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NECK BRUSH

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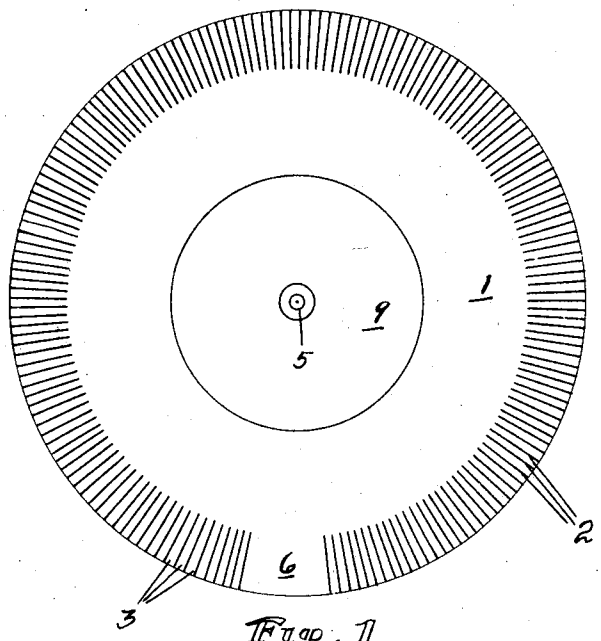


Fig. 1.

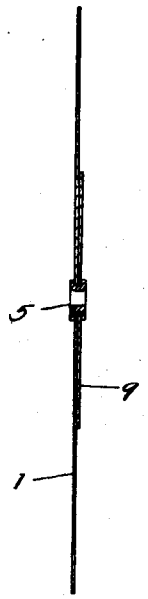


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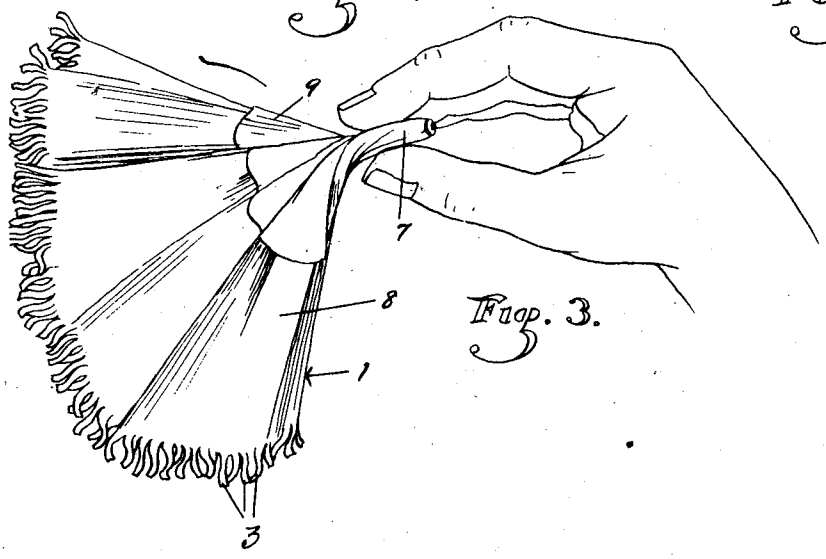


Fig. 3.

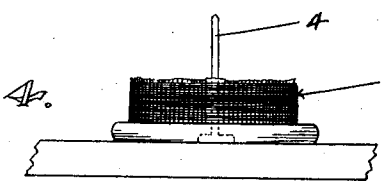


Fig. 4.

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NECK BRUSH.

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This invention resides in the provision of novel, efficacious and sanitary brush which is particularly adapted for brushing the necks of customers following the cutting or trimming of the hair.

It is the present practice to use the same neck brush on each customer and this practice is obviously unsanitary and objectionable. These brushes become soiled readily and must be frequently cleaned. Furthermore, their individual use is prohibitive inasmuch as they are usually made of long, soft hair bristles and are comparatively costly.

The brush of my invention is made of paper or other similar inexpensive fiber and is of simple and inexpensive construction consisting of a thin sheet of paper or like cheap fiber shaped so that it may be readily and easily converted into an effective neck brush and which after one use thereof, may be thrown away. These "brushes" may be put up in flat packs, for example like paper napkins, and the paper used may be of the same inexpensive kind as paper napkins are usually made of.

The napkin-like brush of my invention is constructed so that a great quantity may be stacked in a flat pack on an upright holder therefor, from which holder the brushes may be quickly and easily removed. Each brush has a lifting tab which facilitates the removal thereof from the stack and from the holder.

An object of the invention is to provide a paper neck brush of the character described which may be prepared for use by the simple expediency of grasping the central portion of the paper sheet and twisting it so that said grasped portion becomes a handle, the peripheral or edge portion of the sheet becomes the "bristles", said peripheral portion being fringed to provide the bristles.

With the above mentioned and other objects in view, the invention consists in the novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawing, and set forth in the claims hereto appended, it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of construction within the scope of the claims may be resorted to without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

Referring to the drawing:

Fig. 1 represents a top plan view of the brush of my invention before being arranged in brush form.

Fig. 2 represents a vertical sectional view of said brush.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the brush as when ready for use.

Fig. 4 is a side elevation of a stack or pack of brushes mounted on a holder therefor.

In the present embodiment of the invention the brush of my invention is made of a cheap, thin, comparatively soft paper sheet 1, cut in circular form but which may be otherwise shaped if desired. A plurality of spaced radial cuts or slits 2 are made in the sheet, from the periphery thereof, said slits being an inch or more in length and say one-eighth of an inch apart. These cuts or slits provide a peripheral fringe of paper bristles designated 3. These paper brush sheets may be stacked in a pack on an upright holder as shown at 4. Each sheet may be provided with an eyeleted opening 5 to facilitate placing it on and removing it from the holder. A wide lifting tab 6 is provided at the periphery of the sheet to permit of a quick and easy lifting of the sheets from the pack and off the holder.

To prepare a brush sheet for use it is grasped at the center and twisted as shown in Fig. 3, until the grasped central portion becomes a handle as shown at 7 and the remainder of the sheet takes the form of a pleated and resilient skirt portion 8 which at its outer end presents the bristles 3 in closely associated circular form. In this form the brush may be effectively used and after one use is thrown away. A resiliency of the paper is provided when twisted as above described and provides for brisk and vigorous use of the brush.

I may use a small reinforcing sheet 9 at the center and on one side of the main sheet, which reinforcing sheet may be of circular form as shown, or otherwise shaped, and may be held in place by the central eyelet. This reinforcing sheet provides for forming a stiffer and better handle portion and stiffens the brush as a whole, thereby permitting of the use of thin and very soft paper in the brush sheet while still providing a comparatively stiff brush which may be vigorously applied without destroying the

brush form of the device. It will be noted that the reinforcing sheet will provide a short skirt portion as well as a handle portion, which skirt portion will reinforce and stiffen the corresponding portion of the main sheet.

I claim:

1. A brush formed of a single sheet of paper having a fringed periphery and a handle formed by twisting the center portion of the sheet, the outer portion of the sheet depending from said handle with the fringed portion disposed in a closely associated form.

2. A brush formed of a single, substantially circular sheet of paper, and a handle formed by twisting the center portion of the sheet, the outer portion of the sheet depending from said handle, with the periphery of the sheet bunched whereby said periphery constitutes a brushing element.

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