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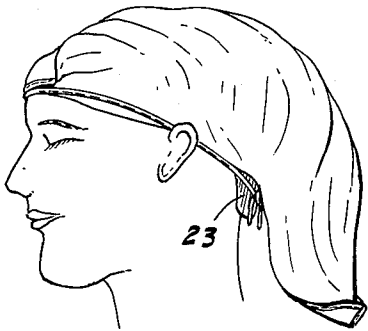


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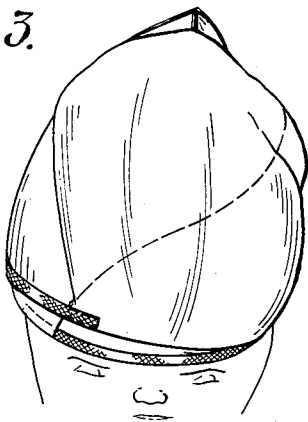


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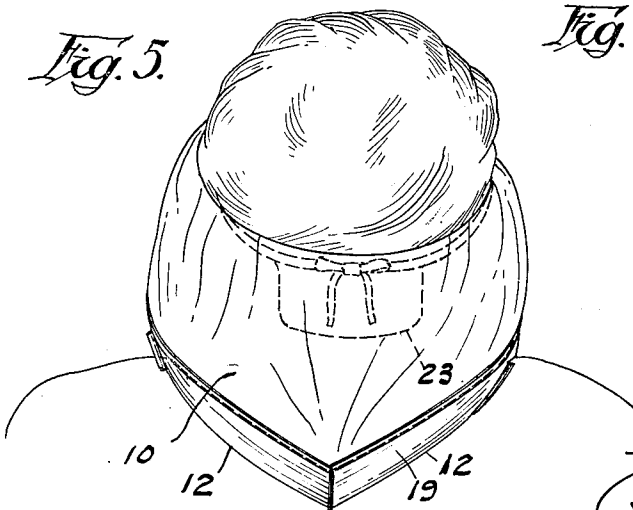


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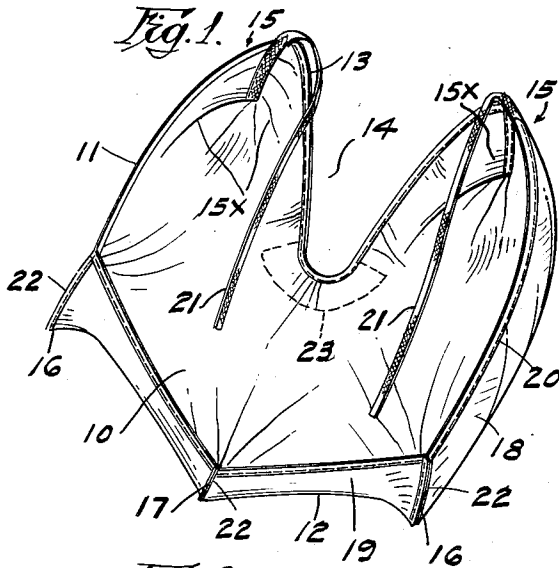


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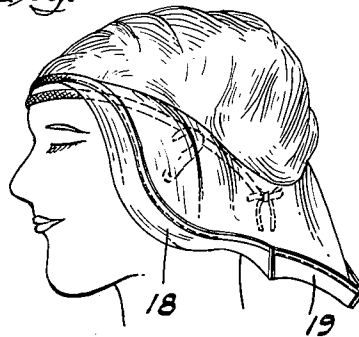
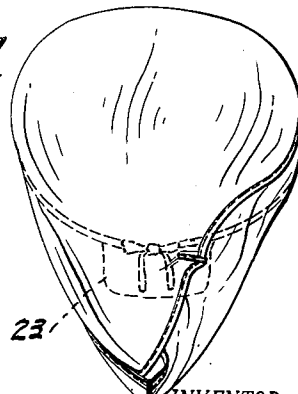


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The present invention relates to a head covering and more particularly has reference to a head covering or scalp apron for use during permanent waving processes, especially the so-called cold wave permanent.

In the cold wave method, the hair is first shampooed and then rolled upon the customary curlers. The cold wave solution is next applied to the hair and a neutralizer is thereafter freely used, with the patron sitting in an erect position. It can be seen, therefore, that it is necessary to provide some type of protective cap or the like to protect the face and clothes from the cold wave solution and also serve as a drain during the neutralizing step to insure better curls at the nape of the neck.

Accordingly, an important object of the invention is to provide a head covering which will accomplish the foregoing and other important ends.

Broadly, the invention comprises a one-piece light-weight waterproof body which is so formed and dimensioned as to properly fit the head above the ears and is further provided with a trap or sump which will collect any drip or excessive liquid. The portions of the body forming the trap or sump are adapted to be folded over the top of the head in superposed relation, thereby keeping drafts off the head and at the same time keeping the body heat within the head covering. Hence the waving process will be more quickly completed and at the same time the head may be inspected by turning back the uppermost folded portion.

An object of the invention is to provide a protective head covering of the character described which is simple in construction, efficient in use and capable of being easily and inexpensively produced.

Yet a further object of the present invention is to provide a head covering which may also be employed to protect the wearer's clothes during shampooing methods.

For a further understanding of the invention and of the objects and advantages thereof reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawing and to the annexed claims in which the novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing, wherein like numerals identify the same or similar parts:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the head covering per se.

Figure 2 is a side view of the head covering after the cold wave solution has been applied and the body portion folded over the top of the head.

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Figure 3 is a top view of the cap shown in Figure 2.

Figure 4 is a rear view of the covering shown in Figures 2 and 3.

5 Figure 5 is a rear view showing the position of the head covering prior to the application of the cold wave solution, and

Figure 6 is a side view of the covering as shown in Figure 5.

10 Referring to Figure 1, the number 10 denotes a blank of a suitable lightweight plastic or other waterproof material having side edges 11, rear edge 12 and a front edge 13. The front edge 13 is formed with an inwardly extending cut-out portion 14 forming spaced-apart wings 15, the free end of each wing merging with each longitudinal side edge 11.

The rear edge 12 is slitted at its point of juncture with each side edge 11 as shown at 16 and at a point intermediate the ends of the rear edge, as indicated at 17. The side edges and the rear edge are folded upwardly with respect to the body of the blank as shown at 18 and 19, respectively, and a reinforcing strip 20 is sewed to the free portion of the side, front and rear edges as clearly indicated in Figure 1. A tie-string or cord 21 extends forwardly from the wings 15 in order to secure the head covering to the patron's head. Each slitted area 16 and 17 is provided with a reinforcing strip 22 and it can be seen, therefore, that the sides and rear of the covering are provided with a trap or sump in which drip or solution is collected. A segment 23 is suitably secured to the lower face of the blank 10 at the innermost portion of the cut-out area 14 and serves to protect the nape of the neck during use of the covering.

As previously mentioned, the head covering is attached to the head after the hair has been rolled upon curlers. The blank 10 is placed upon the head so that the innermost portion of the cut-out area and the segment 23 will be located at the nape of the neck. The tie cords are then passed around the head at a point above the ears and the free ends of the cords are tied, as clearly shown in Figures 5 and 6, and the tied portion rests upon the segment 23. The sides 11 then hang downwardly along the face and neck and the cold wave solution may be applied to the hair. One of the depending side portions is folded over the top of the head and the opposite side portion is then superposed thereover as perhaps best depicted in Figure 3. In this figure the side portion on the right of the head is folded over first, although, of course, it is not essential that this procedure be followed.

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The head covering thus forms a cap-like structure which will keep the draft off the head and the cold wave process is more quickly completed inasmuch as the body heat will be retained within the covering. During the treatment the trap or sump will collect any drippage.

After the curls have set the patron is moved to the shampoo bowl and the trap or sump is turned inside out in order to remove the drip. The head covering is now in a perfect position to permit the free application of the neutralizer with the patron in an erect sitting position. The neck curls will not be crumpled and may be processed more thoroughly.

The covering is removed by simply untying the cords 21, whereupon it may be freely and easily withdrawn from the head. It will further be observed that by locating the cut-out area at the base of the neck with the body of the blank resting on the shoulders the covering may be effectively employed during a hair washing or shampooing operation.

From Fig. 1 it will be seen that where the tie cords 21 are attached to the wings 15 the sheet material is gathered at 15x in such a way as to form in each wing a cranium pocket each of which can be disposed over the other so as to cover the greater part of the surface area of the scalp with a two-layer fabric structure.

In regard to the aforesaid reinforcing strips 23 (three in all), shown in Fig. 1, said reinforcing strips may comprise stitched together overlapped edge portions of the article, thus avoiding the necessity of attaching any additional reinforcing parts to provide stiffened up-standing corner wall portions for the sump.

In the use of the device it conveniences the attendant while the treated hair is "setting" to be able to uncover a portion of the scalp for inspection thereof, this being done by partially lifting the uppermost or overlying wing in a manner which avoids exposing at one time more than a small portion of the scalp and thereby avoids delaying the "setting" process.

I claim:

1. A protective head covering for use during hair waving processes, comprising a body portion of light weight waterproof sheet material, said body portion being deeply recessed in its front side thereby forming a pair of spaced apart wings, gathers in each of said wings imparting to them a pocket formation for enclosing the greater part of the surface of the cranium, and means attached to said gathered portions of the pockets for securing the device to the cranium.

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2. A protective head covering for use during waving processes comprising a body sheet of substantially light-weight waterproof material, said body sheet being provided with a cut-out portion extending inwardly from the front edge of the sheet to receive the head, a wing bordering said cut-out portion on each side thereof, said wings being foldable over the head in an overlapping relation to each other, means on each of said wings for securing said body sheet to the head, turned up side and rear edge portions forming a sump with respect to said body sheet, and stitching securing said edge portions in said turned up position.

3. A scalp apron comprising a body sheet of substantially light-weight waterproof material having a pair of spaced apart wings foldable on top of the head in superposed relation to cover the head, said wings extending alongside a cut-out extending inwardly from one side of the apron, means on each of said wings for securing the body sheet to the head, a trough-like member on the side and rear edges of the body sheet positioned to receive drippage, and gathers in said wings to form cranium pockets for receiving the dome of the head when disposed one upon the other thereover as aforesaid.

4. A scalp apron comprising a body sheet of substantially light-weight waterproof material having a cut-out in which to fit the head, a pair of wings bordering said cut-out, said wings being foldable over the head in an overlapping relation, gathers in said wings to form cranium pockets for receiving the dome of the head when folded over the head in an overlapped relation as aforesaid and a trough-like member at the rear edge of said apron positioned to receive drippage.

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