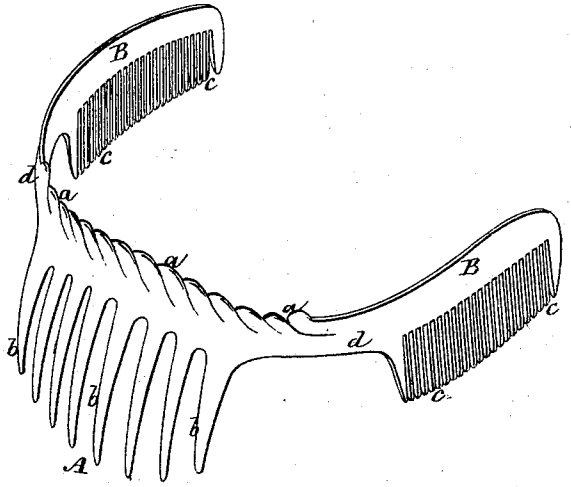
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IMPROVEMENT IN ROUND COMBS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIAS BROWN, of Wappinger's Falls, in the county of Dutchess and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Back and Side Combs; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, marked Figure 1, and making a part of this specification.

I am aware that two side combs have been joined by an elastic band, and all made in one piece. I am also aware that a back comb, having two side combs hinged or pivoted to it, has also been made, which construction involved the use of several pieces, and much fitting together. I lay no claim to either of these things.

My invention consists in making, as a new article of manufacture, combined back and side combs, of one single piece of material, or so that one single article shall serve the purpose of a back comb, and of two side combs, as will be explained.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the same with reference to the drawings.

I take hard rubber, tortoise-shell, horn, or any other material used for making combs, and if the material be such as can be put into a plastic condition, the comb may be moulded into shape or form, and ornamented at the same time, as at *a*.

The teeth *b*, that constitute the back comb A, may be partially or entirely moulded into shape or form, whilst the teeth *c*, that form the side combs B B, are cut in the usual well-known way. If the comb be made of metal, or any material not readily moulded into form, then the teeth would have to be cut or stamped out in the usual way.

Where there are no teeth, as at *d*, the band may be narrow enough to admit of such yielding or elasticity as would adapt the comb to the head of the user or wearer. The teeth *b* may have such length as would be requisite for securing the hair, but will be much aided in maintaining their position, by the side combs, of which they are a part, and thus may be comparatively short. The article, when complete, makes a very handsome comb, is easily and readily used, and is quite inexpensive, when compared with anything else heretofore used for the same purposes.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim, as a new article of manufacture, is—

A combined back and side combs, made in one and the same piece, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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