This invention relates to combs and is particularly adapted for use upon combs of the so-called rat-tail type, although it may be applied to other forms of combs as well.

In the conventional rat-tail type of comb there is a comb body with a so-called rat-tail extending longitudinally from the back of the comb in alignment with the back of the comb. This rat-tail is useful in parting locks of tangled or thick hair.

When the body of the comb is used to comb the separated locks it is frequently grasped by the rat-tail. However, the rat-tail is relatively thin and is smooth and straight it is difficult to firmly grasp the comb by the rat-tail. Consequently, it is frequently dropped.

It is an object of this invention to provide a comb such as a rat-tail comb with suitable grip means advantageously located so that the comb may be conveniently grasped without danger of its slipping or being dropped.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will be made manifest in the following description and specifically pointed out in the appended claims, reference is had to the accompanying drawing for an illustrative embodiment of the invention, wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of one form of rat-tail comb embodying the invention;

Figure 2 is a horizontal section taken substantially upon the line 2—2 upon Fig. 1;

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the comb shown in Fig. 1; and

Figure 4 is a view in side elevation of a rat-tail comb embodying an alternative form of the invention.

Referring to the accompanying drawing wherein similar reference characters designate similar parts throughout, the comb as illustrated in Fig. 1 has the conventional comb body consisting of a series of teeth integral with a comb back 11 which has an integral rat-tail 12 extending longitudinally in alignment with back 11 from one end thereof. At the end of the series of teeth 10 and on the underside of the rat-tail 12, there is formed a finger-receiving opening 13 and if desired an additional finger-receiving opening 14 may be formed adjacent thereto. Either or both of the finger-receiving openings may be open at the bottom as indicated at 15. The top of the comb in the preferred form of construction is corrugated as at 16 and the sides of the rat-tail may have recesses or depressions such as those indicated at 17. These finger-receiving openings and corrugations are located adjacent the juncture between the rat-tail 12 and the body of the comb 11 with the result that the person using the comb may insert one or more fingers through the finger-receiving openings 13 and 14. In this way it is possible to firmly grasp the comb when using either the rat-tail or the body of the comb. There is no danger of the comb slipping or being dropped.

In Fig. 4 an alternative form of construction is disclosed wherein the teeth are indicated at 16a and the back of the comb is indicated at 11a. The rat-tail 12a corresponds in size and shape to the conventional rat-tail. The finger-receiving opening 13a is conveniently located adjacent the juncture between the rat-tail 12a and the body 15 of the comb enabling the operator or user to insert one finger therethrough to prevent the comb slipping or being accidentally dropped while being used.

From the above-described construction, it will be appreciated that a comb is provided wherein adequate provision is made to conveniently and firmly grasp the comb while using it avoiding any danger of slipping or dropping.

Various changes may be made in the details of construction without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A fingertip comb comprising a comb, there being an extension extending longitudinally from one end of the back of the comb forming a "rat-tail", there being one or more finger-receiving openings extending transversely of the comb on the underside of the "rat-tail" forming extension adjacent the juncture of the extension and the comb.

2. A fingertip comb comprising a comb, there being an extension extending longitudinally from one end of the back of the comb forming a "rat-tail", there being one or more finger-receiving and encircling openings extending transversely of the comb on the underside of the "rat-tail" forming extension, said openings being arranged adjacent the juncture of the extension and the comb and at the lateral end of the series of comb teeth.

3. A fingertip comb comprising a comb, there being an extension extending longitudinally from the end of the back of the comb forming a "rat-tail", there being corrugations formed on the extension at the juncture between the extension and the comb.

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