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LABEL FOR HAIR SWITCHES.

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Fig. 4.

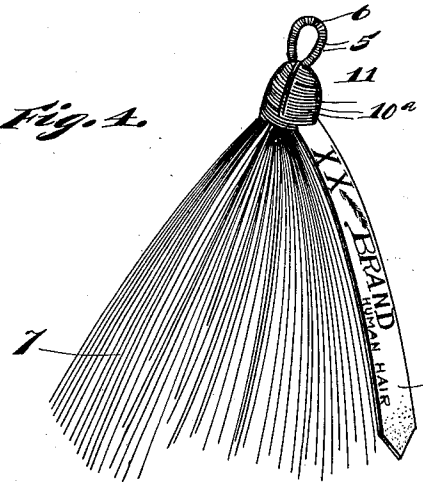


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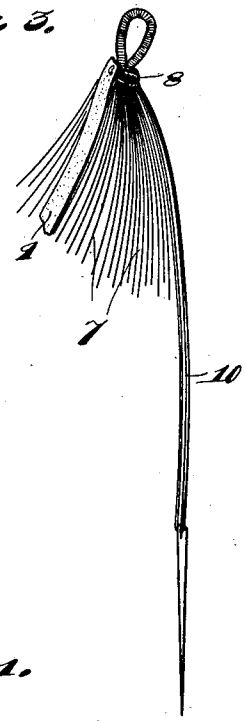


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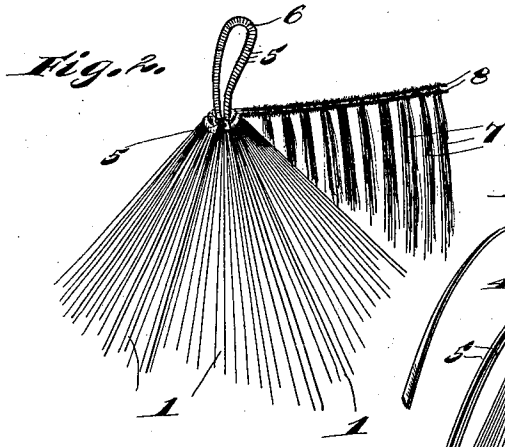
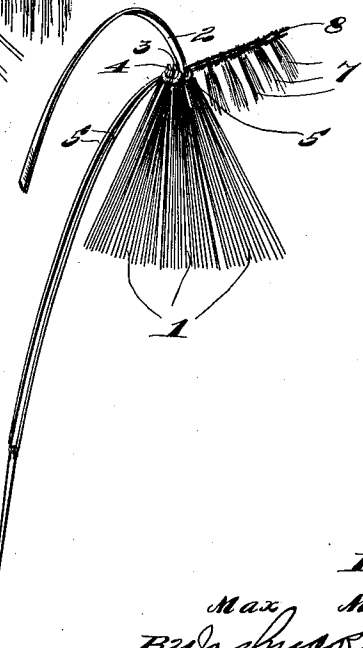


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAX MULLER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of Chicago, county of Cook, and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Labels for Hair Switches, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to hair switches and more particularly to an improved method of attaching a label thereto, to designate the name of the manufacturer and the brand or quality of hair contained in the switch.

The primary object of this invention is to provide a label which is attached to a switch, when the latter is in its incompleted form and being securely bound thereto, by the binding used in securing the braids of hair.

A further object is to provide a label, so securely attached, as to prevent detachment from the switch and which may serve as a means for holding the switch during the combing and brushing thereof.

With the above and other objects in view, this invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, all hereinafter more fully described, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view disclosing the first step of assembling the parts of the switch, Fig. 2 is a similar view disclosing the elements of the switch in assembled position, the finishing tufts supported by a tape and the finished loop, Fig. 3 is a perspective view disclosing the finishing tufts in position, the label secured thereto and the thread for binding the end of the switch, and Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a completed hair switch, having a label secured thereto.

The preferred form of construction, as illustrated in the drawings, comprises a designating label and novel means of attaching same to the switch.

The switch proper is formed of a plurality of body tufts of hair 1, which are individually secured at their upper ends to the tapes 2, 3 and 4, the latter being held together by stitching passing through all of the body tufts 1, permitting the tape 2 to project therefrom. The tapes 2, 3 and 4 are bound together by means of the silk thread 5, and the tape 2 is then twisted, while the thread 5 is wound thereabout, so as to give a finished appearance to the tape. The free end of the tape 2 is then rebent to form the loop 6.

A plurality of finishing tufts 7 are carried by the tape 8, which is wound around the terminals of the body tufts 1, which constitutes a further securing means.

The label 9 is preferably formed of some suitable strong fabric, such as silk. For the purpose of securing this permanently to the switch, I utilize the usual external binding or wrapping-thread 10. By means of a needle this thread 10 is passed through the label near one end and the label thereby drawn snugly against the tufts, it being understood that the thread 10, previous to being passed through the label at one or more points is passed through the tufts and bound around the same a few times to lend stability, all as shown in Fig. 3. After thus being partially attached to the switch, the binding or wrapping-thread 10 is applied to the switch in the usual manner and in doing so is wrapped about the upper end of the label, whereby the latter is confined permanently to the switch. The end of the wrapping thread is then fastened to the switch in the usual manner, preferably by means of a loop. In this manner it will be seen that the wrapping thread is utilized not only to form the usual finished head 11 of the switch, but also to hold and retain the label 9 in position.

The label may be used to designate the name of the manufacturer, the trade-mark, brand or grade of hair contained in the switch.

By this construction it would be impossible to substitute labels, as the thread comprising the head 11 would have to be unwound before the label could be removed, the above operation being difficult and easy of detection.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred form of construction for carrying my invention into effect, this is capable of variation and modification without departing from the spirit of the invention. I, therefore, do not wish to be limited to the precise details of construction set forth, but desire to avail myself of such variations and modifications as come within the scope of the appended claims.

Having described my invention what I

claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A switch, comprising, a plurality of tufts secured together at their upper ends to form a head, a label, an outer binding or wrapping-thread secured to said head at one end and threaded through the upper end of the label and subsequently wound about said upper end of the label and the said head to form a finished head for the switch and hold the said label, substantially as described.

2. A switch, comprising, a plurality of tufts secured together at their upper ends to form a head, a label, an outer binding or wrapping-thread secured to said head and partially wound thereabout, subsequently threaded through the upper end of the label and beyond that point wound about the label and the head to form a finished head for the switch and hold the label, substantially as described.

3. A device of the kind described, comprising a hair switch having a head made up of many turns of thread wound around the top thereof; and a ribbon label perforated near one end, a part of said thread being wound under said label, a portion passing through the perforations therein and the remainder of said thread being wound over said end, substantially as described.

4. A switch, comprising, a plurality of tufts secured together at their upper ends to form a head, and a label, formed of fabric, and, in addition to serving as a label, also adapted to serve as a suspending-means, secured at one end to the said head and projecting therefrom.

5. A switch, comprising, a plurality of tufts secured together at their upper ends to form a head, and a label, formed of fabric, and, in addition to serving as a label, also adapted to serve as a suspending means, secured at one end and bound to said head by the external binding thereof.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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