

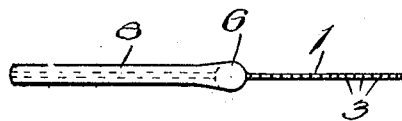
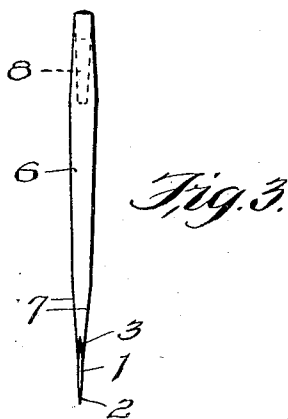
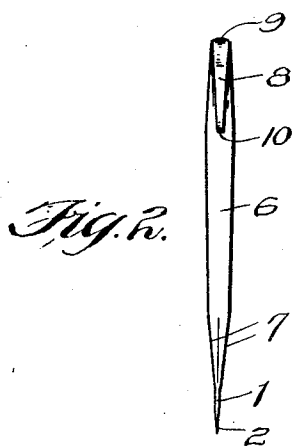
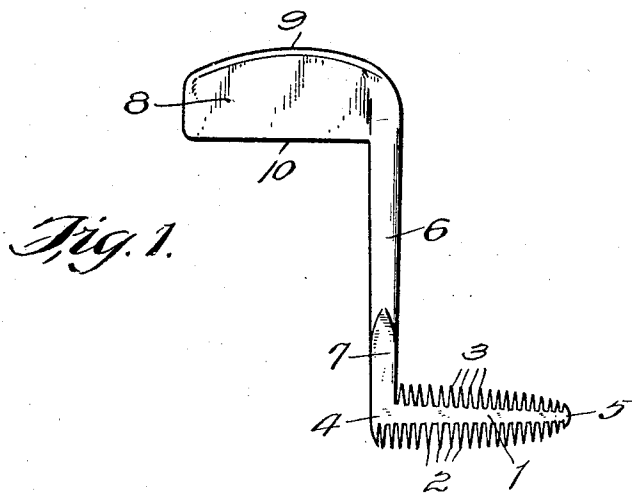
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My invention relates to combs, and more particularly to a side-burn comb especially adapted to the use of barbers, or others in cutting hair on the side of a man's head, which is known as side-burns, and, it is a distinct and practical improvement in comb construction designed to overcome certain practical objections to, and defects in, the use of the common comb when used in the cutting of side-burns.

An object of the invention is to provide a comb which is small in size, thin in structure and provided with a substantially L-shaped handle for quickly manipulating the comb in the process of cutting a man's side-burns.

A still further object is to provide a novel side-burn comb, which will possess advantages in points of simplicity, efficiency, durability and practicability over the common barber's hair cutting comb, and, at the same time prove itself comparatively inexpensive in manufacture.

With the above and other objects in view, which will readily suggest themselves to barbers, the invention consists in the novel features of construction, arrangement and combination of parts hereinafter more fully described and finally pointed out in the claim hereto appended.

Referring to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, wherein like characters of reference denote similar parts throughout the several views:

Fig. 1, is a side elevation of a substantially full size comb embodying the features of my invention.

Fig. 2, is a front elevation of the comb.

Fig. 3, is a rear elevation of the comb.

Fig. 4 is a top plan view of the comb.

In carrying out the aim of my present invention, I provide a comb for the particular purpose of cutting side-burns, although not necessarily limited thereto, as is manifest, but especially adapted therefor, and it consists of a very thin comb body member 1 provided along its lower edge with a multiplicity of suitable comb teeth 2 and along its upper edge with a multiplicity of suitable comb teeth 3. The comb proper is preferably tapered along its upper and lower edges, or teeth points from the heel or rear end 4 of the comb to its front or free end 5 thereof, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. In other words, the front or free end 5 of the comb is

substantially pointed in shape and the comb progressively widens toward the rear end or heel 4 thereof, while the body 1 of the comb and its teeth are preferably made very thin in thickness so that the hair can be cut very close.

A suitable arm 6 extends from and is directed upwardly from the upper edge of the heel 4 of the comb body 1. The arm 6 is preferably cylindrical in shape and is suitably flattened upon opposite sides at its juncture with the heel 4 of the comb body 1, as at 7, and for a suitable short distance up the arm 6, as shown in Fig. 3.

A suitable handle 8 extends from the upper end of the arm 6 and is directed in a direction opposite to the comb body 1, as clearly shown in Fig. 1. The handle 8 compares in length to that of the comb body 1 and it preferably has its side faces slightly beveled so as to be thicker at its upper edge 9 than at its lower edge 10. The upper edge 9 is preferably curved, as shown in Fig. 1.

The comb is preferably made from hard rubber, although it is evident that it can be made, if desired, from metal, such for instance, as aluminum, bone, or any well known comb composition.

From the foregoing description, it is evident that I provide a side-burn comb which can be easily and quickly handled by the aid of the thumb and forefinger of one hand during the process of cutting side-burns and that, owing to its peculiar construction and shape, permits a barber to cut side-burns with uniformity and very close with no difficulty as encountered with the ordinary hair cutting comb.

The many advantages of the herein described invention will readily suggest themselves to those skilled in the art to which it appertains.

I do not wish to be understood as limiting myself to the exact details of construction shown and described, but desire to have it understood that the invention I have shown in the drawings is merely illustrative, as it is manifest that various minor changes may be made in the exact form, shape and particular arrangement of parts without departing from the spirit of my invention, hence I reserve the right to make any such changes, or modifications as may fairly fall within

the scope of the appended claim when fairly construed.

What I claim is:

A comb comprising a thin comb body  
5 having its upper and lower edges provided  
with comb teeth which are shorter at the  
outer end of the body and becoming gradu-  
ally longer at the inner end of the comb

body, an arm directed from the inner end of  
the comb in the direction of the upper teeth 10  
and a substantially flat handle directed from  
the arm in a direction opposite to the direc-  
tion of the comb.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto  
signed my name to the specification.

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