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Clamp for Holding Hair.
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Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDMUND F. BURROWS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mystic River, in the county of New London and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clamps for Holding Hair; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters or figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to a clamp for holding hair while it is being dressed; and the object of my improvement is to provide a clamp which may be readily attached to a table, shelf, or other device, and to provide the same with serrated jaws, which are so constructed that by placing between them braids of hair, false or natural, and pulling upon the same it will cause said jaws to clamp it and thus hold it while undergoing the process of being dressed or combed. I attain this object by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my clamp and a portion of the leaf of a table, showing the means of attaching the clamp thereto, and showing also the fixed jaw thereof, as well as the swinging one, and the manner of connecting them together; and Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the clamp, showing the serrations in the jaws, and a knob attached to the fixed jaw for holding the hair or other substance when provided with a loop at its end.

Similar letters refer to similar parts in both of the views.

In providing a clamp to be used by ladies in holding hair and other substances worn upon their heads, but which may be used for various other purposes—such as holding cloth while being sewed, and small articles of wearing-apparel while being cleaned—I use a bent piece of metal, A, of any form that will adapt it for being attached to the edge of a table or shelf by means of a set-screw, B, which has a thread formed upon it, said threaded portion passing through one arm of the piece A, in which there is a thread for its reception. Upon the upper end of the screw B there is placed a washer, B', which, when the clamp is attached to the table, bears against the under side thereof, and so holds it in position, causing the upper horizontal arm to be pressed down upon its upper surface.

The upper vertical portion of the piece A is provided with a horizontal arm, C, the upper surface of which is beveled or rounded, and is provided with serrations, as shown in the drawings.

Above the horizontally-projecting arm C, just referred to, and upon the piece A, there is formed a vertical projection, C', to which there is pivoted an arm having both a horizontal and vertical part, D and D', the latter being pivoted to the projection C', and forming the point upon which the horizontal portion D oscillates, its under surface being beveled or rounded and serrated to correspond with the upper surface of projection C.

Upon reference to the drawings, it will be seen that when the parts are in the positions shown in Fig. 2, a lady's switch, roll of hair, or any other substance which it is desirable to hold in a position to be combed, dressed, or sewed, may be placed between the serrated jaws of the clamp, when, by allowing the projection or jaw D to fall down, and by gently pulling upon the article to be held, said article will be clamped between the jaws and there retained so long as it may be desirable to have it so held, when by easing to pull upon such article it may be readily removed.

It frequently happens that ladies' switches, braids of hair, and other devices are united at their ends with strings or other fastenings, and when this is the case, or when ruffles, cuffs, or collars which have button-holes or other apertures in them are to be held, it will be more convenient to hold them without clamping them between the jaws, and hence there is provided a stud or pin, E, which has a rounded head, and is secured in the upper end of the piece A, over or upon which such articles may be placed and held in the required position for treatment.
Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a device for holding ladies' false-hair switches and other articles while being combed, dressed, cleaned, or sewed, the combination of a fixed jaw adapted for being attached to a table or other device, and a swinging jaw adapted to work in conjunction with the fixed jaw, as described, and for the purpose specified, the inner surfaces of both of the jaws being beveled or rounded, and provided with serrations, as shown.

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

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