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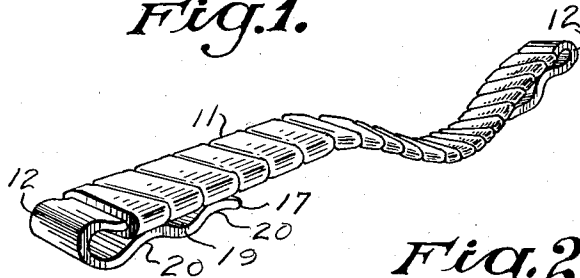
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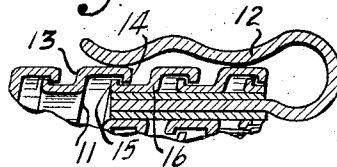
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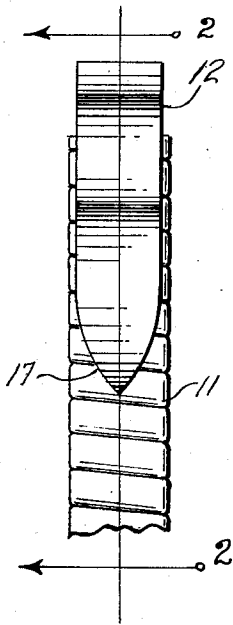
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



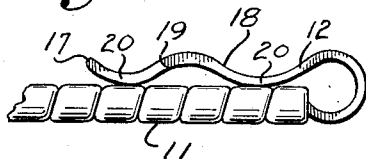
*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## ELASTIC BARRETTE

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My invention relates to an elastic barrette, and more particularly to a novel combination of spring and clip means to retain the hair.

In the usual type of barrette the hair is secured by retaining means which encircle any desired braid of hair and forms a clamp therearound. Such barrettes are generally provided with a hook and eye construction, or other means for forming and holding a loop around the braid of hair desired, and are not only inconvenient to attach to the hair but also frequently entangle the hair, thus causing the wearer great discomfort when detaching the barrette. Most of the barrettes now manufactured do not lie flush with the hair and are extremely uncomfortable when worn beneath a hat, because they are pressed against the head by the hat.

It is an object of my invention to provide a novel barrette of such simplicity of construction as can be readily attached or detached, occasioning the wearer no discomfort from pulling or entangling the hair, and one that will be retained close to the head so that it may be comfortably worn beneath a hat.

It is a further object of my invention to provide an elastic barrette comprising a spring means having spring clip means associated therewith and adapted to retain a braid or sheaf of hair.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a barrette in which the spring clips for clamping the hair are rigidly attached to the spring means, so that they always lie close to the spring means.

Further objects and advantages of my invention will be made evident hereinafter.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention.

Figure 2 is a sectional elevational view of my invention, taken on the line 2—2 of Fig. 4.

Figure 3 is an enlarged view of the clip means and an adjoining portion of the spring means or flexible strip of my invention.

Figure 4 is a plan view of one end of my invention.

Figure 5 illustrates my invention when attached to the hair of the wearer.

Referring in detail to the drawings, I illus-

trate an elastic spring means 11 having rigidly associated at each end thereof a spring clip 12. The spring means 11 is formed of a narrow strip of flexible metal, or other suitable material bent into an S-shaped member 13, as shown in Fig. 2. The spring means 11 is then coiled so that the upper end 14 of one S-shaped member 13 is retained by engagement with the bottom 15 of the adjacent S-shaped member 16 of the spring means 11. The spring means 11 is then flattened so as to form a thin band which is both elastic and flexible. Other designs of spring means may be used without departing from the invention.

The spring clips 12 are rigidly connected to each end of the spring means 11, by pressing one end of a clip in an end of the spring means or by sweating the clips in place, as shown in Fig. 2, and are adapted to be bent back along the end of the spring means so as to be disposed in resilient contact therewith. The spring clip 12 may be formed of resilient metal, or other suitable material, and is preferably provided with corrugations 18, as illustrated in Fig. 3, so that when a small sheaf of hair is forced under the spring clip 12, the hair will bunch in the pockets 19 formed by the engaging portions of the spring means 11 and the clips 12 and will be retained therein by the pressure exerted by the constricted portions 20 of the spring clip 12 on the spring means 11. The spring clip 12 is also provided with a lip 17 at the end thereof, which is adapted to better introduce the hair between the spring clip and the spring means.

In applying my invention, one spring clip is adjusted in the hair, the spring means 11 is elongated and the free spring clip is clamped in position on the hair. The spring means 11 of my invention is then allowed to contract, securely retaining an amount of hair sufficient to hold the barrette in place on the head. When the hair is forced between the clip and the resilient member, it is clamped in place.

From the foregoing description of my invention it will be readily observed that my invention alleviates the inconvenient and uncomfortable features of many barrettes now being manufactured. Not only is it con-

venient, simple and painless to attach and detach, but it has the added advantage over previously manufactured barrettes of being perfectly comfortable when worn beneath a hat, for the simple reason that it lies flush with the head. The features of novelty in my invention reside in the combination of spring means 11 and spring clips 12 lying flush with said spring means and rigidly associated therewith.

10 I claim as my invention:

1. In an elastic barrette, the combination of: flexible spring means; and clip means connected to and extending back along one end of said spring means for retaining the hair.

2. In an elastic barrette, the combination of: flexible spring means; and corrugated clip means connected to said spring means and forming pockets for retaining the hair.

3. In an elastic barrette, the combination of: flexible spring means; and spring clip means associated with said spring means, said clip means being provided with a lip member for guiding the hair of the wearer under said clip means.

4. In an elastic barrette, the combination of: spring means capable of being elastically elongated, said spring means also being flexible; and corrugated clip means associated with said spring means, said clip means being provided with a lip member for guiding the hair of the wearer under said clip means.

5. In an elastic barrette, the combination of: spring means capable of being elastically elongated, said spring means also being flexible; and corrugated clip means rigidly associated with said spring means, said clip means associated with said spring means so that said clip means will lie close to said spring means at all times, and said clip means being provided with a lip.

6. In an elastic barrette, the combination of: flexible spring means; and corrugated clip means connected to and extending back over the ends of said spring means said means engaging and forming pockets to receive a tuft of hair.

7. In an elastic barrette, the combination of: a flexible body; and a clip connected to and extending back over one end of said body, said body and clip engaging and forming pockets adapted to receive and hold a tuft of hair.

8. In an elastic barrette, the combination of: a flexible body; and a clip connected to said body and extending back over one end thereof, said clip being in resilient contact with said body and provided with a pocket to receive a tuft of hair.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Los Angeles, California, this 5th day of September, 1928.

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