner. To the underside of the shoulder portion of the apron is preferably secured a re-inforcing piece of fabric or other suitable material 22 as by sewing to which is secured beneath the outer portion of the shoulder portion a pad 22 of flexible and yielding material for the purpose of raising the outer portion of the pocket. An insert 24 of fabric or the like is preferably laid over the frame 17 in the bottom of the pocket.

The pocket illustrated in Figs. 7 to 11 may likewise be closed by a zipper 12 which may be of the same character previously described.

Fig. 11 illustrates the manner in which the upwardly extending ends of the frame are bent inwardly when the pocket is closed.

It will be evident that the pocket on one shoulder may be used for one kind of utensils, such as hair pins and that the one on the other may be used for metal hair curlers, if desired. It will also be evident that the pockets provide a receptacle in the most convenient position for the reception of hair pins and the like and for the removal of the same in the operation of taking down and putting up the hair of the patron.

While I have described my invention in its preferred embodiment, it is to be understood that the words which I have used are words of description and not of limitation. Hence, changes within the purview of the appended claims may be made without departing from the true scope and spirit of my invention in its broader aspects.

What I claim is:

1. A shampoo apron comprising a shoulder portion, means for raising the outer portion of said shoulder portion, and a receptacle secured to the upper side of said shoulder portion.

2. A shampoo apron comprising a shoulder portion, a flexible member secured beneath the outer portion of said shoulder portion and adapted to extend over the shoulder of the user, thereby raising the outer portion of said shoulder portion, and a receptacle secured on the upper side of said shoulder portion.

3. A shampoo apron comprising a shoulder portion provided with an insert extending longitudinally of said shoulder portion, means for raising the outer portion of said shoulder portion, and a pocket secured to the upper side of said insert.

4. In combination, a shampoo apron comprising a shoulder portion, a pocket provided with an opening and formed of flexible material secured to said shoulder portion, means for closing the opening in said pocket, and a frame fitted within said pocket and engageable with the walls of said pocket on the inner sides thereof and biased normally to hold the side walls of said pocket in extended position.

5. In combination, a shampoo apron comprising a shoulder portion, a pocket provided with an opening and formed of flexible material secured to said shoulder portion, and a frame comprising a plurality of U-shaped members extending transversely across said pocket, the ends of said members extending upwardly along the inner walls of said pocket and biased normally to hold the side walls thereof in extended position whereby ready access is afforded to the interior of said pocket.

6. In combination, a shampoo apron comprising a shoulder portion, a pocket provided with an opening and formed of flexible material secured to said shoulder portion, and a frame comprising a plurality of U-shaped members extending transversely across said pocket the ends of said members extending upwardly within said pocket and second members mounted adjacent to the upper portions of said ends and extending longitudinally of said pocket, said second members being engageable with the upper portion of the side walls of said pocket, said upwardly extending ends of said members being biased to hold said longitudinally extending members against the side walls of the respective side walls of said pockets and thereby hold said walls in extended position, thereby affording ready access to the interior of said pocket when in open position.

7. In combination, a shampoo apron, a pocket for hair pins, hair curlers and the like secured to the upper side of said shoulder portion, and means associated with said pocket for closing the same.

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