The main objects of this invention are:

First, to provide a combined barber’s towel and neck-cloth which is very economical, so that it is practical to use it as a neck cloth only once, there-
5 after dividing into sections and using one section as a washcloth and the other as a drying towel.

Second, to provide a paper neck cloth for bar-
ber’s use which may be easily and comfortably ad-
justed to the customer and effectively protects the
neck of the customer from the hair-cloth, and
which is in full compliance with regulations
requiring the use of a fresh neck-cloth for each
customer.

Objects pertaining to details and economies of
my invention will definitely appear from the de-
cRIPTION TO FOLLOW. The invention is defined in
the claims.

A device embodying the features of my inven-
tion is clearly illustrated in the accompanying
drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view illustrating my im-
proved combined neck-cloth and towel adjusted
or positioned as in use.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of my improved barber’s
towel and neck-cloth.

Fig. 3 is a very perspective view illustrating the position of the parts when adjusted
upon a person.

In the accompanying drawing 1 represents the
hair-cloth or apron commonly employed by bar-
ers. In the regulations covering barbers’ prac-
tice, for example in the State of Michigan, one
condition or requirement is that a fresh neck-
cloth shall be used for each customer, the object
being to protect the customer so that no portion
of the hair-cloth shall come in contact with the
flesh, particularly at the neck, thereby minimizing
the transmission of disease. It is quite common
practice to employ a small towel for this purpose,
but such practice entails considerable expense,
not only in the number of towels required but in high
lavendering cost resulting from the requirement
that a neck-cloth may be used on only one
person. Relatively narrow strips of paper have
been employed for this purpose but they are un-
satisfactory in that they do not stay in position and the object which are designed to accom-
plish is not attained thereby.

My improved combined neck-cloth and towel 2
is formed of paper, preferably a stock that will
permit its being used as a washcloth, that is, which will not promptly disintegrate when dipped
into water. It is also preferably formed of a stock
having a nap on one side to increase its absorbent
capacity when used as a towel. I have not at-
tempted to illustrate the character of the stock.

This towel or neck-cloth 2 has a transverse slit
3 extending from one edge thereof, this slit being
preferably Y-shaped, its branches 4 terminating
in round openings 5 adjacent to but spaced from
the opposite edge. This slit permits the adjust-
ment of the towel about the neck and shoulders of
the customer as indicated in Figs. 1 and 3 with
the upstanding collar-like portion 6 about the
neck. The edges are secured together with a pin
as indicated at 7. The Y-shaped flap 8 formed by
the branches of the slit extends forwardly under
the chin of the wearer so that the hair-cloth 1
may be adjusted around the outside of this collar
or neck-embracing portion of the neck-cloth.

This, it will be observed, affords complete pro-
tection for the neck of the wearer. The notch-
like opening 9 at the front coming below the chin
adds very materially to the comfort of the wearer.

When the hair-cutting is completed the slit fa-
cilitates the severing of the neck-cloth into two
portions, one of which may be used as a washcloth
and the other as a drying towel.

The towel may be formed of a sheet of suitable
dimensions, twelve by twenty-four inches being
quite satisfactory. The length of the slit is pref-
erably two-thirds or three-fourths the width of
the sheet.

The use of my improved neck-cloth and towel
enables the compliance with regulations such as
I have referred to in comparatively slight cost.

Having thus described my invention what I
claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Pat-
ent is:

1. A combined barber’s towel and neck-cloth
comprising a sheet of paper having a Y-shaped
slit extending from one edge thereof with the
branches of the slit terminating in round open-
ings adjacent but in spaced relation to the oppo-
site edge, the slit permitting the adjustment of
the towel about the neck with the V portion
formed by the branches of the slit at the throat,
the slit facilitating the tearing of the towel into
sections.

2. A combined barber’s towel and neck-cloth
comprising a sheet of paper having a Y-shaped
slit extending from one edge thereof with the
branches of the slit terminating in round open-
ings in spaced relation to the opposite edge, the slit per-
mitting the adjustment of the towel about the neck
with the V portion formed by the branches of
the slit at the throat.

3. A shield adapted to be placed about the neck
of a barber’s patron to prevent the hair cloth from
touching the skin of the patron and comprising
an oblong rectangular blank having a central
slit extending from the rear edge thereof and join-
ing diverging cuts which terminate in round open-
ings providing a recess at the front for the pa-
tron’s throat and a flap extending forwardly from
said recess and under the patron’s chin for pre-
venting the hair cloth from touching the latter.

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