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Fig. 1.

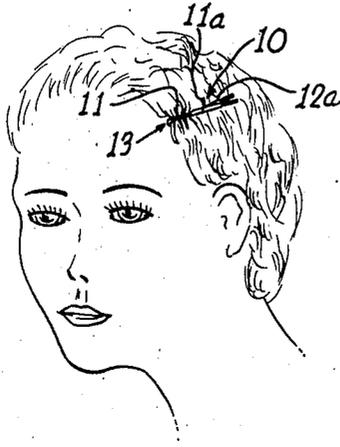


Fig. 2.

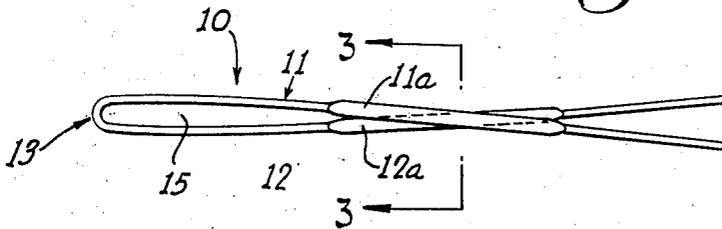
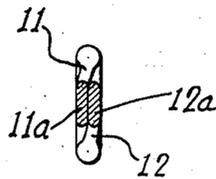


Fig. 3.



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This invention relates to hairpins. The difficulty encountered with most hairpins is that they loosen in the hair and sometimes fall out.

It is therefore an object of the present invention to provide a highly improved hairpin which will firmly grip the hair and stay in place and which will not accidentally fall out of the hair.

A further object of this invention is to provide a hairpin of the character described, made of a single piece of wire and which requires no more stock than an ordinary hairpin, and which nevertheless will not slip out of the hair, so that it may be used on small locks of hair, and is yet no more visible than an ordinary hairpin.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a neat and durable hairpin of the character described, which shall be relatively inexpensive to manufacture, easy to manipulate and yet practical and efficient to a high degree in use.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements, and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described, and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the following claim.

In the accompanying drawing, in which is shown one of the various possible illustrative embodiments of this invention,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a woman's head illustrating the method of using a hairpin embodying the invention;

Fig. 2 is a side elevational view of the improved hairpin; and

Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring now in detail to the drawing, 10 designates a hairpin embodying the invention. The same is made of a single piece of wire and requires no more length than an ordinary hairpin.

The hairpin 10 comprises a pair of arms 11 and 12 interconnected by a curved bent back portion

13. The arms 11 and 12 cross each other as shown in Fig. 2 of the drawing.

Intermediate portions 11a and 12a of said arms are flattened in parallel planes and contact one another, as particularly illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawing. The remainder of the hairpin may be made of round wire stock. The hair may thus be gripped between the flattened portions 11a and 12a. Or if the hair is received in the enclosed loop 15, between the flattened portions 11a and 12a and the bent back portion 13, the contacting crossing portions of the arms prevent the hairpin from slipping out.

The hairpin may be made of very fine wire or heavier wire. The hairpin may be made from a round wire stock and then flattened at the portions 11a and 12a.

The hairpin 10 is preferably made of resilient metal or other resilient material, so that the arms will resiliently press against one another.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved, and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiment above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawing is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

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

A hairpin made of a single piece of resilient material and comprising a pair of prongs interconnected at one end, intermediate portions of said prongs being flattened in parallel planes, and said flattened portions being in face to face contact and crossing one another, the ends of said prongs projecting in diverging planes outwardly of said flattened portions.

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