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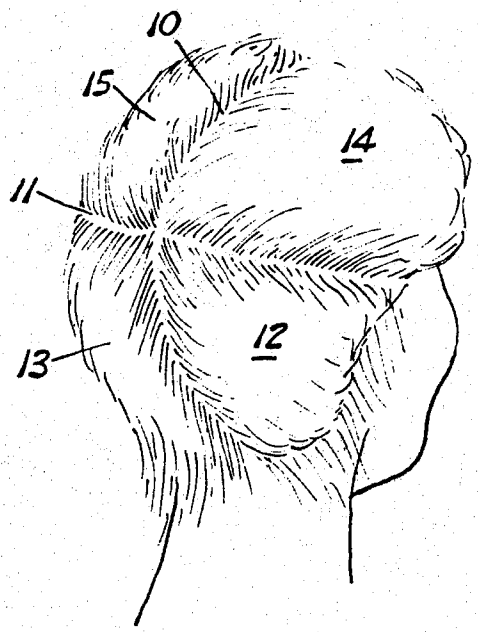


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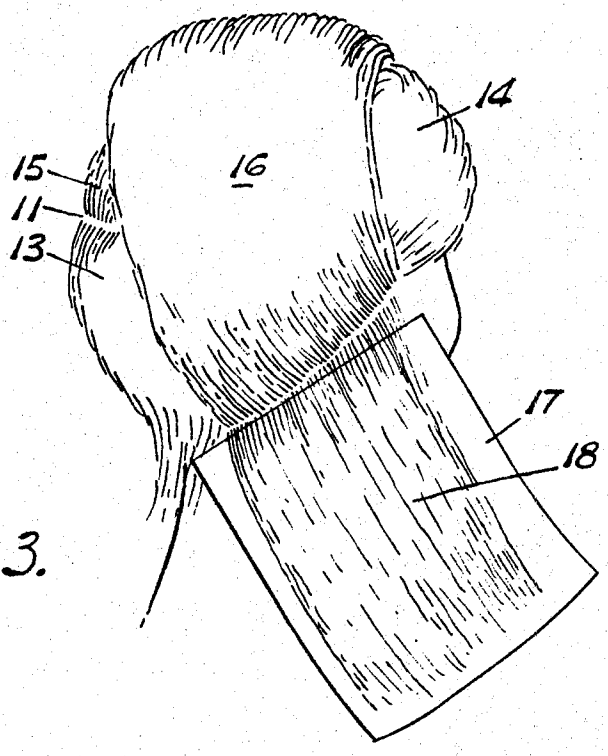
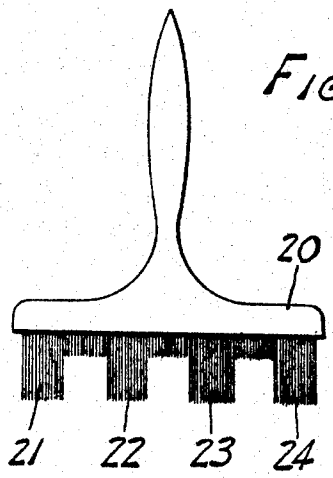


FIG. 3.



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This invention relates to hair coloring and particularly to a novel method of producing longitudinal streaks of contrasting colors in hair by bleaching or other coloration.

The type of hair coloration here in contemplation is generally referred to in the hairdressing art as streaking and is accomplished by rather cumbersome procedures which are slow and rather non-uniform in results. Streaking, as conventionally practiced, is usually done by the use of a cutout stencil applied to the hair or by individually coloring or bleaching individual strands of hair.

The present invention provides a novel coloring or bleaching method whereby entire layers of hair are simultaneously treated with bleach or colorant to produce contrasting streaks in the hair. The streaking effect produced by the present method, while not too rigidly uniform as to be unnatural, is more predictable than by prior art methods and is much quicker and more convenient. Furthermore, less skill on the part of the operator is required than in prior art methods.

Speaking generally, the method of the present invention is practiced by dividing or parting the hair of the scalp into sectors by combing, laying up the hair of one sector over the top of the head, placing a protective sheet of material adjacent to the base or lower portion of such sector, combing a lower layer of hair of the laid-up sector down onto the protective sheet, streaking the same with bleach or colorant by the use of a brush of approximately the width of the layer of hair and having a series of spaced tufts of bristles, so as to simultaneously apply spaced parallel streaks of bleach or colorant to the layer of hair on the protective sheet, placing a second protective sheet on the layer of hair thus treated, combing a second layer of the laid-up hair down onto the second sheet, again applying parallel streaks of bleach or colorant by the use of the aforesaid brush with spaced tufts of bristles, covering the same with a protective sheet, and so on.

Each sector or quadrant of hair of the scalp will thus have several layers of treated hair separated by protective sheets. The several treated sectors with their protective sheets are then wrapped with a sheet of aluminum foil in turban fashion and the whole is subjected to the action of a drier to set the colorant or cause or permit the bleach to have its desired effect.

While a single specific embodiment of the principles of the present invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing and described in detail in the following specification, it is to be understood that such embodiment is by way of example only and that various mechanical modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention, the scope of which is limited only as defined in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

FIG. 1 is a rear quarter perspective view of a head which is to be treated in accordance with the method of the present invention after the first step of the present method;

FIG. 2 is a view similar to FIG. 1 illustrating a further step in the method; and

FIG. 3 is an elevational view of one form of the brush which is employed in applying bleach or colorant in accordance with the method of the present invention.

As illustrated in FIG. 1, the hair of a subject's scalp has been divided into four sectors or quadrants in a manner which is understood in the hair styling art and which is practiced for effecting other forms of hair treatment and styling. After dividing the hair in this fashion each of the sectors or quadrants are treated successively in a manner which will presently be described with reference to FIG. 2 of the drawing.

As shown in FIG. 1 of the drawing the hair of a subject has been parted from front to back as at **10** and from side to side as at **11** to form four sectors designated **12** through **15** in FIG. 1. The second step in the present method is to begin with one sector, in the instance illustrated in FIG. 2 the sector **12** which is at the right rear of the subject's head, and lay the hair of such sector upwardly over the top of the head, as indicated at **16** in FIG. 2.

A protective sheet of aluminum foil, waxed paper, or other suitable sheet material, designated **17** in FIG. 2, is then placed so that its upper edge is adjacent to the lower edge of the particular sector. This sheet may merely lie upon the subject's shoulder or may be clipped or secured temporarily in any desired fashion. A layer of hair **16** is then combed down from the laid-up portion onto the top of the sheet **17** as indicated at **18** in FIG. 2. This layer of hair is then ready for treatment with a bleaching solution or other colorant.

According to the present invention a special applicator is provided for this purpose and FIG. 3 shows a brush **20** having a spaced series of tufts of bristles, the tufts being designated **21** through **24** in FIG. 3. The tufts of brush **20** are so proportioned that a single stroke of the brush legnthwise of the layer **18** of hair, the brush having been dipped in bleaching solution or another colorant, applies the desired streaks of bleach or colorant to the hair.

For different effects different tuft arrangements of the brush may be employed. For instance, instead of the four tufts illustrated in FIG. 3, in a brush of the same general width six equally spaced tufts may be provided, or any other desired number and width may be employed.

After this streaking treatment is applied to the hair of layer **18** another protective sheet **17** is laid thereover, a second layer of hair is combed down to lie upon this second protective sheet, and this second layer is brushed with bleach or colorant in the same manner as the first layer. This procedure is repeated until all of the hair of this sector or quadrant has been treated with a solution of bleach or colorant. While subject to considerable variation, about five layers in the rear sectors or quadrants and about four layers in the front sector will usually give satisfactory results. The slight lateral displacement of the streaking which naturally occurs in the successive layers gives a sufficiently diffuse effect in the ultimate streaking as to avoid the artificial appearance of a too rigidly defined streaking.

The foregoing treatment is repeated for each of the four sectors or quadrants, whereupon an aluminum foil sheet is wrapped about the head in turban fashion to encompass the four sectors of hair with interposed separating sheets. The head is then placed under a drier until the bleach solution has taken effect or until other colorant has set or dried as desired.

We claim:

1. A hair coloring method which comprises combing the hair of a subject's scalp to divide the same into sectors as viewed in plan, raising the hair of one sector and laying the same up over the subject's head, positioning a protective sheet of flexible material so that it extends downwardly from a lower portion of said sector, separating a layer of hair from the hair so raised and laying the same on said sheet, stroking the hair thus laid in a longitudinal direction with a brush having spaced tufts

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2. A hair coloring method which comprises combing the hair of a subject's scalp to divide the same into sectors as viewed in plan, raising the hair of one sector and laying the same up over the subject's head, positioning a protective sheet of flexible material so that it extends downwardly from a lower portion of said sector, separating a layer of hair from the hair so raised and laying the same on said sheet, stroking the hair thus laid in a longitudinal direction with a brush having spaced tufts and dipped in a hair colorant to produce a spaced series of parallel streaks of hair having such colorant applied thereto, placing a second protective sheet on the first sheet with the treated layer of hair therebetween, separating a second layer from the raised hair and laying the same on said second sheet, brushing the same with colorant as in the aforesaid step, placing a further protective sheet on said second layer, and continuing this procedure until all of the raised hair of said sector has been treated, repeating the foregoing procedure with each of said sectors, said protective sheets being retained in layer-separating relationship until said colorant has become effective and substantially dry.

3. A hair coloring method which comprises raising the hair of a sector of the subject's head and laying the same up over the head, positioning a protective sheet of flexible material so that it extends downwardly from a lower portion of said sector, separating a layer of hair from the hair so raised and laying the same on said sheet, stroking the hair thus laid in a longitudinal direction with a brush having spaced tufts and dipped in a hair colorant to produce a spaced series of parallel streaks of hair having such colorant applied thereto, placing a second protective sheet on the first sheet with the treated layer of hair therebetween, separting a second layer from the raised hair and laying the same on said second sheet, brushing the same with colorant as in the aforesaid step, placing a further protective sheet on said second layer, and continuing this procedure until the raised hair of said sector has been treated, repeating the foregoing procedure with further sectors until the subject's hair is fully treated, then wrapping the subject's head with a turban of sheet material to encompass the treated sectors and subjecting the same to drying.

4. A hair coloring method which comprises raising the hair of a sector of the subject's head and laying the same up over the head, positioning a protective sheet of flexible material so that it extends downwardly from a lower portion of said sector, separating a layer of hair from the hair so raised and laying the same on said sheet, stroking the hair thus laid in a longitudinal direction with a brush having spaced tufts and dipped in a hair colorant to produce a spaced series of parallel streaks of hair having such colorant applied thereto, placing a second protective sheet on the first sheet with treated layer of hair therebetween, separating a second layer from the raised hair and laying the same on said second sheet, brushing the same with colorant as in the aforesaid step, placing a further protective sheet on said second layer, and continuing this procedure until the raised hair of said sector has been treated, and repeating the foregoing procedure with further sectors until the subject's hair is fully treated.

5. A hair coloring method which comprises combing the hair of a subject's scalp to divide the same into sectors as viewed in plan, raising the hair of one sector and laying the same up over the subject's head, positioning a protective sheet of flexible material so that it extends downwardly from a lower portion of said sector, separating a layer of hair from the hair so raised and laying the same on said sheet, stroking the hair thus laid in a longitudinal direction with a brush dipped in a hair colorant so as to produce a spaced series of parallel streaks of hair having such colorant applied thereto, placing a second protective sheet on the first sheet with the treated layer of hair therebetween, separting a second layer from the raised hair and laying the same on said second sheet, brushing the same with colorant as in the aforesaid step, placing a further protective sheet on said second layer, and continuing this procedure until all of the raised hair of said sector has been treated, and repeating the foregoing procedure with each of said sectors.

6. A hair coloring method which comprises raising the hair of a sector of the subject's head and laying the same up over the head, positioning a protective sheet of flexible material so that it extends downwardly from a lower portion of said sector, separating a layer of hair from the hair so raised and laying the same on said sheet, stroking the hair thus laid in a longitudinal direction with a brush dipped in a hair colorant so as to produce a spaced series of parallel streaks of hair having such colorant applied thereto, placing a second protective sheet on the first sheet with the treated layer of hair therebetween, separating a second layer from the raised hair and laying the same on said second sheet, brushing the same with colorant as in the aforesaid step, placing a further protective sheet on said second layer, and continuing this procedure until all of the raised hair of said sector has been treated, and repeating the foregoing procedure with further sectors until the subject's head is fully treated.

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