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FIG-1

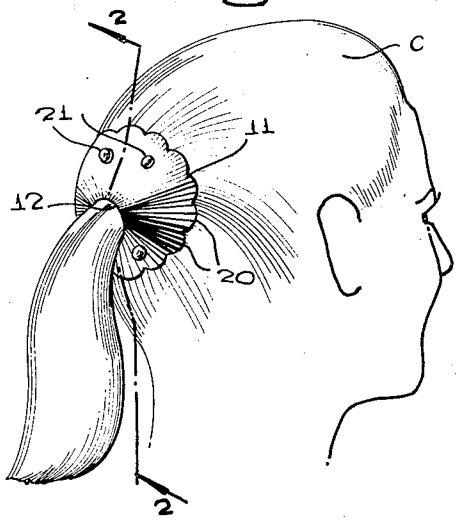


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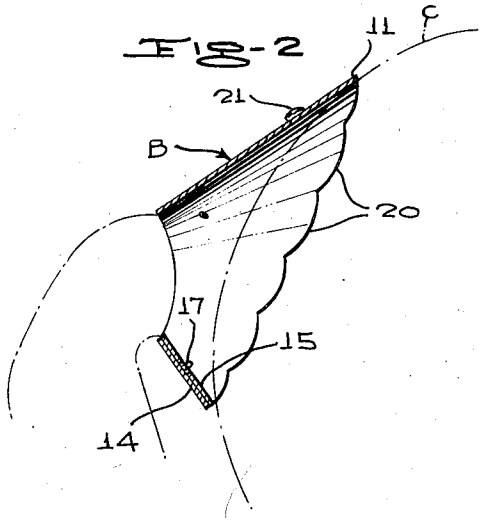


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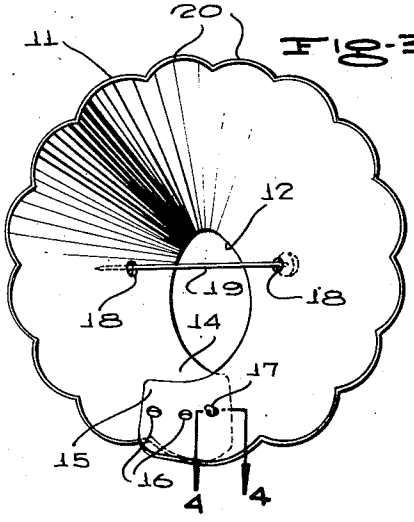
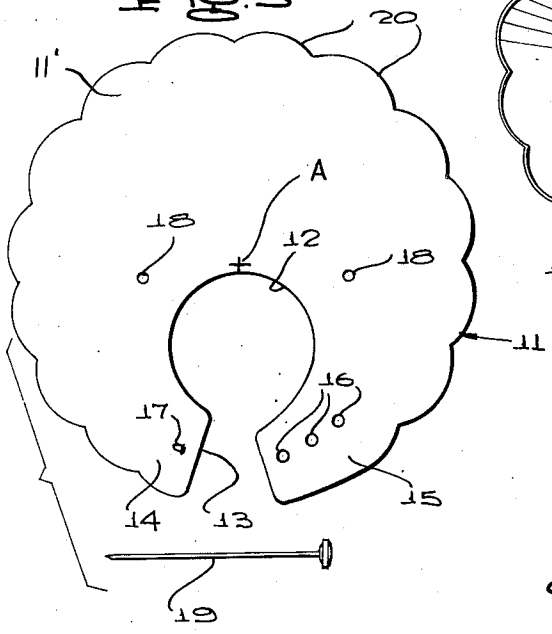


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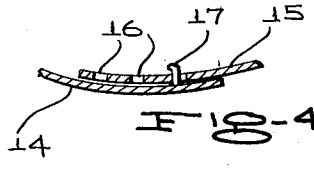


FIG-4

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This invention relates to head bands, and more particularly to a lady's hair band for use in forming a lady's hairdress of the "pony tail" type.

A main object of the invention is to provide a novel and improved hair band device for use in forming a "pony tail" type of hairdress, the improved band being simple in construction, being attractive in appearance, and being easy to place in position.

A further object of the invention is to provide an improved "pony tail" holding band which is inexpensive to manufacture, which is durable in construction, which is readily adjustable in accordance with the amount of hair which it is required to encircle, and which may be relied upon to support itself in an adjusted position without slipping or becoming unfastened.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from the following description and claims, and from the accompanying drawings, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the manner in which an improved hair band device according to the present invention is employed to fasten a "pony tail" type of hairdress.

Figure 2 is an enlarged vertical cross sectional view taken on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view of the hair band device shown in Figures 1 and 2.

Figure 4 is an enlarged cross sectional detail view taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 3.

Figure 5 is a plan view of a hair band device, as illustrated in Figures 1 to 4, with its end flaps in separated position and with its auxiliary hair-retaining pin element removed.

Referring to the drawings, **11** generally designates an improved hair holder according to the present invention, said holder comprises a flat sheet **11'** fabricated of resilient material, such as sheet plastic material, and shaped to a generally circular outline, as shown in Figure 5. The circular sheet **11'** has an aperture **12** which is positioned between the axis A and the peripheral edge thereof and separated by a slit **13** extending from the aperture **12** to the peripheral edge. The edge portions adjacent the slit **13** define opposed end flaps **14** and **15**, the flaps being movable toward each other into overlapping relation to form a frusto-conical shaped body B, as shown in Figures 1, 2 and 4. Releasable interengageable means are on the flaps **14** and **15** for holding the end flaps in overlapped relation. Specifically, the end flap **15** is formed with a plurality of circumferentially spaced apertures **16**, and the end flap **14** is provided with an upstanding, hooked locking lug **17** engageable through a selected one of the apertures **16**, in the manner shown in Figure 4, to detachably secure the end flaps **14** and **15** in overlapping positions, as shown in Figure 3.

The larger end of the frusto-conical shaped body B is adapted to bear against the hair of a human head, as

indicated by the letter C, as shown in Figures 1 and 2, and the smaller end of the body defined by the aperture **12** is adapted for extension therethrough and holding of a lock of hair of the human head C.

The main body of the device is further formed with a pair of spaced apertures **18** located on opposite sides of the axis A of the circular sheet **11'** and spaced from the aperture **12**, as shown in Figures 3 and 5, the apertures **18**, **18** being adapted to receive a straight hairpin **19** therethrough, which serves as an auxiliary fastening means to securely anchor the device in a desired adjusted position on the user's hair.

As shown, the peripheral edges of the main body of the device may be shaped with serrations or scallops, shown at **20**, serving to interengage with the user's hair and to hold the device against rotation.

As shown in Figure 2, the hooked locking projection **17** projects inwardly and is engageable in a selected aperture **16** of the flap **15**, whereby the flap **15** is securely locked beneath the flap **14** and whereby the hooked locking lug **17** is completely covered when the device is placed on the user's hair, in the manner illustrated in Figures 1 and 2.

If so desired, the device **11** may be suitably decorated by the mounting of jewels **21** thereon or by any other desired type of ornamentation.

While a specific embodiment of an improved hair holder has been disclosed in the foregoing description, it will be understood that various modifications within the spirit of the invention may occur to those skilled in the art. Therefore, it is intended that no limitations be placed on the invention except as defined by the scope of the appended claims.

What is claimed is:

1. In a hair holder, a flat sheet fabricated of resilient material and shaped to a generally circular outline, said circular sheet having an aperture located eccentrically of the axis of said circular sheet forming a larger end on one side of said aperture and a smaller end on the opposite side of said aperture, said smaller end being interrupted by a slit extending from said aperture to its associated peripheral edge, the edge portions adjacent said slit defining opposed end flaps, said flaps being movable toward each other into overlapping relation to form a frusto-conical shaped body, and releasable interengageable means on said end flaps for holding the end flaps in overlapped relation, the larger end of said body being adapted to bear against the hair of a human head and the smaller end of said body defined by said aperture being adapted for extension therethrough and holding of a lock of hair of said human head.

2. The hair holder according to claim 1 which includes in addition a pair of apertures arranged on opposite sides of said axis and spaced from said aperture for projection therethrough of a straight hairpin.

3. The hair holder according to claim 1 which includes in addition scalloping on the peripheral edge of said sheet for holding said body against rotation when applied to said head.

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