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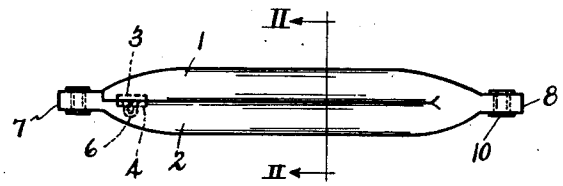


Fig. I

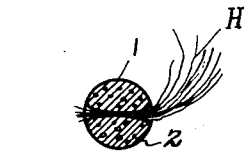


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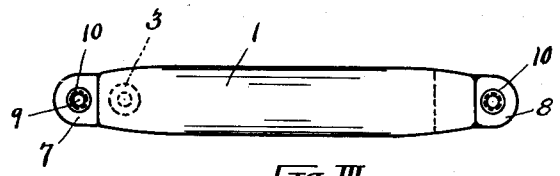


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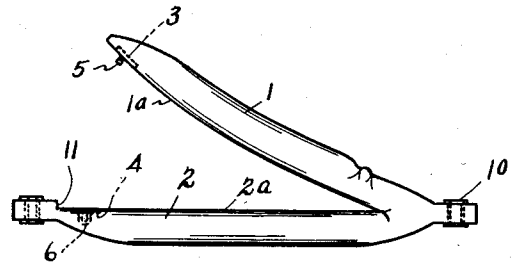


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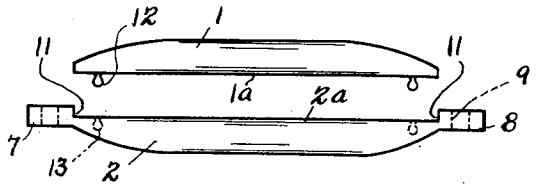


Fig. V

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My invention relates to a form upon which a woman's hair may be rolled, to remain a constituent part of the coiffure when the operation of hair-dressing has been completed. The device is called a "bobby form," and is distinguished from a hair-curling or waving device, in that it is a thing to be worn when the hair is in dressed arrangement. Novelty will be found in the structure of the bobby form. It is a device which includes very few, if any, metal parts; the material of which it is constructed is soft and yielding; the device includes no hard members or parts to bear uncomfortably upon the head of the wearer, and, in brief, it is a thing inexpensive to manufacture, adequate in point of utility, and comfortable to wear.

An embodiment of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing. Fig. I is a view of my bobby form in side elevation and in closed position; Fig. II is a view in cross-section, taken on the plane II—II of Fig. I, and illustrating how it clamps the hair; Fig. III is a view of the device in plan from above; Fig. IV is a view in side elevation, comparable with Fig. I, showing the device in distended position, ready to receive a strand of hair; and Fig. V is a view in side elevation, illustrating a modification in structure.

The bobby form comprises two elongate members, 1 and 2, adapted to be secured together adjacent their opposite ends. The two members 1, 2 may be integrated at one end and provided at their opposite ends with fastening means, as shown in Figs. I–IV, or the two members 1, 2 may be completely separable, and provided each at both ends with fastening means, as indicated in Fig. V. In either case the bobby form comprises a plurality of, conveniently two, elongate members which are adapted to be united adjacent their opposite ends.

The body members 1, 2 are molded or otherwise fashioned of flexible and elastic material, advantageously a rubber of soft or spongy characteristics. At the otherwise free ends of the members 1, 2 fastening means are provided. The fastening means may, as shown in this case, comprise the complementary elements 3 and 4 of the well-known snap-fastener. The fastener element 3 is provided with a ball 5, and element 4 includes a socket 6, to receive and yieldingly secure the ball 5, whereby mutual attachment of the elements is effected. The bodies of the fastener elements 3, 4 are embedded in the respective members 1 and 2, so that the uniting of the fastener elements (that is, the insertion of ball 5 in socket 6) effects the securing of the members 1, 2 in face-to-face contact. Advantageously, the fastener elements 3, 4 are secured by vulcanization in the respective rubber body members 1 and 2 of the device.

As appears in Fig. II a strand of hair H is clamped between the body members 1, 2 of the bobby form; the two members 1, 2 are spread apart (cf. Fig. IV), to admit of the ready insertion of the hair, and, when the strand of hair has been inserted between the members and the form properly placed, the otherwise free ends of the members 1, 2 are united by means of the snap-fastener 3, 4. The meeting faces $1a$ and $2a$ of the body members 1, 2 are, accordingly, pressed snugly upon the hair, the natural characteristics of the rubber assisting the clamping effect in securing the hair in place between such faces.

The end of the strand of hair being thus secured (Fig. II) between the body members 1, 2, the device is manually rotated, rolling the hair upon itself, until the device has, in rolling up the hair, moved to a position against the head of the user. It will be perceived that the two members 1, 2 when united provide a form upon which the hair may be spread and wound. The members 1 and 2 are of soft, flexible, and pliant material, and, when united, they constitute a hair-dressing form which is pliant. When the hair has been completely wound, the hair-enveloped form rests against the head of the wearer, and, because of its pliancy and resilience it lends itself comfortably to the curvature of the head.

At the opposite ends of the bobby form, I make provision for securing the rolled and hair-enveloped form by means of hair-pins in place against the head of the wearer. Such provision is found in two ears 7 and 8, each

provided with a hole 9. As a matter of choice, a reinforcement—say an expanded metal eyelet 10—may be secured in each hole 9. When the bobby form and the hair rolled upon it have been brought to position in the manner described against the head of the wearer, hair-pins of ordinary structure are passed through the holes 9 and are then "knitted" into the hair close to the head of the wearer thus securing the roll. When the roll has so been secured, the hair rolled upon the form may be spread, to overlie the ends of the bobby form, so that both the bobby form and the hair-pins will be hidden from view, and only the coiled hair will be visible.

It is important to note that structurally the body members 1, 2 are so shaped that together they constitute a cylindrical form (cf. cross-sectional view in Fig. II) upon which the hair can be easily and nicely rolled. The body member 2 is inset at 11, so that when the body member 1 is united with it, a smooth and symmetrical hair-dressing form is provided.

In case the bobby form is constructed in two separate body members, as shown in Fig. V, I provide an inset 11 adjacent each end of the device, so that the above-mentioned symmetrical form is obtained when the parts are assembled. I also contemplate that the snap-fastener elements may be constructed integrally and of one material with the parts 1 and 2. That is to say, a ball 12 of rubber (conveniently a rubber harder than that of which the members 1, 2 are built) is set in the face 1*a* of member 1 and by vulcanization integrated with member 1. A co-operating socket 13 may similarly be formed in or applied to the body 2, within its face 2*a*. When the bobby form is constructed of members which are separable at both ends, as indicated in Fig. V, I provide snap-fastener elements 3, 4 or 12, 13 at both ends of the device.

It is a matter of common knowledge that bobbed hair, due to the relatively short length of the hair, is difficult to dress and secure in rolled arrangement, and it may be remarked that my structure is particularly adapted for use with such bobbed hair. A short, as well as a long, strand of hair may be readily rolled upon the form.

I claim as my invention:

1. A bobby form for hair, which form includes a plurality of elongated body members of flexible and elastic material adapted to be secured together adjacent their ends, and adapted to clamp between their meeting faces a strand of hair, said body members comprising together a hair-dressing form upon which the hair may be rolled, and means adjacent the ends of said body members shaped for co-operation with hair-pins in securing the hair-enveloped form to the head of the wearer.

2. A bobby form for hair, which form includes two elongate body members of flexible and elastic material provided at their otherwise free ends with complementary snap-fastener elements, the meeting faces of said body members being adapted to secure a strand of hair clamped between them, and said body members comprising together a hair-dressing form upon which the hair may be rolled, together with means adjacent the ends of said body members shaped for co-operation with hair-pins in securing the hair-enveloped form to the head of the wearer.

3. In a bobby form for hair, the combination of a plurality of elongate, complementary and separable members which together constitute a flexible roll, means for securing the members together upon a strand of hair, and a passage for hair pins included in the structure at each of its opposite ends.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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