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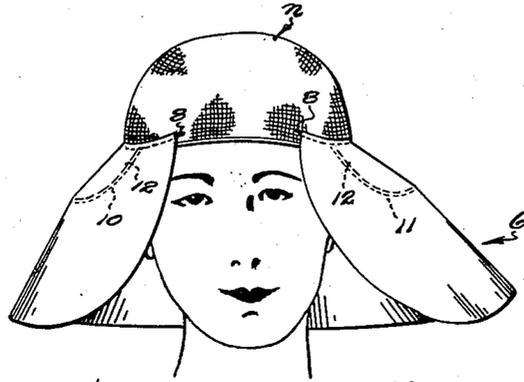


Fig. 1.

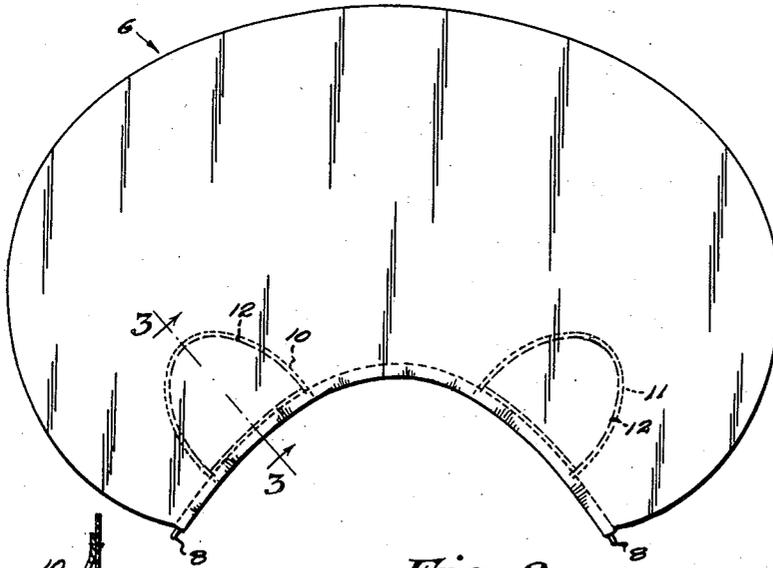


Fig. 2.

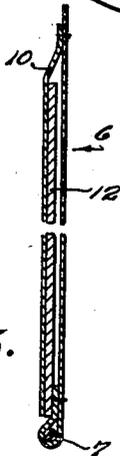


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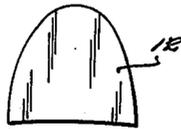


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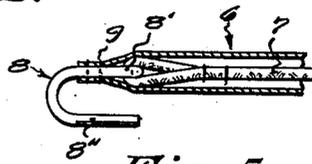


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in neck shields for the especial use of beauty parlor operators to protect the neck and also the ears of a patient while drying the hair after a finger waving operation.

The objects of the invention are to provide an especially simple and inexpensively constructed device for this purpose which will perform its protective office without in any way interfering with the drying operation, to provide a device which can be easily applied and which is most serviceable in use, to provide a shield which serves to protect the ears of the wearer against transmitted as well as direct drying heat, to provide a shield of a sanitary nature, and generally to provide a device which serves its desired end in an appreciably more efficient manner than means heretofore available.

The invention consists in the novel design of a neck shield and in the adaptation and combination of its parts as illustrated in the accompanying drawing, hereinafter fully described, and finally set forth in the appended claims.

In said drawing:

Figure 1 is a front elevational view illustrating the shield as the same is applied to the head of a wearer.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the device.

Fig. 3 is a sectional detail taken to an enlarged scale on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a plan view, to the scale of Fig. 2, representing the paper stiffener which I employ as a protector for the ear; and

Fig. 5 is a sectional view, taken to an enlarged scale, indicating the hook assembly by means of which the shield is attached to the net which overlies the hair during the drying operation.

Referring to the drawing, the shield is indicated generally by the numeral 6 and is produced from oiled silk or other suitable material cut, preferably, to a crescent shape and sewed upon itself along the concave edge, this hemmed edge threadably receiving an elastic string 7 which at each end is passed through the eye 8' of a hook 8, the hook being sewed as at 9 to the material with the bill 8'' exposed. Said hemmed concave margin of the shield, as indicated clearly in Fig. 1, is adapted to be applied from the rear of the wearer's head about the lower edge of a net received over the hair, the shield being desirably of less length than the girth of the head and being fixed in position by catching the hook bills in the net *n* at opposite sides of the wearer's forehead. While for simplicity in illustration the free convex margin of the shield is shown as smooth-edged, the device is preferably pinked along the free edge for ornamental effect.

An especial feature of my invention is the pockets 10—11 which lead downwardly from the hemmed edge, such pockets being positioned to overlie the ears when applied to the head. In these pockets I introduce inserts 12 which are cut to the shape of the pockets from any suitable material, as paper, suitably stiff in texture to cause the pockets to stand out from the head when brought over the helix part of the auricle portion of the ear, the object being to hold the material away from the concha part surrounding the auditory canal. These paper inserts, to assure a sanitary condition, are readily replaced following each drying operation.

The invention should be clear from the foregoing description taken in connection with the preferred embodiment illustrated in the drawing. It is my intention that no limitations be implied and that the following claims be given a scope in their interpretation commensurate with the state to which I have advanced the art.

What I claim is:

1. In a neck shield for use with a net when drying the hair, a crescent-shaped member of oiled silk or equivalent material having its concave edge hemmed and fitted with an elastic string, hooks engaging the elastic string and sewed to the ends of the concave edge of the shield for holding the latter in position over the neck and ears by the act of catching the hooks in the net, the shield being provided with pockets opening toward said concave edge and positioned to overlie the ears of the wearer in use, said pockets operating to receive paper stiffeners to cause the shield to stand out from the sides of the head.

2. In a neck shield for use with a net when drying the hair, a crescent-shaped member of oiled silk or equivalent material having its concave edge terminally fitted with hooks for holding the shield in position over the neck and ears of the wearer by the act of catching the hooks in the net, the shield being provided with pockets positioned to overlie the ears in use and operating to receive paper stiffeners to cause the shield to stand out from the sides of the head.

3. In a shield for protecting the neck and ears in a hair-drying operation, a member of oiled silk or equivalent material having an upper marginal edge arranged to engage about the head with the body proper overlying the ears and neck of the wearer, the shield being provided with pockets positioned to overlie the ears of the wearer in use and operating to receive paper stiffeners to cause the shield to stand out from the sides of the head.

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