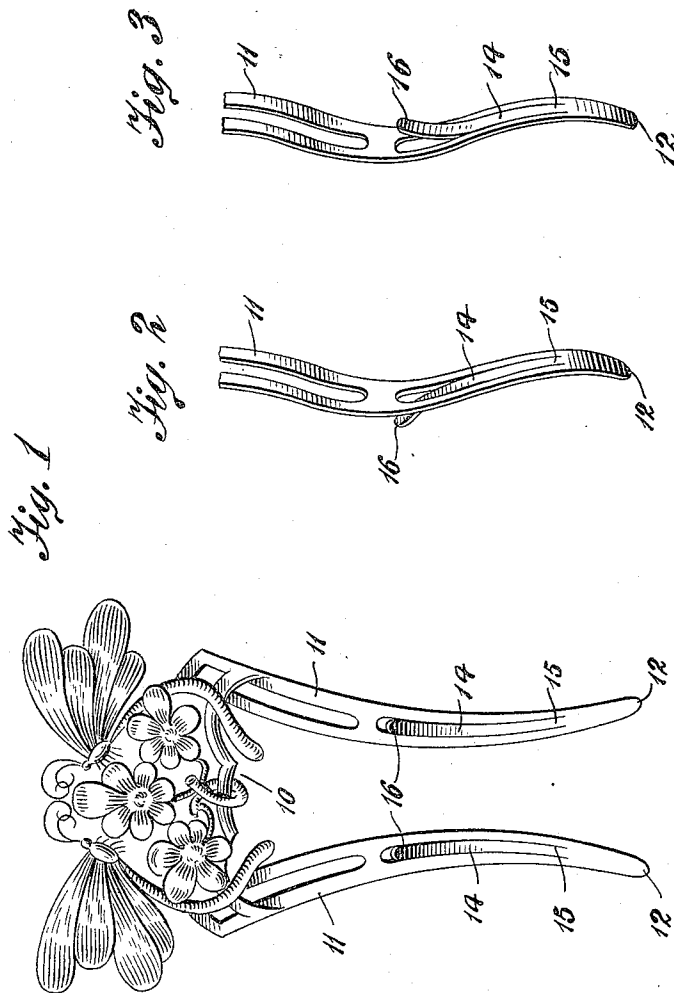


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOSEPH NEUHAUS, subject of the Emperor of Germany, and resident of Forest Hills, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hair Ornaments, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in hair ornaments of the barrette or comb type and has for its object the provision of means whereby the article is secured in the hair against possible loss or displacement.

This object is attained by the novel constructive methods hereinafter described and shown in the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, and in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, looking from the front or outer side of an article made in accordance with the invention. Fig. 2 is a fragmental perspective view of one of the depending members of the article, and, Fig. 3 is a similar view, showing a modification in construction.

In articles of this kind the danger of loss is so great that relatively few of an expensive type are worn and many expedients to prevent such occurrence have been attempted.

A woman's hair, soft, silky, often oily and sometimes thin, does not present an ideal substance for sustaining such ornaments and hitherto it has been necessary to exercise the utmost care in attachment, and almost constant surveillance else loss occurs.

In the drawing an adequate means is disclosed, the article shown consisting of a form of barrette, the bar or main portion 10, of which may be ornamented as richly as desired or set with jewels.

From the bar extend two prongs 11, curved and reduced in width toward their ends as is customary, and terminating in rounded points 12, the same being adapted to enter the hair at any desired point on the head.

In order to prevent an untoward withdrawal, unconscious to the wearer, each of the prongs 11 is formed with an internal tongue 14, integral with but separated from the material of the prongs, except at their lower ends 15, forming in effect a securing element which will engage with some of the strands of the hair and by them be held safe from theft or loss.

While the preferred outwardly extending bend of the tongue is shown in Figs. 1 and 2, it is not desired to be limited to the exact construction as obviously the tongue can be bent inwardly as at Fig. 3, and more or less space left between the tongue and prong.

The operation of inserting needs no description and that of removing will obviously be apparent, it being necessary only to raise the hair strands actually engaged between the tongue and prongs, an operation usually performed only at the close of the day.

Having thus described my invention and ascertained its operation and use, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

In a hair ornament, the combination with a resilient plate member curved to conform to a wearer's head, a pair of flexible depending prongs integral therewith, having slotted openings through the upper part thereof, said prongs being curved, and tongues formed interiorly of said prongs, below said openings, said tongues being attached at their lower ends, extending upwardly and adapted to engage hair strands between their inner surfaces and the surfaces of said prongs.

Signed at New York in the county of New York and State of New York this thirtieth day of April A. D. 1915.

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