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BEAUTICIAN'S DEVICE FOR RETAINING A HEAD IN A PREDETERMINED POSITION

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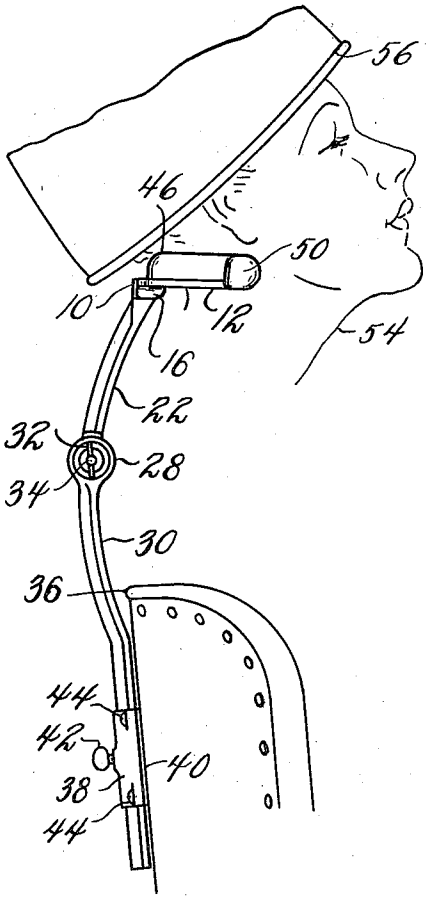


Fig. 1

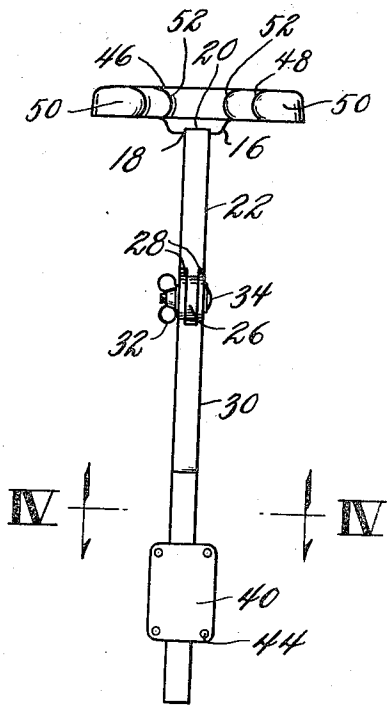


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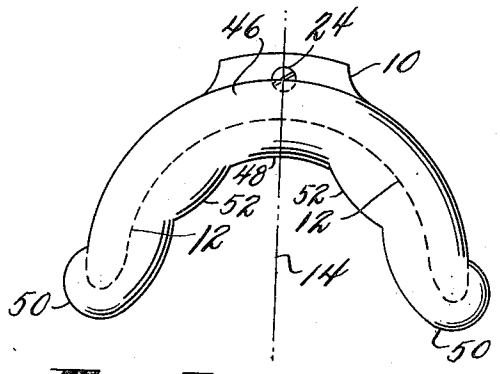


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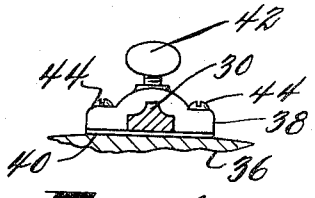


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to a resultant head support, more particularly adapted to be used in beauty parlors and the like in connection with hair dryers and other beautician's treating devices.

An object of the invention is to provide a neck rest which provides a firm yet comfortable support for the neck with the resultant maintenance of the head in a predetermined position.

Another object of this invention is to provide a readily adjustable support for the neck and head embodying a minimum of parts.

Still another object of this invention is a support which induces the patron to relax or even to sleep while a treatment is in progress.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a neck rest which may be quickly and easily placed in operation and adjusted to the patron's figure and to maintain the head in a predetermined position even should the patron fall asleep or otherwise be inclined to move the head.

In the extended use of beauty parlor equipment, it is well known many patrons become irritated and restless when forced to remain seated in a straightened position due to nerves or strained neck muscles. The device of this invention not only remedies these situations but due to the novel design of the support actually promotes relaxing even to the extent of inducing sleep.

Additionally, when used in conjunction with a dryer or other heat treatments, the patron's head is maintained against any contact with the hot metallic parts of the instruments employed.

Other objects and advantages of this invention relating to the arrangement, operation and function of the related elements of the structure, to various details of construction, to combinations of parts and to economies of manufacture, will be apparent to those skilled in the art upon consideration of the following description and appended claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification wherein like reference characters designate corresponding parts in the several views.

Referring to the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a side elevation of the invention herein illustrating a typical use thereof;

Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the device;

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the neck engaging portion of the device; and

Fig. 4 is a view on the line IV—IV, Fig. 2.

The device includes a substantially rigid U-shaped frame member or plate 10 having sym- [illegible] of prop or sup[illegible]ng between the plate and [illegible]eted by means of screw 24.

The support section 22 terminates at its lower end in plate portion 26 disposed between a pair of ears 28 as a bifurcated terminus of a second prop or support section 30. Wing nut 32 coacting with bolt 34 passing through the ears 28 and plate portion 26 provides a readily operated clamp and joint between the support sections 22, 30 to adjust the angularity therebetween and hence the tilt of the plate 10.

For a vertically adjustable mounting of this structure as to a suitable support such as a seat or chair 36, there is provided a clamp comprising a pair of plates 38, 40 between which the section 30 may slide when the bolt 42 is loosened or which may be held in a predetermined height when the bolt 42 is tightened. Screws 44 serve to mount this clamp on the selected support. The cross-sectional shape of the prop sections are general T-shaped with a complementary groove in the member 38 resulting in strength, attractiveness and ease of operation.

Mounted on the upper face of the plate 10 is resilient pad 46. This pad 46 is of a suitable grade of sponge rubber or the like such as "Air-Foam" and can be welded or attached to the plate by a cement. adhesive or a heat operation.

This pad is generally symmetrical on each side of the center line 14, covering the upper surface of the arms or extensions 12, the inner edges thereof and having a substantial extension 48 therebeyond and inwardly from the inner portion of the perimeter of the plate with terminal knobs or enlargements 50. This pad or cushion is also provided with a pair of swells or enlargements 52 intermediate the length of each extension 12 between the center line 14 and each terminus 50. These swells or protuberances bulge inwardly from the pad toward the center line.

From the showing herein, a patron 54 may move the neck and head rearwardly into this yoke or neck rest and even if the movement is more or less rapid, a full cushioning is effected, the patron being protected against any contact with the rigid parts of the device. With the patron seated on the chair 36 and having the neck and head thrown backwardly into the support, the lower rear part of the head may rest on the central portion of the pad while the enlarge-

ments 52 exert a gentle pressure against the hollows in the nape of the neck, which pressure at these points is recognized as having a soothing effect conductive to relaxing even to sleep. These enlargements are so spaced and together with the structure adjustments may be positioned to accommodate a patron regardless of stature.

With the patron in a comfortable position, treating devices such as a hair dryer 56 may be placed in operation in a fixed position as to the patron and the treatment consumated in a minimum of time as the patron refrains from undesirable movement during the process.

It is to be understood that the above detailed description of the present invention is intended to disclose an embodiment thereof to those skilled in the art, but that the invention is not to be construed as limited in its application to the details of construction and arrangement of parts illustrated in the accompanying drawings, since the invention is capable of being practiced and carried out in various ways without departing from the spirit of the invention. The language used in the specification relating to the operation and function of the elements of the invention is employed for purposes of description, and it is not intended to limit the scope of the following claim beyond the requirements of the prior art.

What is claimed and it is desired to secure by United States Letters Patent:

A head rest comprising a plate having its major face disposed in a plane providing a substantially flat surface with its perimeter defining a U-shape for the plate, a resilient pad mounted on said surface and extending beyond and about the inner edge of the plate's perimeter, the inner edge of said pad configured to provide an intermediate enlargement in the plane of the major face between the center of said plate and each terminus thereof, said enlargements adapted to provide increased pressure areas against the neck of a person whose head is resting within and on said pad, and means for mounting said plate to a support.

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