

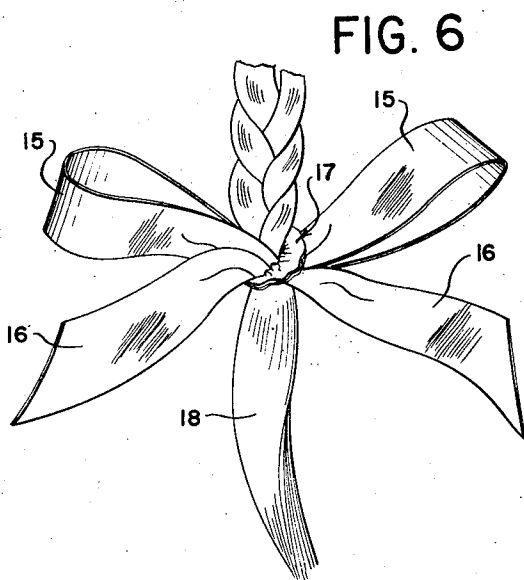
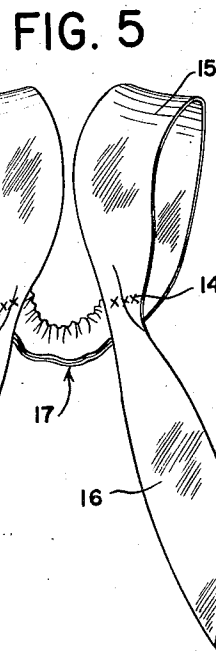
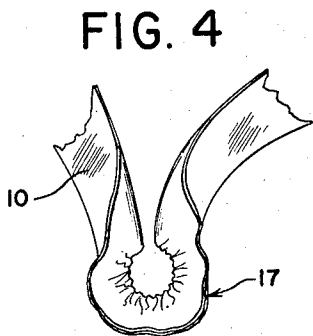
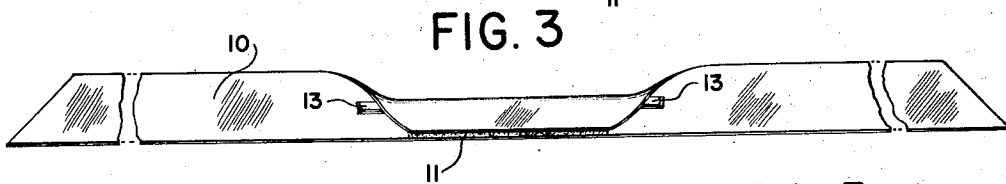
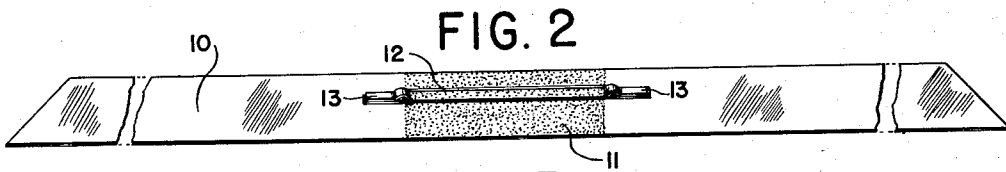
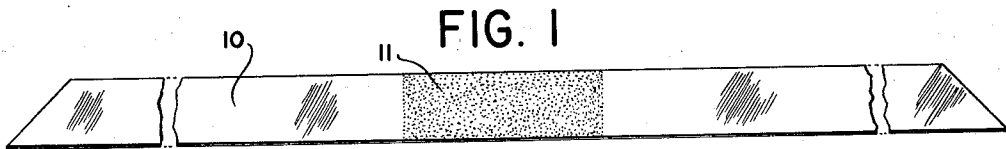
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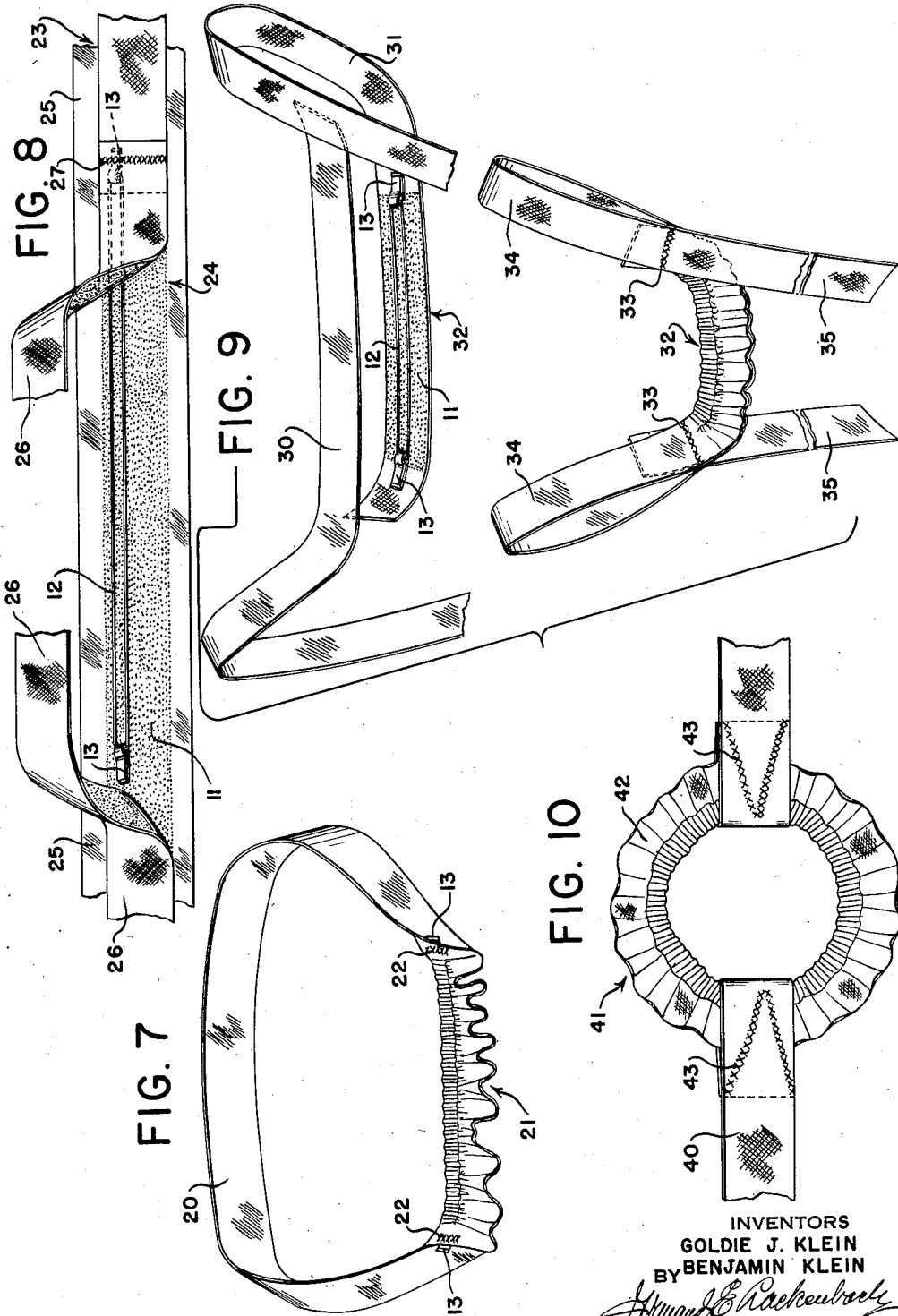
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This invention relates to hair retaining devices in the nature of hairbows and the like, and more particularly to such devices which are less easily displaceable once positioned than comparable devices used in the past.

The hairbow is surely a very old expedient to decorate the hair and also to hold the hair in place. It can be used in various adaptations to retain the hair whether plaited or in more sophisticated styles. But as heretofore known, such articles have been subject to slippage, and consequent failure to provide a security of coiffure to the wearer.

It is the primary object of this invention to provide improved hairbows, which are dependable in their operation, and yet which require no sacrifice in decorativeness. Indeed, through use of the present invention, it is possible to create unique decorative effects. To achieve this object, a stretchable gathered region in the hairbow is provided as part thereof, such region resulting when an elastic band is mounted on the fabric comprising the hairbow. The band is mounted while in an extended condition, being axially placed relative to the ribbon of the bow. The band is preferably placed closer to one edge of the ribbon than to the other edge, although it may be centrally located relative to the ribbon. After the elastic band has been mounted in the position outlined, it may be concealed by covering with fabric, and then released.

Another object herein is to make it possible in hairbows to create unusual decorative effects by way of multi-color portions in the hairbows. Such portions will be functional parts of the structure. Moreover, it will be possible to include additional decorative elements such as floral arrangements and jewelled inclusions.

Still another object herein is to provide in one embodiment a hairbow of unique configuration, which may be securely applied to the hair by tying a simple slip knot, rather than any more elaborate system of knotting. This embodiment is substantially an H-shape, and tying together the legs thereof will give an attractive and secure result.

It is a final object herein to accomplish all of the foregoing by providing for the use of materials which are inexpensive, and by using techniques which are simple and permit keeping operating costs to a minimum.

How these and many other objects are to be implemented will become apparent through a consideration of the accompany drawings, wherein:

Fig. 1 shows a fabric strip treated for mounting an elastic band thereon;

Fig. 2 is a view similar to Fig. 1 with the elastic band in place;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to the two preceding with the fabric folded over in the vicinity of the elastic band;

Fig. 4 shows a portion of a fabric strip in which is included a mounted elastic band, after tension on the band is released;

Fig. 5 shows one embodiment of a hairbow including a stretchable gathered region;

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Fig. 6 shows the embodiment seen in Fig. 5 in place on a braid of hair;

Fig. 7 shows another embodiment of the present invention in a hairband;

Fig. 8 shows details of construction of another embodiment of hairband, the complete article being similar in appearance to the embodiment shown in Fig. 7;

Fig. 9 includes exploded and assembled views of another embodiment in the form of a hairbow, similar in final appearance to that shown in Fig. 5; and

Fig. 10 shows still another embodiment of hairband.

The first drawings, Figs. 1 to 4, illustrate the steps in construction of the basic stretchable gathered region. To a portion of strip 10 is applied a cement 11. A stretched elastic band 12 is placed parallel to the edges of the strip upon the cemented portion. For ease in handling the elastic band, tabs 13 are affixed thereto. Tabs 13 also serve the added function of assuring retention of position of the elastic band once in place, for stitches may be passed through the tabs without puncturing the thin elastic band and thus weakening it. After the elastic band has been mounted in the cement, the fabric of the strip is folded over, as in Fig. 3, and the elastic released, whereupon an elasticized arc as seen in Fig. 4 will result.

The strip may then be folded in the manner shown in Fig. 5, and stitches 14 passed through the strip and tabs, so that a hairbow as shown in Fig. 5 results, having legs with doubled portions 15 and free ends 16. The stretchable gathered region then forms a transverse member 17. By gripping the doubled ends 15, passing them about a braid 18, and tying a simple slip knot as shown in Fig. 6, the stretchable gathered transverse member 17 is held in contact with the braid, and because of the structure of this member will resist slipping when so tied.

In Fig. 7 is shown an embodiment of the invention in the form of a hair band having head encircling portion 20 and stretchable gathered region 21. The stretchable gathered region is constructed in accordance with the steps set forth in Figs. 1 to 4. Stitches 22 hold tabs 13 in place, as well as maintaining the band in the stretchable gathered region in a folded over condition.

In Fig. 8 is shown another embodiment in the form of a hairband, with a portion of the head encircling portion 23 broken away, and the stretchable gathered region 24 in extended condition. This embodiment is composed of superposed strips 25 and 26 each of which has cement applied to a portion of one surface. An elastic band 12 having tabs 13 thereon is mounted in cement 11. But instead of strip 25 being folded over to conceal the elastic band, the second strip 26, which may be of a different color from strip 24, covers the band and cemented region. Stitching 27 serves not only to hold tabs 13 in place, but also to secure strip 26 in place upon strip 25 and to join the two free ends of the band. Fig. 8 shows the details of construction of this embodiment, and it will be understood that in the finished product stitching 27 passes through both tabs in the manner of stitching 22 in Fig. 7.

In Fig. 9 is shown the detail of construction of an embodiment of hairbow similar in final appearance to that seen in Fig. 5. This embodiment is composed of two strips 30 and 31 which are superposed in the stretchable gathered region 32, which is made in the same manner as shown in Figs. 1 to 4. Stitching 33 passes through and secures tabs in the same manner as is true in Figs. 5, 7, and 8, and also holds the hairbow in form with doubled ends 34 and free ends 35.

In Fig. 10 is shown another embodiment in the form of a hairband having head encircling portion 40 broken away, and the stretchable gathered portion 41 in the form of a ring. This embodiment is especially for use with a chignon hairdo. On this embodiment, the construction of the stretchable gathered region is the same as hereto-

fore shown, with an elastic band and tabs, not shown, sandwiched within a folded over strip 42. The ends of the strip are joined to form the ring, and stitching 43 serves to join the free ends of the head encircling portion, that have been looped around opposite sides of the ring, and the tabs which are over-lapped within the stretchable gathered portion, to the stretchable gathered portion.

While a number of embodiments of the invention have been described, it is evident that these embodiments may be altered and/or modified, and that other embodiments may be provided without departing from the spirit of our invention.

We claim:

1. A hair retaining structure comprising an elongate strip of material having a stretchable gathered region, said stretchable gathered region comprising an elastic band having tabs secured thereto, said band being mounted on at least a portion of said strip, the length of said band in its relaxed condition being less than that of the portion of said strip upon which said band is mounted, and means for fastening said tabs to said strip.

2. A hair retaining structure as claimed in claim 1 wherein said elastic band is disposed parallel to the edge of said elongate strip closer to one edge than the other of said strip, whereby an arcuate form is imparted to said stretchable gathered region.

3. A hair retaining structure as claimed in claim 2, wherein said strip is folded over in said stretchable gathered region sandwiching said band between the folds thereof.

4. A hair retaining structure as claimed in claim 2 including a second strip of material disposed to overlay said band, and being secured to said elongate strip, whereby said band is sandwiched between said strips.

5. A hair bow comprising a pair of substantially parallel legs, and a transverse member connecting said legs, said legs and said transverse member being formed from a single elongate strip of material, each of said legs having a doubled portion extending from said transverse member to one end thereof, and the balance of each of said legs being single, said transverse member being a stretchable gathered region of said strip, and comprising an elastic band having tabs secured thereto, said elastic band being disposed parallel to the edges of said elongate strip closer to one edge than the other of said strip, means for mounting said elastic band on said strip, whereby an arcuate form is imparted to said stretchable

gathered region, and stitching passing through said strip and said tabs, said strip being folded over in said stretchable gathered region sandwiching said band between the folds thereof.

6. A hair band comprising a pair of superposed elongate strips of material substantially coextensive in length and fastened together for substantially their whole lengths, said hair band having a stretchable gathered region comprising an elastic band having tabs secured thereto, said band being disposed between said elongate strips and parallel to the edges thereof, closer to one edge than the other of each of said strips, said elastic band being mounted to both of said strips, whereby an arcuate form is imparted to said stretchable gathered region, and stitching passing through said strips and said tabs.

7. A hair bow comprising a pair of substantially parallel legs and a stretchable gathered transverse member connecting said legs, each of said legs having a doubled portion extending from said transverse member to one end thereof, and the balance of each of said legs being single, each of said legs being comprised of a single elongate strip of material, said stretchable gathered transverse member comprising superposed substantially coextensive extensions of said strips and an elastic band having tabs secured thereto, said band being disposed between said extensions and parallel to the edges thereof, said elastic band being mounted to both of said extensions, and stitching passing through said strips and said tabs.

8. A hairband comprising an elongate strip of material both ends thereof being stitched to a circular stretchable gathered member, said member comprising a second elongate strip of material, an elastic band having tabs secured thereto, said elastic band being disposed parallel to the edges of said second elongate strip closer to one edge than the other thereof and being mounted on said second strip, and stitching passing through both ends of said second strip and said tabs.

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