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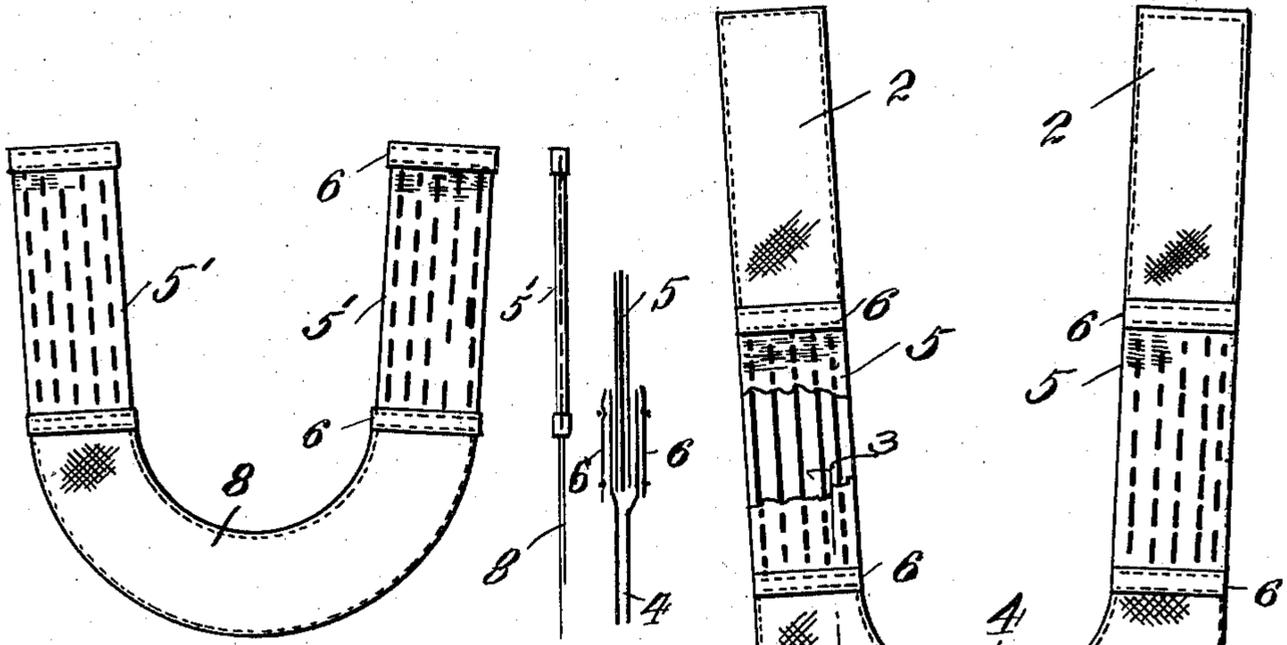


Fig. 4.

Fig. 5. Fig. 3.

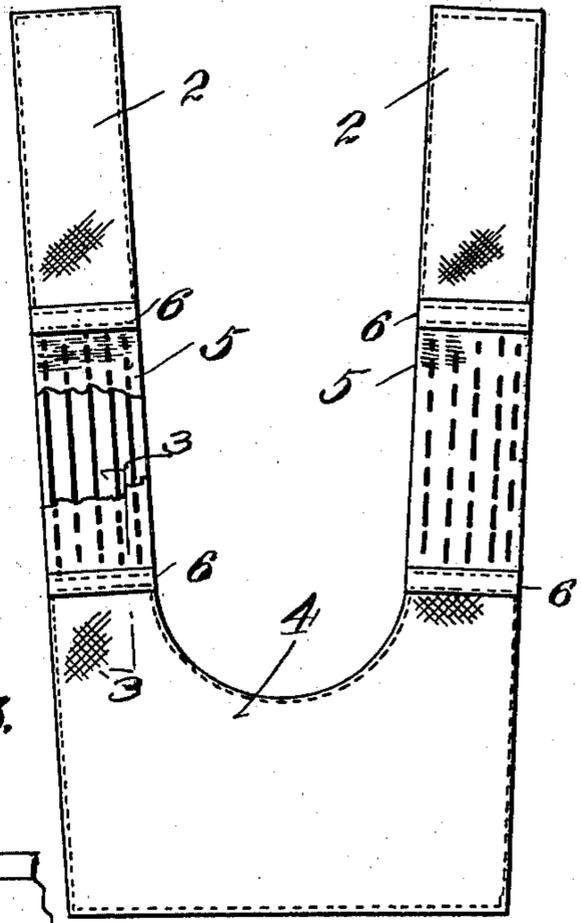


Fig. 2.

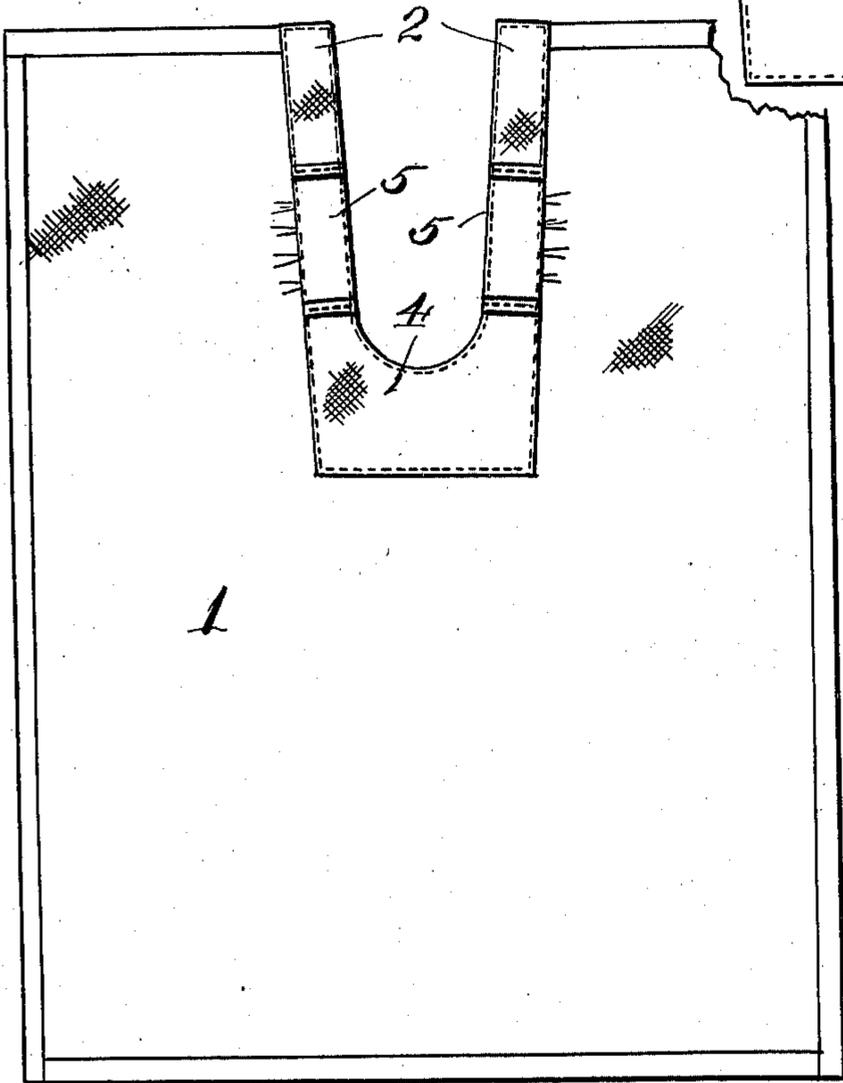


Fig. 1.

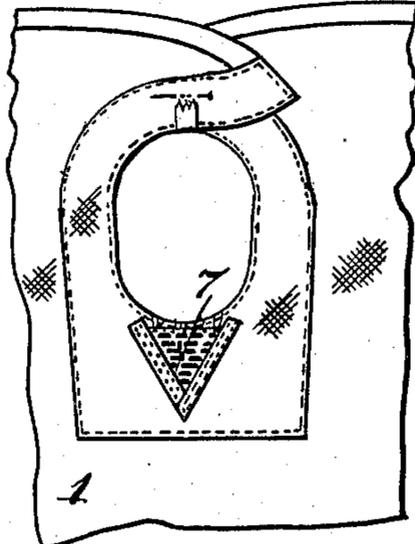


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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in hair cutting cloths, the peculiarities of which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

5 These cloths are used by barbers to protect their customers' clothes when having their hair cut, and consist of a rectangular covering for the shoulders and trunk provided with a notch for the neck extending downward the bottom  
10 end of which is rounded to fit the neck and the upper ends are overlapped and temporarily fastened by pins or otherwise to hold the edge to the neck of the customer and thus prevent the hair when cut, from falling down between the neck  
15 and the cloth.

Various means have been used to keep the loose hair from working down the neck, such as a soft fibrous material at the edge of the notch; a notched rubber apron with fastening hooks and  
20 eyes; an elastic and water-proof shield with non-elastic segmental reinforcing pieces secured at the neck opening with perforations for a fastening device; and removable spring clips housed in circular pockets.

25 My cloth is characterized by elastic or analogous inserts at one or more portions of the margin of the neck opening that are puckered or drawn into a fullness at said portions by the normal contraction of the inserts, to allow of stretching the marginal edge of the opening to fit yieldingly  
30 the neck of the customer when the non-elastic upper ends of the yoke are brought together and overlapped and held by pins or other fastening means.

35 Therefore, my main objects are to provide means, first, for one or more elastic portions at the neck opening of a non-elastic fabric; second, for making a fullness or pucker under contractile tendency in the marginal edge of such neck  
40 opening to allow stretching under tension; third, to apply my invention as an attachment to hair cutting cloths already made that are not elastic at the neck opening and so change them to a yielding neck opening; and fourth, to apply my  
45 invention to a yoke as a new article of manufacture to be combined with such a cloth in process of manufacture.

In the accompanying drawing in which like reference numerals indicate corresponding parts,

50 Fig. 1 represents the underside of a hair cutting cloth with my improvement applied thereto;

Fig. 2, a separate view of a yoke with my elastic web sections applied thereto (partly broken  
55 away) as a new article of manufacture ready

to be applied to such cloths in the process of making them;

Fig. 3, an enlarged diagrammatic section on the line 3—3, Fig. 2;

Fig. 4, a pair of my elastic web sections in the  
5 form of strips connected by a semicircular band representing a new article of manufacture ready to be applied to such cloths already made and so change the neck opening from the non-elastic  
10 edge to a yielding edge;

Fig. 5, a side view of Fig. 4; and

Fig. 6, a fragment of such a cloth showing the yoke with one elastic web section at the bottom of the notch, and the top end portions overlapped  
15 and fastened.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates an oblong rectangular piece of suitable fabric having its edge hemmed and a notch extending from the top downward a suitable distance to surround the neck of customer and  
20 allow of overlapping the upper ends and fastening temporarily with a pin or otherwise as shown in Fig. 6. The bottom of this notch is generally semicircular to fit the front of the neck, and its marginal edge is reinforced by an oblong bifurcated piece having legs 2 connected by a semicircular body portion 4 forming a yoke matching  
25 said notch and stitched thereto as indicated.

My yoke is characterized by one or more sections of elastic web or analogous material inserted  
30 at suitable points of the marginal edge. Fig. 2 shows strips of elastic web inserts 5 interposed between the body portion and the upper ends of the legs. The yoke fabric is preferably in double layers between which the ends of the elastic strips are held securely by stitches through  
35 a binding tape 6 as indicated diagrammatically in Fig. 3. The usual transverse threads of the elastic web allows of stretching the inserts when sewing them to the neck opening which makes a  
40 normal fullness or pucker of the cloth (see Fig. 1) and provides a yielding edge in contact with the neck.

The elastic section may be triangular 7 and used at one point, such as in the body portion  
45 of the yoke at the semicircular front as shown in Fig. 6. When the leg portions are overlapped and fastened as indicated, the triangular web will afford a yielding edge to the neck opening and a corresponding pressure that is just right  
50 for comfort of the neck of the customer.

Fig. 4 shows two elastic web strips 5' connected by a circular band 8 to match the neck opening. This new article of manufacture can be  
55 relatively cheap and sold to the trade in order

to apply my elastic insert sections to cloths now in use that have the usual unyielding edge at the neck opening. The form shown in Fig. 4 can be made separately and readily stretched and stitched to the unyielding yoke.

The combined yoke and elastic sections shown in Fig. 2 can also be made separately and sold to the trade. This form is most conveniently applied to the cloth itself in the process of manufacture.

The neck band Fig. 4 and the yoke Fig. 2 are made of strong durable cloth suitably hemmed at the edges, and the insert sections are of elastic web or anything analogous to elastic.

For sanitary reasons it is customary to place a clean neck cloth around the neck of each customer, and then close and fasten the neck opening of the hair cutting cloth more or less tightly about the neck cloth.

With my improved hair cutting cloth, a yielding tension is obtained that is just right for comfort and efficiency as I have demonstrated in actual practice.

Having thus fully described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

1. A hair cutting cloth comprising a sheet having a neck opening, and a fabric yoke enclosing said neck opening in overlying surface contact approximately throughout the portion of the sheet around the opening and having a fabric body portion at the inner end thereof with legs extending along opposite sides of the opening, each of said legs having elastic strips therein and stitched to the sheet while stretched.

2. A hair cutting cloth comprising a sheet having a notch shaped neck opening to receive the neck of a person and to extend substantially in edgewise relation thereto, and a fabric yoke extending about said neck opening and attached to the sheet, said yoke being arranged substantially in a plane adapted to extend approximately at right angles to the neck of a person when said cloth is arranged therearound, said yoke having a body portion at the inner end of the neck opening with legs extending along opposite sides thereof, each of said legs having elastic web strips therein and stitched to the sheet while stretched to grip the neck in edgewise relation when the cloth is applied thereto.

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