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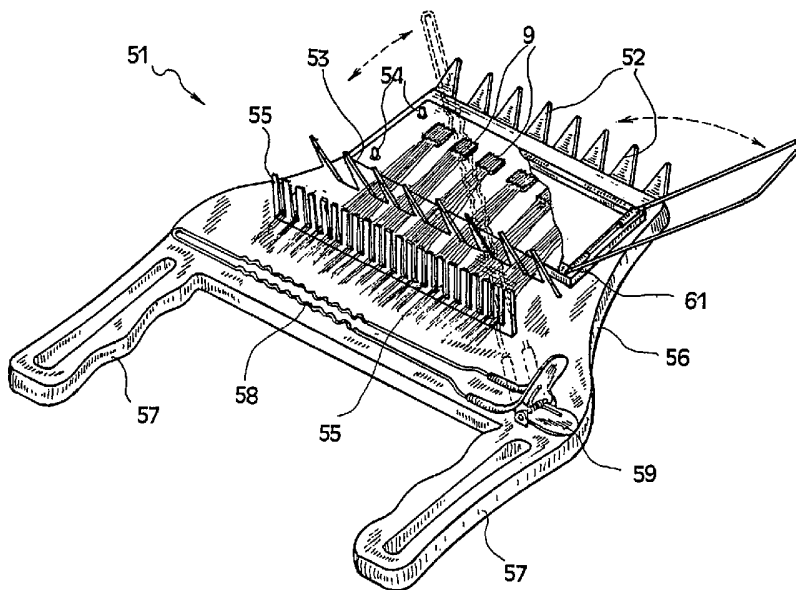
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(57) Abstract: A separator device (51) for receiving hair, for a method of application of a thickening assembly, comprises first separation tooth elements (52), equidistant and such as to subdivide a portion of hair into portions containing basically the same quantity of receiving hair; a bearing surface (53) for arranging in position said adhesive tape (2), delimited on one side by said first tooth elements (52); and second tooth elements (55), arranged on the opposite side with respect to said first tooth elements (52), having with respect to the latter a greater density and interspaces such as to arrest the receiving hair inserted therebetween.

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A method for thickening hair using a separator device for separating a portion of hair corresponding to connection elements of a plurality of hair extensions and the according separator device for receiving hair.

2. claims: 18-37

An assembly for thickening hair with a first and second adhesive tape each having positioning elements and a hair extension applicator having means for positioning such an assembly.

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