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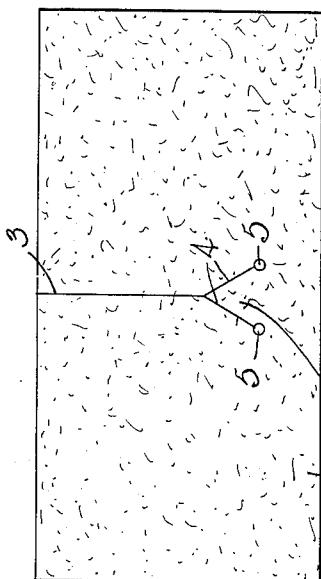


Fig. 2

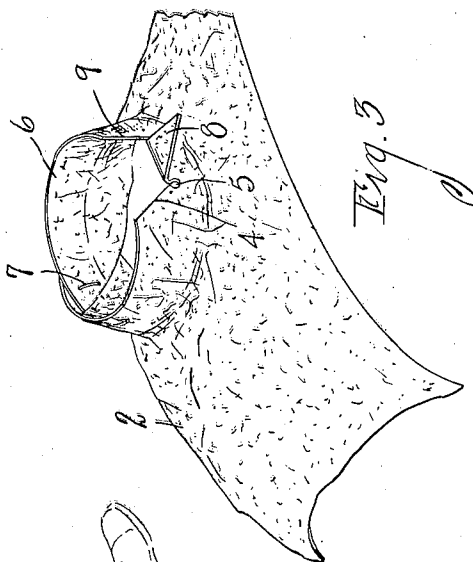


Fig. 3

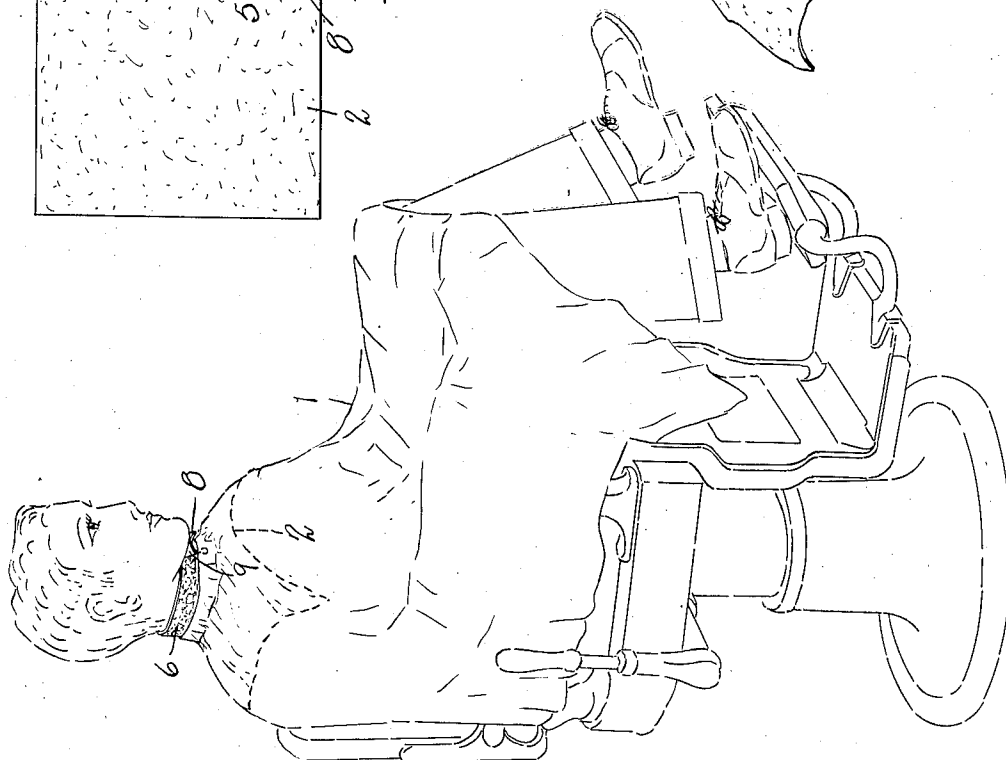


Fig. 1

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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 barber's use which may be easily and comfortably adjusted to the customer and effectively protects the
10 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 description to follow. The invention is defined in the
15 claims.

A device embodying the features of my invention is clearly illustrated in the accompanying
20 drawing, in which:

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

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

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

In the accompanying drawing 1 represents the
30 hair-cloth or apron commonly employed by barbers. In the regulations covering barbers' practice, 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
35 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,
40 but such practice entails considerable expense, not only in the number of towels required but in high laundering cost resulting from the requirement that a neck-cloth may be used on only one person. Relatively narrow strips of paper have
45 been employed for this purpose but they are unsatisfactory in that they do not stay in position and the object which they are designed to accomplish is not attained thereby.

My improved combined neck-cloth and towel 2
50 is formed of paper, preferably a stock that will permit its being used as a wash-cloth, 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
55 capacity when used as a towel. I have not attempted 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 adjustment 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
5 neck. The edges are secured together with a pin as indicated at 7. The V-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
10 or neck-embracing portion of the neck-cloth. This, it will be observed, affords complete protection for the neck of the wearer. The notch-like opening 9 at the front coming below the chin
15 adds very materially to the comfort of the wearer.

When the hair-cutting is completed the slit facilitates 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
20 dimensions, twelve by twenty-four inches being quite satisfactory. The length of the slit is preferably two-thirds or three-fourths the width of the sheet.

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

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent 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 openings adjacent but in spaced relation to the opposite 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
35 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 adjacent but in spaced relation to the opposite 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.

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 joining diverging cuts which terminate in round openings providing a recess at the front for the patron's throat and a flap extending forwardly from said recess and under the patron's chin for preventing the hair cloth from touching the latter.

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