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Fig. 1.

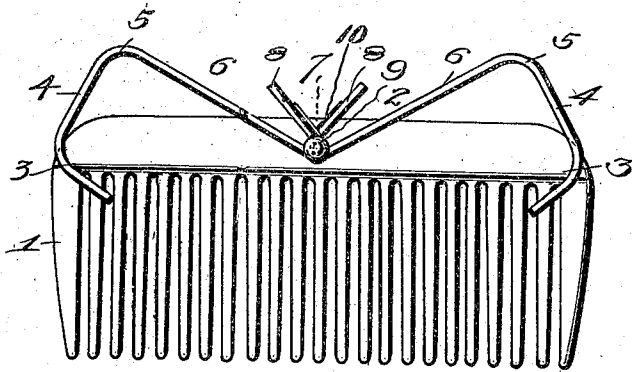


Fig. 2.

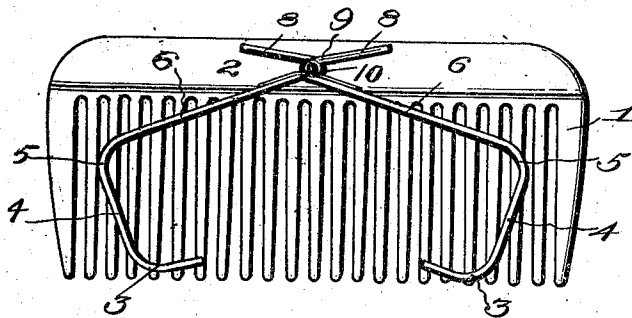
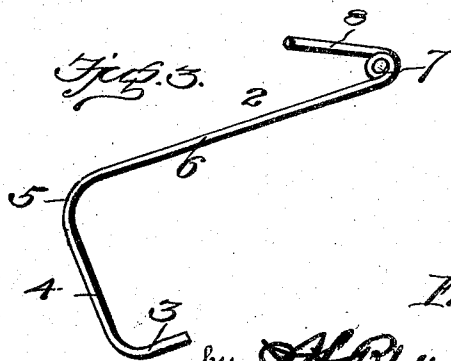


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK B. SALTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Trenton, in the county of Mercer and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Loss-Preventing Devices for Combs; and I do 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.

This invention relates to ladies' side combs and back combs, and one of the principal objects of the same is to provide simple, reliable and efficient means to prevent the comb from being accidentally withdrawn from the hair and lost.

Another object is to provide simple means for retaining the comb within the hair and to provide simple means for withdrawing the comb and detaching the same.

These and other objects are attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which,—

Figure 1 is a side view of a lady's comb having my retaining device connected thereto, and shown in an open position; Fig. 2 is a similar view of the comb with the retaining device in a closed position; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of one member of the retainer.

Referring to the drawing for a more particular description of my invention, the numeral 1 designates a lady's side comb, and 2 are the members of the retaining device. Each of these members consists of a length of wire having an inwardly-turned hook 3, the wire extending from said hook upward at the side of the comb, as at 4, and bent substantially at right angles, as at 5, forming a longitudinal portion 6 having an eye 7, and terminating in a finger piece 8. A pin or rivet 9 extends through the eye 7 to pivot the members upon the inside of the comb, and a spring 10 coiled around the pin 9 bears at its ends upon the retainer to hold the hooks in the position shown in Fig. 2.

When the comb is to be inserted in the

hair, the members 2 are thrown upward by raising the finger piece 8, so that the members will assume the position shown in Fig. 1. After the comb has been inserted in the hair, the finger pieces 8 are pushed downward and the hooks 3 are brought inward toward each other to hold the comb in the hair. To withdraw the comb from the hair, the finger pieces 8 are drawn upward, thus withdrawing the hooks 3 from the hair and permitting the comb to be easily removed.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that a lady's side comb or back comb provided with my improvement cannot be readily lost.

The wire members 2 may be made of gold plated or silver plated material, and being upon the inside of the comb will not detract from the appearance of the comb, and will provide an efficient means for preventing the loss of these combs, many of which are valuable.

Various changes in the form, proportion and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention, as defined by the appended claim.

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

A comb retaining device comprising in combination with a comb, a pivotal stud secured to the rear of said comb, a pair of oppositely disposed hook members pivoted to the stud, a spiral spring on the stud engaging the members to normally bring them to operative position, and integral handles on said members for operating the same against the tension of the spring, said handles being concealed behind the back of said comb when the members are in operative position.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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