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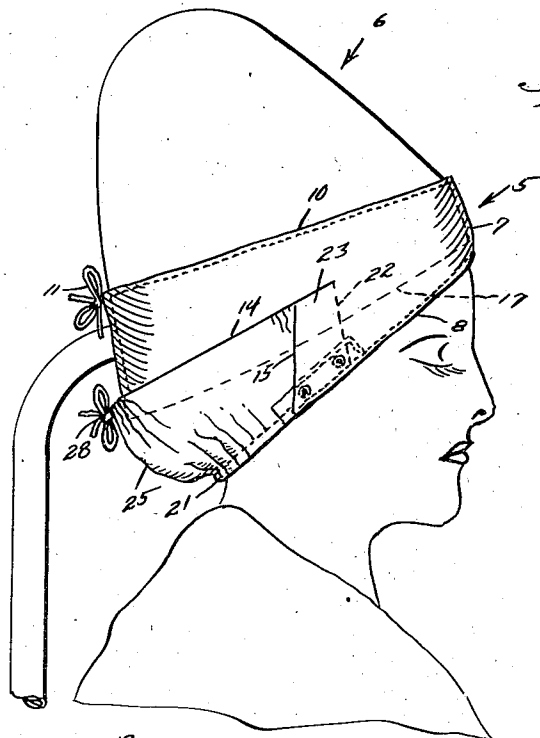
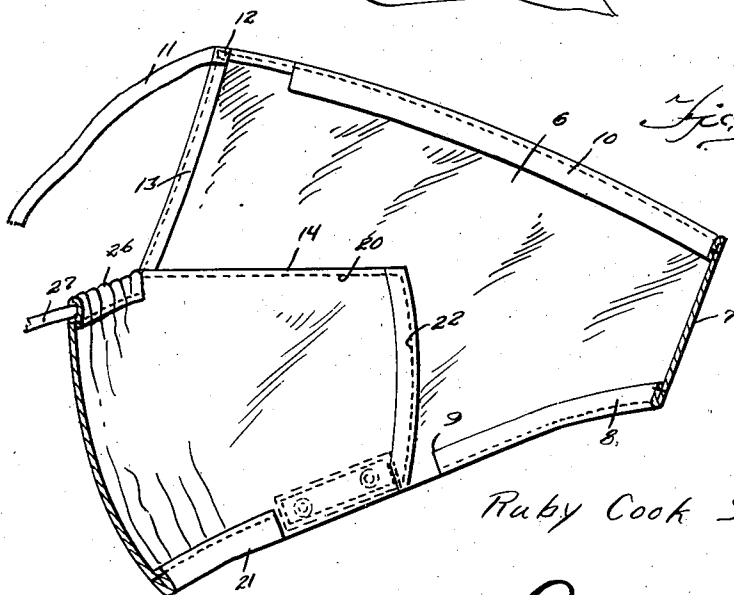
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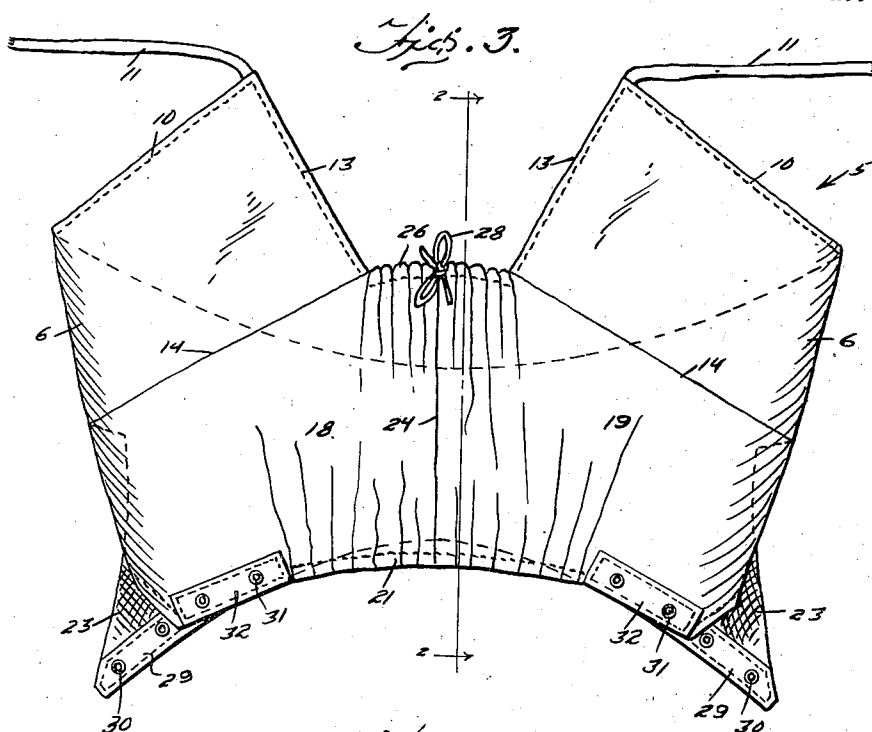
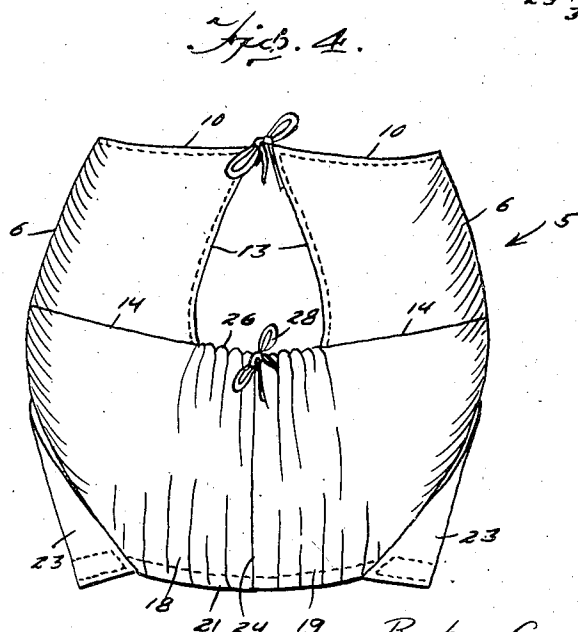
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My invention relates to improvements in protective devices for use on the hoods of hot air hair driers, and the primary object of my invention is to provide a comfortable arrangement of this character which protects the face and eyes of the subject from hot air while muffling the normal sound of the drier when in operation, and which at the same time permits a lower drying temperature and a shorter drying period.

Other important objects and advantages of my invention will be apparent from a reading of the following description taken in connection with the appended drawings, wherein for purposes of illustration I have shown a preferred embodiment of my invention.

In the drawings:

Figure 1 is a general side elevational view showing the device in operative relation to the hood of a hot air drier and in protective relation to the head of the subject.

Figure 2 is a general transverse vertical sectional view taken through Figure 3 along the line 2-2 and looking in the direction of the arrows.

Figure 3 is an opened up rear elevational view.

Figure 4 is a closed up rear elevational view.

Referring in detail to the drawings, the numeral 5 generally designates the device of the present invention which is preferably although not necessarily made of a superior quality of glazed chintz and comprises a pair of similar generally triangular truncated side sheets 6 which are joined together at their truncated front ends as indicated by the numeral 7, the lower edge of the forepart of the resulting formation being hemmed as indicated by the numeral 8 as far back on each side as the point 8, the upper edge being hemmed as indicated by the numeral 10, tying strings 11 being attached at the point 12 comprising the conjunction of the rear end of the upper edges of the side sheets and the rear vertical edges 13 of the said side sheets, the said rear edges 13 being hemmed as indicated.

The rear lower part of each side sheet is right angularly cut away to provide the upper horizontal edge 14 and the vertical rearwardly declining edge 15 which is hemmed.

The structure above described provides the necessary upwardly tapering contour for conformably engaging over and attaching to the lower part of the similarly tapering hair drier hood 16 in the manner indicated in Figure 1, the strings 11 being tied together so as to constrict the upper edge portions 10 around the hair drier hood 16 as indicated in Figure 1. The lower edge 17 of the hair drier 16 has depending

below it the lower edge 8 of the structure described, so that the portion of the device 5 depending below the lower edge of the drier hood lies along the side of the head of the subject below the up gathered hair and extends below the ears.

For enclosing and protecting the back of the head of the subject including the portion extending between the ears and located just above the nape of the neck, a pair of similar back sections 18 and 19, respectively, have their upper edges sewed or otherwise secured as indicated by the numeral 20 to the lower edge portions 14 of the side sheets 6 and have their hemmed lower edges 21 arranged in extension of the lower edges 8 of the said side sheets. The forward vertical edges of the sections 18 and 19 are sewed as indicated by the numeral 22 on a vertical line located forwardly of the slanting edges 15 at the opposite sides of the device, so that there result similar overlapping flaps 23 at opposite sides of the device, the said flaps overlapping on the outside of the forward part of the rear side sections 18 and 19, respectively.

The rear side section 18 and 19 are sewed together at their rear vertical edges as indicated by the numeral 24 and are gathered from their lower edges 21 so as to snugly fit the nape of the neck of the wearer as indicated in Figure 1 of the drawings while providing the desired fullness at the back as indicated by the numeral 25. The upper edges 26 of the sections 18 and 19 which are located between the rear edges 13 of the side sheets 6 and spaced therefrom as indicated in Figures 3 and 4 are provided with draw strings 27 which are to be tied together as indicated by the numeral 28 to provide the desired adjusted constriction of this portion of the device relative to the head of the wearer and relative to the drier hood 16.

The lower edges of the flaps 23 are each provided with a longitudinal strip at their lower parts thereof provided with fasteners 30 to engage fasteners 31 on a similar strip 32 attached to the outer side of the lower part of the forward portions of the respective rear sections 18 and 19. These longitudinally spaced fasteners are to be selectively engaged with each other to vary the opening of the lower part of the device and hence the snugness of the fit of the lower edge of the device relative to the head of the wearer.

Although I have shown and described herein a preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be definitely understood that I do not desire

to limit the application of the invention thereto, except as may be required by the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A protector for use with a hot air drier hood, said protector comprising a pair of side sheets attached together at their front ends, said side sheets having their rear ends spaced and disconnected from each other and provided with drawstrings on the upper part of the rear ends, said drawstrings being adapted to be tied together to constrict the upper part of said side sheets upon the lower part of the drier hood with the lower part of said side sheets depending below the drier hood, said side sheets being cut away at the lower rear part thereof to define a substantially horizontal edge elevated substantially above the lower edge of the forward part of the side sheets and a vertical free edge portion projecting downwardly and rearwardly from the forward end of said horizontal edge at a point intermediate the front and rear ends of said side sheets, a rear sheet comprising a pair of similar sections connected together at their rear ends, said sections having their upper edges connected to depend from said horizontal edges with portions of the upper edges of said sections bridging the aperture between the spaced and otherwise disconnected rear ends of said side sheets, the forward ends of said sections being unconnected with the said vertical free edge portions and disposed forwardly beyond said vertical free edge portions along the inner surfaces of said side sheets, the lower rear part of said rear sheet being gathered to conformably

engage the nape of the neck of the wearer beneath the hair.

2. A protector according to claim 1 wherein the upper part of said rear sheet is provided with adjustable gathering means to adjust the overall snugness of the protector.

3. A protector according to claim 1 wherein said vertical edge portions extend to join the lower edges of said side sheets to define flaps extending rearwardly along the outer surfaces of said sections of the rear sheet, and longitudinally adjustable fastening means for connecting the lower portions of said flaps and the underlying side sections together in greater or less overlapping relation to determine the snugness of the lower part of the protector with respect to the portions of the head and neck of the wearer engaged thereby.

4. A protector according to claim 1 wherein the said forward edges of the sections are secured to the inner surfaces of the said side sheets along a vertical line at a point substantially forwardly spaced from said vertical edge portions.

5. A protector according to claim 1 wherein the said forward edges of the sections are secured to the inner surfaces of the said side sheets along a vertical line at a point substantially forwardly spaced from said vertical edge portions, said forward edges of the sections of said rear sheet being secured to the inner surfaces of said side sheets along a vertical line at a point substantially forwardly spaced from said vertical edge portions.

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