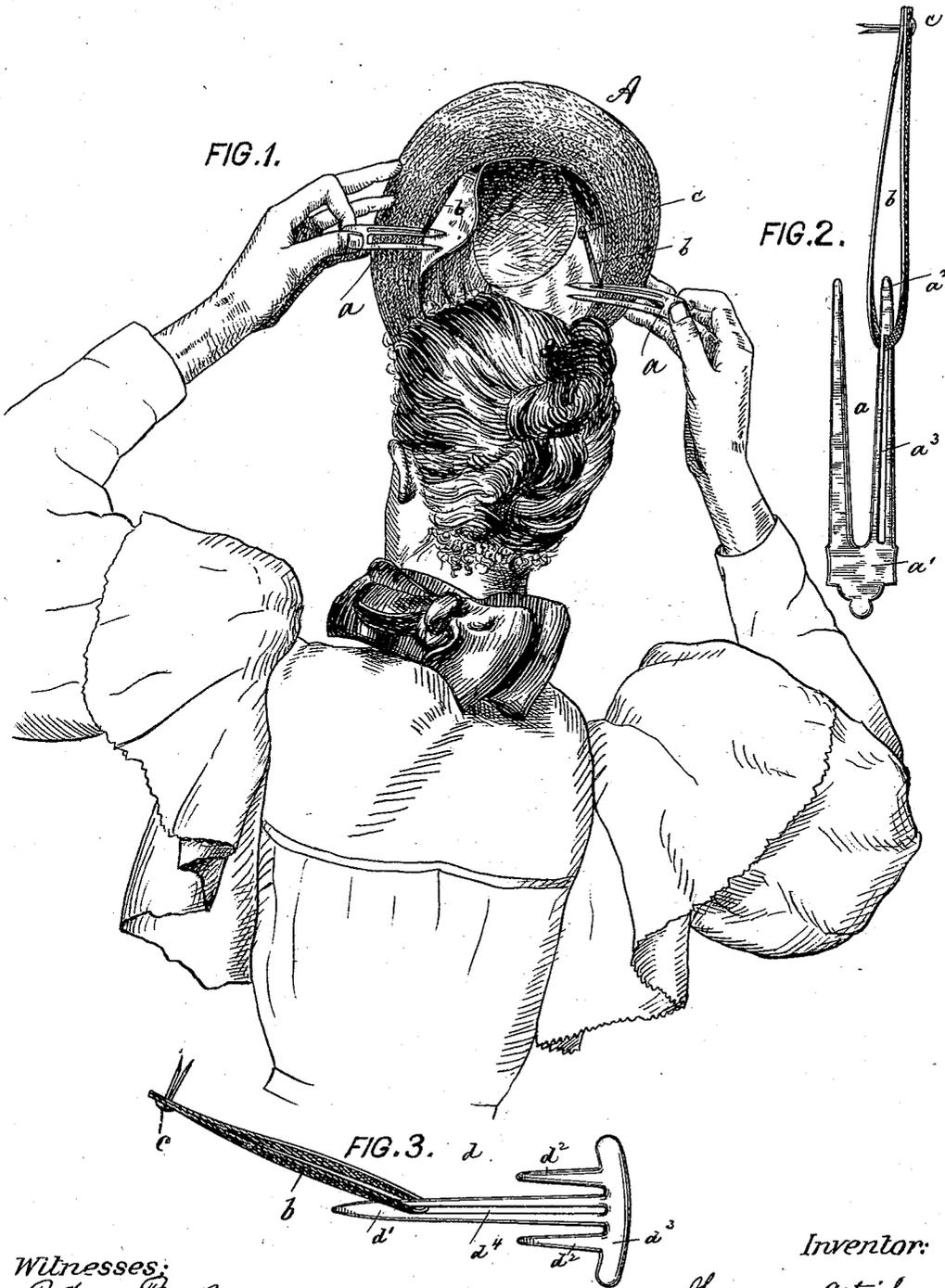


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN ASTRICH, of Harrisburg, Dauphin county, Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Hat-Securer, of

5 which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a hat-securer by which a lady's hat may be firmly pinned to the hair in a simple and effective manner. The object of the invention is to so construct

10 the hat-securer that the manipulation required for attaching or removing the hat may be readily performed without injuring the hat or interfering with the coiffure.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the hat-securer in use. Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the hat-securer, and Fig. 3 an elevation of a modification.

Briefly stated, my improved hat-securer consists of two parts, a slotted hair-pin of peculiar construction and an elastic strap engaging the slotted hair-pin and adapted to be secured to the hat.

The hair-pin *a* has a flattened head or finger-piece *a'* and a slotted prong *a²*. The slot *a³* of prong *a²* is straight and extends from a point near the tip of the prong to its root, but does not enter the head *a'*, which is thus imperforate. The elastic strap *b* engages the

30 slot *a³*, and has a free play within such slot between the tip and the root of the prong. One strap is secured by a suitable fastener *c* to each side of a lady's hat *A*, beneath its lining.

In use the hat is placed upon the head, the pins *a* are drawn down to distend the elastic straps *b*, and are then pushed up into the hair, when the straps *b* will contract and the hat will be securely pinned in place. During

40 this operation the straps *b* will first engage

the upper ends of the slots *a³*, and as the pins are pushed upward the straps will gradually pass into the lower ends of the slots; but as the slots do not enter the heads *a'* of the pins, the straps can never pass beyond the roots 45 of the prongs. Thus it will be seen that the pins may always be freely grasped without at the same time accidentally grasping the straps *b* or interfering with the coiffure, which is of particular importance when the pins are 50 removed to unfasten the hat.

In Fig. 3 I have illustrated a three or multiple pronged hat-securer *d*, of which the slotted central prong *d'* is longer than the outer prongs *d²*. The flattened head *d³* of 55 this pin is also imperforate, the slot *d⁴* of prong *d'* not extending beyond the root of the prong. The advantage of this particular construction is that the pin is symmetrical, and as the slot is within the center of the pin 60 there is no tendency to tilt as the pin is pushed home. Moreover, this pin obtains a very firm hold on the hair and consequently secures the hat in place in a very effective 65 manner.

My improved hat-securer may be easily manipulated, does not disfigure the hair nor injure the hat, and may be freely withdrawn without disarranging the coiffure.

What I claim is—

70 A hat securer, comprising a solid head, and a plurality of prongs extending therefrom, one of the prongs having a slot extending longitudinally thereof, the slot being wholly outside the head, substantially as 75 described.

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