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 BARBER'S APRON.
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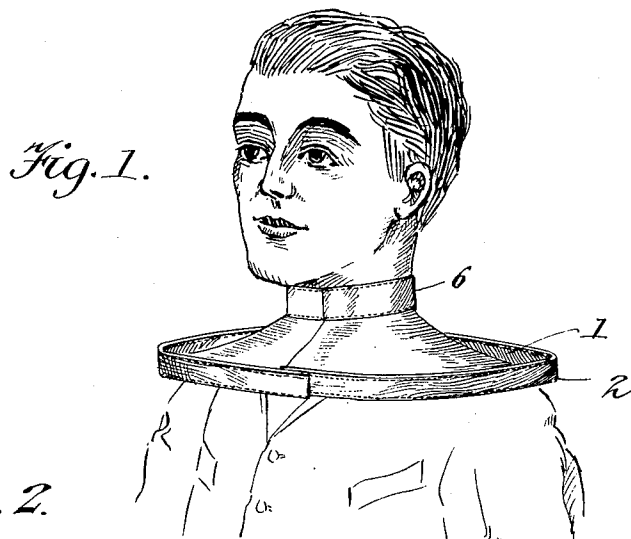


Fig. 2.

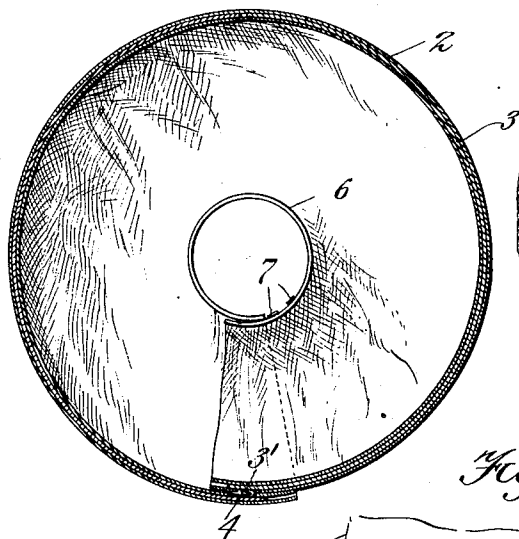


Fig. 3.

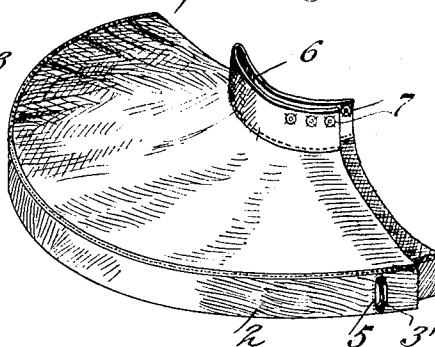
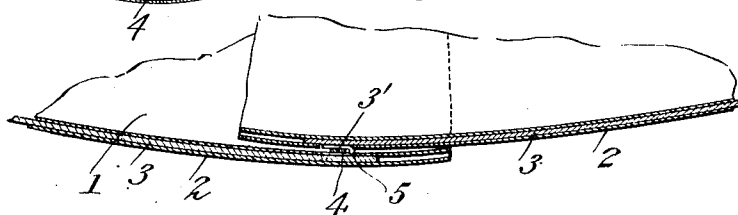


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTIS K. PARKHURST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mulvane, in the county of Sumner and State of Kansas, have invented new and useful Improvements in Barbers' Aprons, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to barbers' aprons, the object of the invention being to provide an apron applicable to any customer which will catch and hold all of the hair, and which is cool in warm weather, and enables the customer to have the free use of his arms. The apron is also admirably adapted for shampoo work and for facilitating the application of hair tonic, being also useful for a dry rub, for the reason that it catches all of the hair and prevents the same from falling to the floor and upon the clothing of the customer.

A further object of the invention is to provide an apron of such construction that while it is normally held extended in its operative position, it may be readily folded; furthermore, the stiffening strips which hold the apron in an extended condition are adapted to be readily removed to enable the main body of the apron to be laundered.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of the barber's apron shown applied. Fig. 2 is a sectional plan view of the same, showing the manner in which the stiffening strips are held. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the apron folded. Fig. 4 is a section taken lengthwise of the rim, showing the fastening means therefor.

The barber's apron contemplated in this invention may be composed of any suitable fabric, such as canvas or oil cloth, and comprises a substantially circular body portion of a suitable size to cover the shoulders

of the customer and catch all of the hair, as it is cut from the head. The body 1 is provided along its outer marginal edge with a hem 2, in which is removably inserted a stiffener strip 3. This strip may be composed of wood, gutta percha, or any comparatively stiff yet flexible material, which will act as a rim for the apron and hold the same extended in circular form.

Under the preferred embodiment of this invention, the stiffener strip is made in two substantially semi-circular sections, meeting at the back and front and adapted to be withdrawn from the hem at the front of the apron, the extremities of the hem being left open to facilitate the removal of said strips. Secured to the front extremities of the sections of the stiffener strip are complementary fasteners 3' and 4, and in order to permit said fasteners to be placed in engagement with each other, the hem 2 is provided at a suitable point with an opening 5, through which a sufficient portion of one of the fasteners projects to enable it to be engaged with the other fastener. This construction also admits of the ready removal of both sections of the stiffener strip, when it becomes necessary to launder the apron. Along the inner margin of the body 1, there is provided an upstanding collar 6 provided with suitable complementary fasteners 7, by which the same may be drawn tightly around the neck of the customer and fastened. By dividing the stiffener strip at the back into two substantially semi-circular sections, the apron as a whole is adapted to be folded on a diametric line, thus adding to the portability of the same.

It will be observed that the apron is split or divided along a radial line to enable the same to be readily applied around the neck and over the shoulders of the customer.

What is claimed is:

A barber's apron, consisting of a radially split substantially circular piece of fabric having a hem at its outer margin and a collar at its inner margin, a circular stiffener detachably inserted in said hem and divided

into two semi-circular sections which meet
disconnectedly at one end and overlap at
the opposite end, and means for detachably
fastening the overlapping ends of the sec-
5 tions together, the stiffener as a whole caus-
ing the marginal hem to stand up from the
body of the apron.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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