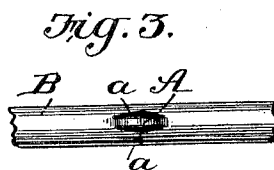
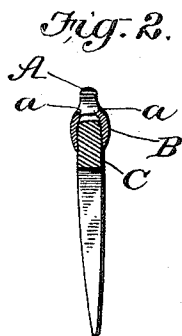
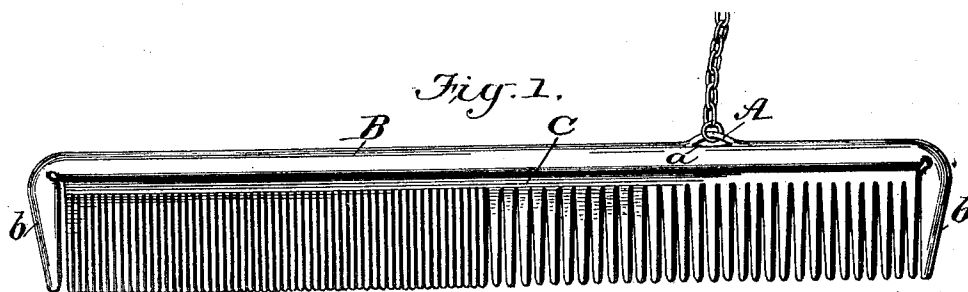


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN WALTON, of Philadelphia, (Frankford,) in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Comb-Backs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is in the nature of an improved metal comb-back for that kind of comb which is to be anchored to a cord or chain and suspended in the toilet-rooms of hotels and public dressing-rooms to prevent it from being misplaced or stolen.

My invention is designed to provide a more simple, cheap, cleanly, and sanitary connection; and to this end it consists in the metal comb-back stamped up with a raised anchorage loop or strap longitudinal with the back and integral with the metal thereof, as hereinafter more fully described.

Figure 1 is a side view of the comb-back applied to a comb; Fig. 2, a cross-section thereof through the anchorage-loop, and Fig. 3 a top edge view.

In the drawings, B is the tubular metal comb-back, formed with its longitudinal edges embracing the upper edge of the main body C of the comb, which is made of horn, rubber, or other suitable material and provided with the usual teeth. The tubular metal back has its end portions bent down to form protecting guard-teeth *b b*, while at a point about half-way between the middle of its length and its end it is formed with an anchorage-loop A, made in a peculiar way and for a special purpose—that is to say, in the process of stamping the metal back into its form two short parallel slits *a a*, Fig. 3, are cut longitudinally in the upper edge of the back, and the little strap of metal thus formed between them is pressed upward to form an arched anchorage-loop A, which is integral with the comb-back and to which the chain is to be attached.

Now I am aware that a metal-backed comb has been constructed in which the back has an eye projecting beyond its end, which makes

it very inconvenient to handle when in use, because to make use of the free end of the comb it is necessary to grasp the attaching-chain, and, besides, the other end of the comb cannot be conveniently used. A chain has been attached to a comb-back, however, at some distance from the ends, which allows one end to be grasped as a handle, but in this case an encompassing strap or clip was made to embrace both the comb body and the back, and it is a very uncleanly and unsanitary arrangement because the frequent dipping in water, together with the oil of the hair, involves an accumulation of gummy impurities about this strap that cannot be conveniently dislodged and cleansed. I am also aware that a separate parallel rod has been applied to a comb-back and slightly offset therefrom, so as to receive a running loop that slides from end to end. This gets very foul under the rod, and, besides, the rod is easily bent and the sliding of the loop defeated.

With my invention the struck-up anchorage-loop, being integral with the back, is made at the same time the back is made and costs nothing. It adds no increased width to the comb-back, so that the sides of the latter can be wiped clean. It can be placed at any point along the back, so as to leave both ends of the comb free for use as a handle. It affords no lodging-place for dirt, is strong, and durable, and permits the combs to be compactly packed side by side.

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

A comb-back made of a single piece of tubular metal having in its upper edge two parallel and longitudinal slits, with the metal between raised above the level of the rest of the back to form an integral anchorage-loop substantially as and for the purpose described.

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