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HAIR DRIER.
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FIG. 1.

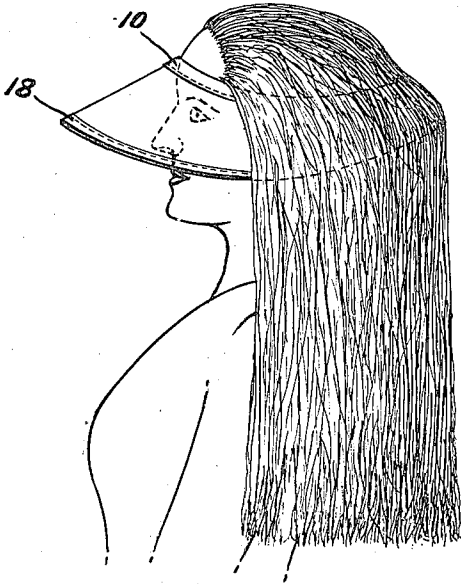


FIG. 2.

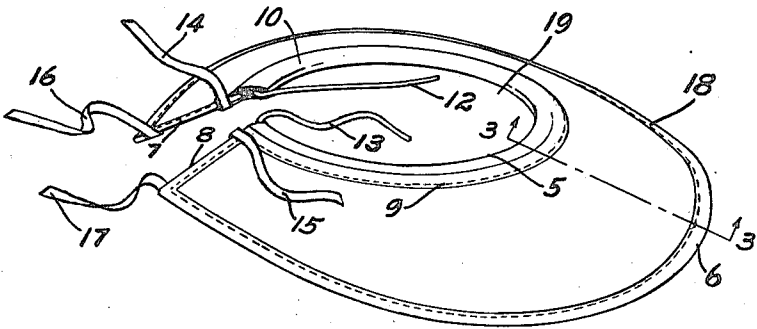
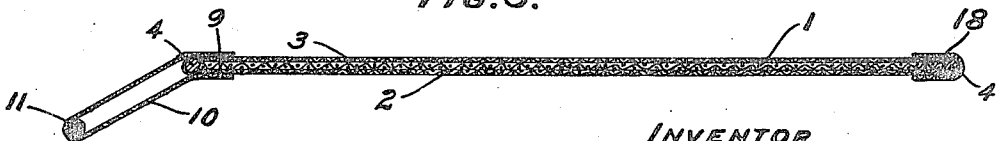


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAY THOMPSON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Hair-Driers, of which the following is a specification.

My object is to make an improved hair drier and my invention consists in the novel features herein shown, described and claimed.

Another object of this invention is to provide a hair drier which, when in use, will protect the eyes and the face from the rays of the sun while the hair is being dried.

Figure 1 is a perspective showing a hair drier embodying the principles of my invention in use.

Fig. 2 is a perspective of the hair drier.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged sectional detail on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

The inner section 1 is cut to the desired shape from buckram and is preferably sized with water-proof material. The lower section 2 is preferably green thin porous muslin and the upper section 3 is preferably white mosquito netting. A wire 4 extends all the way around the edges of the section 1 and the edges of the lower and upper sections 2 and 3 are wrapped around the wire more or less. The frame thus constructed has an inner edge 5, an outer edge 6, and meeting edges 7 and 8. The inner edge 5 forms a substantially circular opening, said opening being eccentric to the outer edge 6. The frame when not in use is adapted to lie flat and when in its flat position the edges 7 and 8 are substantially sixty degrees apart and the lines are radial, so that when the edges are drawn together the frame is dished or frusto-conical.

When flat the frame is circular on its outer edge and the opening is circular and eccentric to the outer edge. A piece of good muslin is folded upon itself with its edges overlapping the edge 5, one edge of the muslin being on top and the other edge being under and said edges are secured to the edge 5 by stitching 9, thus producing a flexible annular loop 10 extending inwardly all the way around from the edge 5. An elastic cord 11 is inserted through the loop, the ends 12 and 13 of the cord extending from the ends of the loop. A pair of tapes or ribbons 14 and 15 is secured to the edges 7 and 8 near their inner ends and a similar pair of tapes

or ribbons 16 and 17 is secured to the edges 7 and 8 at their outer ends. A binding 18 extends all the way around the edge 6 and the edges 7 and 8 to the ends of the loop 10, said binding covering the wire 4 and the edges of the sections 1, 2 and 3. The section 1 of buckram provided with the wire edge 4 makes a frame stiff enough to support the hair, and the sections 1, 2 and 3 are porous so as to allow a circulation of air through the frame.

The hair drier thus constructed is placed around a head above the ears and eyes with the hair extending upwardly through the opening 19 and surrounded by the flexible loop 10 and the elastic cord 11. The ends 12 and 13 of the cord are drawn together as tightly as desired and tied and then the tapes or ribbons 14, 15, 16 and 17 are tied and the hair is spread out backwardly and laterally over the frame. The frame extends outwardly from the head all the way around and holds the hair away from the neck and shoulders. Air will circulate freely through the spread out hair and upwardly through the frame of the drier.

Especial attention is called to the flexible loop 10 and the elastic cord 11 which together form means for producing an easy fit between the head and the hair drier and to make the hair drier easily fitted to heads of different sizes.

It should also be noted that the hair drier acts as a sun shield while being used, to protect the eyes and face of the user. As well known, the hair is dried by exposing the same to the direct rays of the sun, which, without my hair drier is very trying on the eyes and on the skin, especially in the case of persons having skin sensitive to the sunlight. My hair drier will allow the hair to be dried quickly, while at the same time protecting the user from the sun. Thus I have produced a hair drier, the main frame of which is circular when flat with a circular eccentric opening, and there being a slot from the central opening to the outer edge cut on radial lines about sixty degrees apart. The device is in effect a sun-shade or crownless hat which protects the face and neck from the sun and at the same time exposes the hair to the sun and air.

In a companion application I have shown, described and claimed an alternative construction.

Various changes may be made in the de-

tails of construction without departing from the spirit of my invention as claimed.

I claim:

- 5 1. A hair drier comprising a stiff porous frame having a circular opening for a head, a soft loop extending inwardly from the frame around said opening, and an elastic cord in the loop and having ends projecting from the loop.
- 10 2. A hair drier comprising a section of buckram, a wire extending all the way around the edge of the section of buckram, binding securing the wire to the buckram; thus producing a frame having an opening
- 15 for a head; a soft annular loop extending from the frame around the opening, and an elastic cord in the loop.
- 20 3. A hair drier comprising a section of buckram, a wire extending all the way around the edge of the section of buckram, binding securing the wire to the buckram, thus producing a frame having an opening for a head and separated on a line extending
- 25 from the head opening to the outer edge, a soft annular loop extending from the frame around the opening from one side of the
- line of separation to the other side, an elastic cord in the loop; the ends of the cord extending from the ends of the loop; and tapes secured to the edges formed by the
- 30 line of separation.
4. In a hair drier, a frame adapted to lie flat and having a circular outer edge and a circular opening eccentric to the outer edge; there being a slot extending from the circu-
- 35 lar opening on radial lines to the outer edge, the radial lines being about sixty degrees apart; and means for drawing the edges formed by the slot together to dish the frame.
- 40 5. In a hair drier, a frame adapted to lie flat and having a substantially circular outer edge and a substantially circular opening; there being a slot extending from the opening to the outer edge of consider-
- 45 able width; and means for drawing the edges formed by the slot together to dish the frame.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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