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Fig. 1.

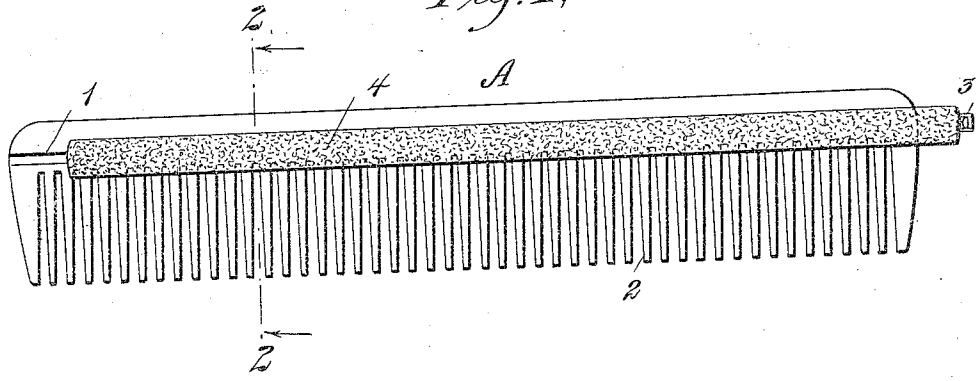
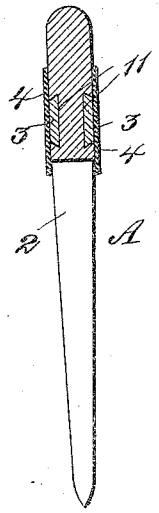


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDRICK E. BETHEUSER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Yonkers, in the county of Westchester and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Comb Attachment, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to a comb attachment which has for its general objects to provide means for removing dirt and dust from the hair, imparting waves and luster thereto, removing static electricity, and at the same time taking the place of a brush.

A more specific object of the invention is the provision of strips of velvet or equivalent means at the roots of the teeth of the comb so that the velvet will have a brushing action on the hair to produce the results above set forth.

With such objects in view, and others which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention comprises various novel features of construction and arrangement of parts which will be set forth with particularity in the following description and claims appended hereto.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate one embodiment of the invention, and wherein similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the views,

Figure 1 is a side view of a comb with the attachment partly removed;

Fig. 2 is a transverse section thereof.

Referring to the drawing, A designates a comb which, in the present instance, has at opposite sides dovetail recesses 1 extending longitudinally of the back of the comb and adjacent the teeth 2. In these dovetail grooves are correspondingly shaped strips or slides 3 which have fastened thereto pieces of velvet or equivalent material 4, the napped side of the velvet being outermost. The strips of velvet are wider than the holding strips 3, and the lower edges of the velvet extend downwardly below the roots of the teeth or across the spaces between the teeth so that the velvet will have a wiping contact with the hair so as to remove the dust, dirt, and static electricity and produce a wave and luster effect thereon. The strips 3 with the velvet thereon can be removed longitudinally from their respective dovetail grooves, and the strips can be inserted reversed so that either edge of the velvet pieces can be employed. The removability of the velvet also enables it to be readily kept in a sanitary condition. If desired, perfume or scent can be placed in the velvet so as to scent the hair when the comb is used. Since no brush is required, other than that resulting from the velvet, there is no danger of the hair tearing or breaking, and furthermore, the hair does not require to be washed as frequently.

From the foregoing description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, the advantages of the construction and method of operation will be readily understood by those skilled in the art to which the invention appertains, and while I have described the principle of operation, together with the article which I now consider to be the best embodiment thereof, I desire to have it understood that the article shown is merely illustrative and that such changes may be made when desired as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:

1. The combination of a comb, a strip of napped material extending along the side of the comb, and means for reversibly attaching the said strip to the comb, with either longitudinal edge of the strip overlying the spaces between the teeth at the roots thereof and lying outside of such spaces, whereby the said strip has a wiping action on the hairs passing between the teeth of the comb.

2. A comb having a strip of fabric in contact with one side of the comb, with one edge of the strip overlying the root portions of the teeth and in contact with the side surfaces of the teeth.

3. A comb including a back, and teeth ex-

tending therefrom, and a strip of fabric secured flat against the side of the back and overlapping the roots of the teeth.

4. A comb having a longitudinal groove, a strip therein, and a piece of fabric fastened to the strip and having an edge projecting across the space between the root portions of the teeth.

5. A comb comprising a back and teeth, a strip removably mounted on the back, and a piece of fabric fastened to the strip with its edges projecting beyond the edges of the latter, and one edge of the fabric extending across the space between the teeth along the root portions thereof.

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