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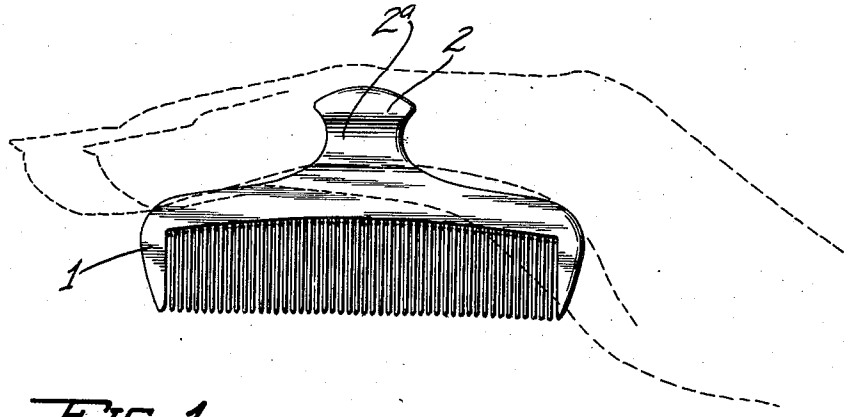


FIG. 1.

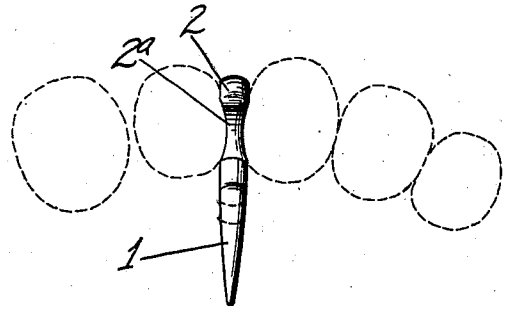


FIG. 2.

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My invention relates to a comb particularly adapted for use by boys and men.

One of the principal objects of this invention is to provide a comb whereby boys and men may effectively comb their hair in public, wholly unobserved by the public, and with only an apparent movement of stroking or straightening the hair with the hand.

Another important object of this invention is to provide a comb which may be easily and tightly gripped by the hand and readily or substantially concealed therein.

A further object of this invention is to provide a comb of this class which may be readily carried in a case or in the pocket.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear hereinafter, I have devised a comb having certain novel features of construction, as will be hereinafter described in detail and particularly set forth in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the characters of reference thereon, which form a part of this application, in which:

Fig. 1 is a side view of my comb in its preferred form, the comb being shown in the palm of the right hand gripping the comb, the hand being shown by dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is an end view of the comb, showing the grip portion thereof between the first and the middle fingers of the hand, the fingers of which are shown by dotted cross-section.

The comb shown in the drawing consists of a comb portion 1 of ordinary comb construction, and a handle or grip portion 2. The comb portion is substantially similar to flat and straight combs now in use, but is relatively short, as will be hereinafter described. The handle or grip portion 2 is secured to and extends from the middle of the back of the comb portion. It is relatively flat and lies in the same plane with the comb portion. The height thereof is preferably not less than the thickness of the fingers of the hand gripping the comb.

At the opposite sides of the grip portion are depressions 2^a for receiving the immediately adjacent sides of the fingers between which the grip portion is to be held.

The grip portion is relatively short, as shown, and for the purpose hereinafter described.

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The grip portion is to be held by the adjacent fingers, as shown in Fig. 2, and near the base of the fingers. The distance between one end of the grip portion and the opposite end of the comb portion is preferably less than the length of the fingers of the hand gripping the comb so that the whole of the comb portion may be held and concealed within the palm of the hand, of which the fingers, here referred to, are a part. In this manner, a person may comb his hair by drawing the comb through it and giving the impression to onlookers that he merely is stroking or straightening his hair.

The grip portion may be held between the first and the middle finger as shown in Fig. 2 or between any other fingers desired.

Although I have shown and described a particular construction of my comb, I do not wish to be limited to the same, but desire to include in the scope of my invention the construction thereof substantially as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A comb, comprising a straight comb portion having a grip portion at the back thereof, said grip portion being shorter than the length of the comb, relatively thin, and arranged in substantially the plane of the comb portion, the grip portion having a longitudinal groove at the side for receiving the side of a finger of the hand of the person gripping the comb.

2. A comb designed to be held in the palm of the user's hand, comprising a straight comb portion having a grip portion at the back thereof, said grip portion being relatively thin, the grip portion having a longitudinal groove at the side for receiving the side of a finger of the hand gripping the comb, the grip portion being shorter than the comb portion.

3. A comb, comprising a straight comb portion having a grip portion at the back thereof, said grip portion being shorter than the length of the comb and located centrally between the ends thereof, said grip portion being relatively thin and lying substantially in the plane of the comb portion, the grip portion having a longitudinal groove at the side for receiving the side of a finger of the hand of the person gripping the comb.

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