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Fig: 1

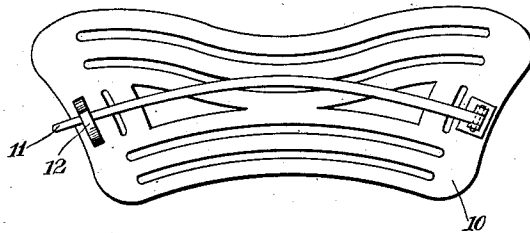


Fig: 2

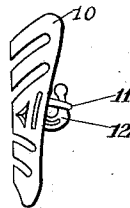


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Fig: 3

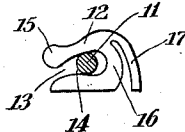


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM S. BECHTOLD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Barrettes, of which the following is a specification.

The invention relates to barrettes or hair retainers, and more particularly to the tongue retaining member or hook which is secured in any suitable manner to the inner face of the back or body portion of the barrette.

The invention has for its object to so construct the retaining hook that the tongue will not readily become disengaged therefrom, and to so reinforce the said hook that breakage will not occur, as is usually the case, at the back of said member. The reinforcing means thus provided serves also to assist in locking the tongue by imparting resiliency to the beak of the hook.

The nature of the invention will be best understood when described in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of the underface of the barrette. Fig. 2 is an end view of said barrette, looking toward the tongue retaining hook. Fig. 3 is a detail front elevation of the retaining hook. Figs. 4 and 5 are side elevations of the same.

Similar characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Referring now to the drawings, 10 designates the back or body portion of the barrette to the underface of which is pivotally connected a suitable tongue or pin 11 whose free end is adapted to be engaged by the beak 12 of a hook or keeper likewise suitably secured to the underface of said back or body portion 10. This keeper is shown in detail in Figs. 3 to 5 inclusive, and consists of a thin plate of suitable material recessed at the front to provide a contracted entrance 13 and a recess 14 for the hook 11. The beak 12 terminates in an enlarged or knob portion 15, and the beak itself is of sufficient resiliency to permit of the insertion of the tongue 11 which is slightly larger than the entrance 13. In inserting

the tongue into the recess 14, it will, by exerting slight pressure thereon, readily pass through the entrance 13; and when within the recess 14, the said tongue will be securely prevented from becoming disengaged by means of the knob 15.

To reinforce the back 16 of the hook, and at which portion a break usually occurs, as well as to provide increased resiliency to the beak 12, a leg 17 is provided, the same being integral with the rest of the hook and lying in the plane thereof. The bottom of the leg terminates in the same horizontal plane as the bottom of the remainder of the hook and is, together with the bottom of said remainder of the hook, cemented or otherwise secured to the back or body portion 10 of the barrette. The width of the space between the body portion and the leg 17 may vary, but that produced by a saw cut is usually sufficient, and the leg itself is made appreciably thinner than the main portion of the hook to be to some extent resilient. Upward pressure upon the beak 12 will be partly resisted by the leg 17, thus relieving the back 16 to some extent and diminishing the tendency to break at this point. The separate extension thus provides a more substantial hook for the same amount of material than would be obtained were the shank merely widened to the same extent. Hooks, as heretofore constructed, invariably broke at the back or neck which would have to be unduly wide to be of sufficient strength. As it is quite impracticable, from an artistic standpoint, to thicken the hook, the strengthening of the same has been effected by providing the said resilient extension to reinforce the hook.

I claim:—

1. The combination with a barrette including a back or body portion and a tongue or pin pivotally secured thereto, of a hook or keeper secured to said back or body portion and provided with a recess to retain said tongue, and resilient means integral with said keeper, extending rearwardly therefrom and in the plane of said keeper to reinforce the same.

2. The combination with a barrette including a back or body portion and a tongue or pin pivotally secured thereto, of a hook

or keeper for said tongue secured to said
back or body portion and comprising a plate
provided at the forward portion with a suit-
able recess and at the rear portion with a
5 narrow extension in the plane of said keeper,
said extension resting upon the body por-
tion to reinforce the said keeper.

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