

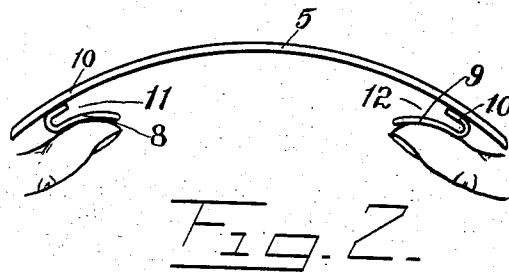
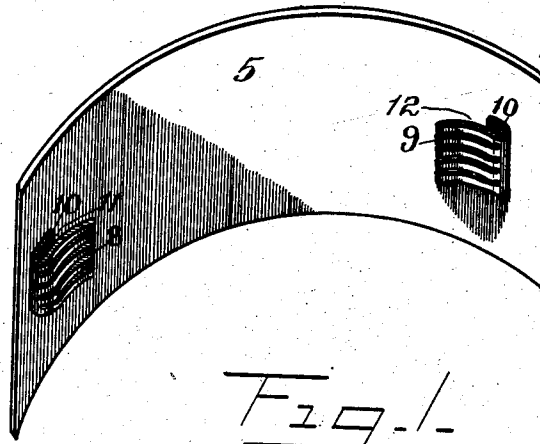
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MALLE LITTLE PRITZKOW, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Philadelphia, in the
5 county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Barrettes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to barrettes, the object of the invention being to provide a device of this character having teeth of a novel inclination and curvature, such inclination or curvature facilitating the ready engagement
10 of the device with the hair or its disengagement therefrom as will be hereinafter pointed out.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will be set forth in the detailed description which now follows.

20 In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a barrette constructed in accordance with the invention, and Fig. 2 is an edge view thereof.

Like numerals designate corresponding
25 parts in both of the figures of the drawing.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 5 designates the body portion of the barrette. This body portion is preferably curved and it may be constructed of any desired material such for instance as celluloid, bone, or
30 metal. It may be rigid or flexible, or resilient as desired. Oppositely directed sets of teeth or prongs 8 and 9 are mounted at the ends of the barrette and it is in the peculiar
35 curvature and inclination of these teeth that the invention particularly resides. All of the teeth of a set are preferably carried by a common base portion 10. These teeth are so inclined and curved that their points lie
40 farther from the body of the barrette than their points of juncture with the base portions 10. In other words, these teeth are rearwardly inclined, or inclined from the concave side of the body portion 5. In addition to this
45 rearward inclination, the teeth are longitudinally curved so that their outer faces are concave. By reason of the rearward incli-

nation of the teeth, wedge shaped recesses 11 and 12 are formed between the teeth and the body portion of the barrette in which the hair 50 is wedged, to more firmly secure the device in position, as well as to more securely hold the hair. The concave outer faces of the teeth serve a double function. After a barrette of this character has been placed in position, there are sometimes a few loose
55 strands of hair lying immediately outside of the teeth that it is desired to engage and hold with the barrette. The user may then, by pressing these strands of hair inwardly over the outer faces of the teeth, preferably
60 with the middle finger of each hand (see Fig. 2), force these loose strands in behind the teeth. A utility of greater importance however, arises from the fact that in putting these barrettes into position, some of
65 the hair gets in between the teeth and becomes intermeshed with the teeth in such a way that it is difficult to remove the barrette with a straight outward pull. At this time, 70 by passing the fingers longitudinally over the teeth toward their points as indicated in Fig. 2 of the drawing, this interengaged hair may be forced out of engagement with the teeth, thereby permitting the ready re-
75 moval of the barrette.

From the foregoing description, it will be seen that simple and efficient means are herein provided for accomplishing the objects of the invention, but while the elements shown
80 and described are well adapted to serve the purposes for which they are intended, it is to be understood that the invention is not limited to the precise construction set forth, but include within their purview such
85 changes as may be made within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

In a device of the character described, 90 the combination with a bowed elastic body portion, of a U shaped comb like member secured to each end of said body portion, each of said comb members comprising a plural-

ity of parallel teeth, the teeth of said comb members pointing toward each other, the outer faces of said teeth being concave from their base portions to their terminal portions, the teeth of each comb member being
5 formed in that portion of the U shaped comb member farthest from the bowed body portion, the remaining member of the U shaped

comb member lying against and being secured to said body portion.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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