

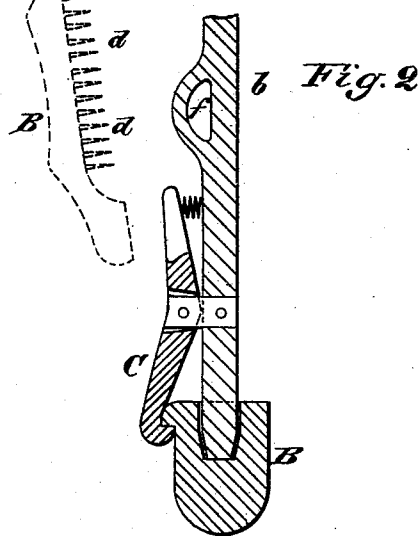
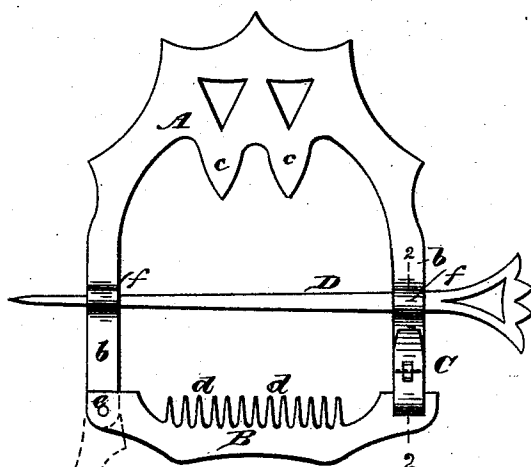
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Fig. 1



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELMIRA H. HARPAM, of St. Louis, in the county of Gratiot and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful
5 Improvement in Combs, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a back comb for ladies' use of novel construction, the same combining in the one article a comb for holding the back hair of the head neat and in position when "done up," and an attached neck-comb for keeping up neatly the neck hairs or locks; also, combining a hair dart or pin for passage through the hair and aiding to
15 hold the combined comb in place, the whole forming a useful and ornamental article for ladies' head-wear.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 represents an outside face view of my improved comb with dart applied and showing by dotted lines the neck-comb as thrown down or opened; and Fig. 2 is a vertical section, in part upon a larger scale, on the line 2 2 of Fig. 1, omitting the dart or pin.

A indicates the main or back comb proper, having opposite side arms or legs *b* and *b* and teeth *c c* on the under side of its top to engage with the hair and to prevent the comb from coming down or off when applied to the head. B is the neck-comb, provided with a row of small teeth *d d* on the upper margin of it, the same serving to catch and keep up neatly the neck hairs or locks. The neck-comb B, although combined with or attached to the main or back comb proper A, is separately
40 adjustable or movable up or down from the latter. Thus said comb B is pivoted, as at *c*, to the lower end of one of the side arms or legs *b*, so that it can be let down, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1, when or before first applying the main comb, and afterward be raised or shut to take up the neck hair or locks and made to engage at its free or opposite end with the lower end of the opposite side leg *b* of the main comb and be held so engaged
50 by a spring-controlled catch C, as shown by full lines in Figs. 1 and 2, from which it may

readily be released when required to open or let down the neck-comb.

D is the dart or pin, arranged to pass through loops *f f* on the side arms or legs *b b*, between the combs A and B. This dart is inserted after the back hair is done up, and aids to hold the combined comb in place as well as to form a head ornament.

When required to remove the combined comb from the head, the dart D is drawn out or removed, the neck-comb B let down or opened, and the main comb A drawn up or out of the hair.

Both combs A and B, as also the dart D, may be made of any suitable material or materials and of any size and desired shape or ornamental configuration.

By means of this combined comb the neck-hair may be kept up smooth and nice and a back-comb be provided for holding up the back hair in position; also, a dart for further securing the whole in place and forming an ornamental appendage. When the head-hair and neck-hair are done up with this combined comb, it will be impossible for them to come down until the wearer of the comb requires to take down her back hair.

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

1. The combination, in the one article, of a lady's back-hair comb and an attached raising and lowering neck-hair comb.

2. The combination, in the one article, of a lady's back-hair comb, an attached raising and lowering neck-hair comb, and a removable dart or pin adapted to engage transversely with the back-hair comb between the latter and the neck-hair comb.

3. The combination of a lady's back-hair comb provided with downwardly-projecting teeth on its upper portion and a lower neck-hair comb having upwardly-projecting teeth and downwardly and upwardly opening and closing pivoted connection with the main or back-hair comb.

4. The combination of a lady's back-hair comb provided with downwardly-projecting teeth on its upper portion, a lower neck-hair comb having upwardly-projecting teeth and downwardly and upwardly opening and clos-

ing pivoted connection with the main or back-hair comb, and a removable dart or pin adapted to engage transversely with the opposite sides of the main or back-hair comb between
5 the latter and the neck-hair comb.

5. The combination of the main or back-hair comb A, having upper downwardly-projecting teeth *c* and side arms or legs *b b*, the
10 lower neck-hair comb B, having upwardly-projecting teeth *d d*, pivoted at its one end,

as at *c*, to the one leg *b* below and closing or engaging at its opposite or free end with the lower portion of the other leg *b*, and a spring-catch to hold the same in engagement, substantially as shown and described.

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