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PROTECTIVE DEVICE FOR BRUSHES.

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FIG. 1

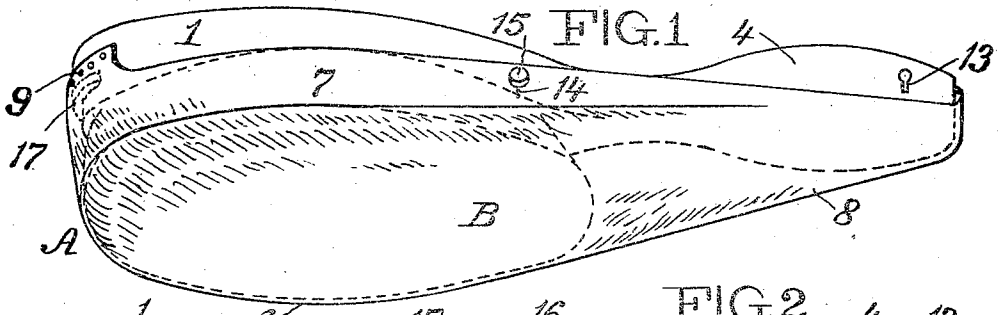


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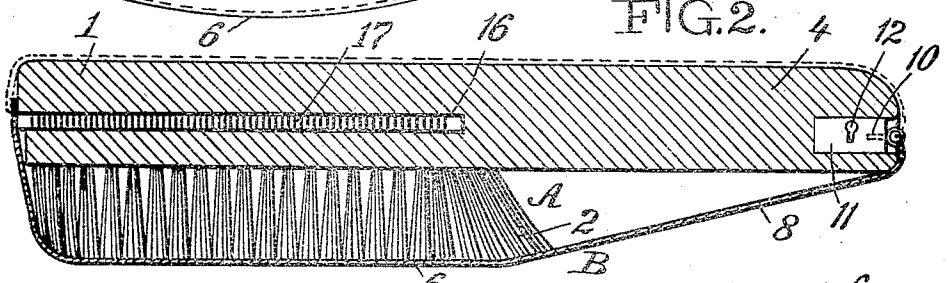


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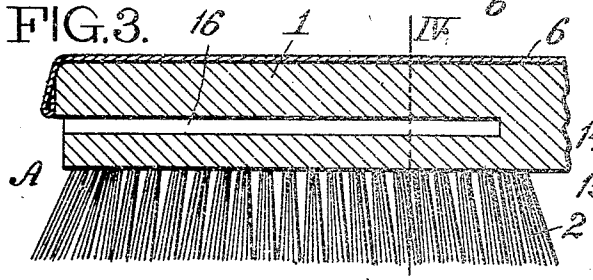


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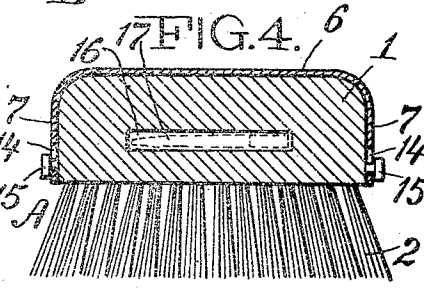


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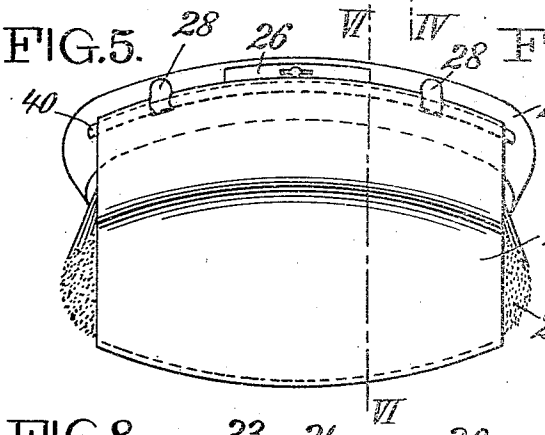


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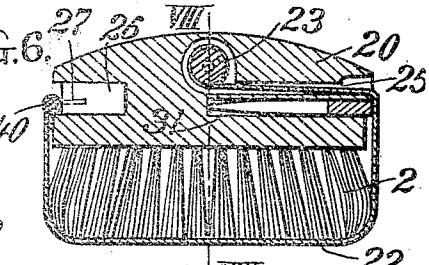


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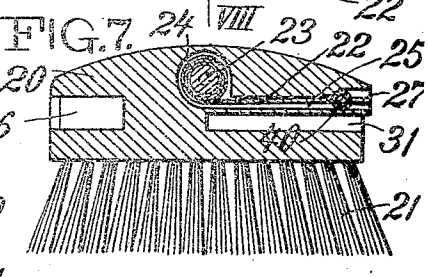
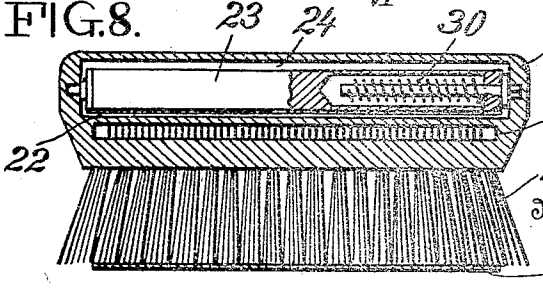


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, STEPHEN TACTKIAN, a subject of the Kingdom of Great Britain, residing at New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Protective Devices for Brushes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates more particularly to a means for preventing the clandestine use of a hair brush or the like, the invention having certain other features which will be referred to in detail later.

The invention has for an object the provision of a simple, inexpensive and easily applied device for preventing the use of a hair brush or the like, by unauthorized persons. For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings. and to the appended claims, in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

Referring to the drawings: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hair brush, having an embodiment of my improved device applied thereto, the parts being in a position to prevent the use of the brush. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view thereof, with the parts in a similar position. Fig. 3 is a similar view to Fig. 2, of a portion of the brush with the latter ready for use. Fig. 4 is a transverse section on the line IV—IV of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a modified form of the device applied to a slightly different type of brush. Fig. 6 is a vertical sectional view on the line VI—VI of Fig. 5. Fig. 7 is a similar view to Fig. 6, but showing the brush ready for use. Fig. 8 is a vertical sectional view on the line VIII—VIII of Fig. 6.

Referring now more particularly to Figs. 1 to 4; A indicates a hair brush of ordinary construction, having the back 1, in which the bristles 2 which constitute the brush proper, are set, and integral handle 4. As shown here, my improved protecting device is flexible and comprises a cover B of leather or other suitable material, shaped to properly fit the brush, having here a bottom portion 6, which covers the face of the bristles, side portions 7, and a longitudinal extension 8. This cover is attached to the head or end of the brush back by suitable means, as the pins or tacks 9, while the extension 8 carries on its end a locking member 10, adapted to engage in a lock 11 of any preferred construction set in the end of the handle 4. The sides 7 of the cover may be provided with slots 14 adapted to take over headed pins 15 projecting from the sides of the brush. The keyhole 12 of such lock is accessible from the exterior, as by the slot 13 in the handle.

When the device is applied to the brush to prevent the use of the latter, it assumes the position shown in Figs. 1 and 2. When the brush is to be used, the cover is released from the lock 11 and swung upward over the end of the brush and along the back thereof to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2 and in full lines in Figs. 3 and 4, in which position the locking member 10 is again in juxtaposition to the lock 11. The pins 9 constitute a hinge on which the cover swings, the latter being turned "inside out" as it is swung over the brush, so that the side portions 7 thereof, inclose the edges of the back 1. The various parts, it will be noted, are so proportioned, as to cause the cover to fit snugly on the brush, with the locking parts in operative relation, both when the cover is in use as a protective device, and also when it is removed from its covering position, so that by reason of this snug fitting of the cover over the back of the brush, free use of the latter is not in any way hampered by the permanent mounting of the cover on the brush, the cover when not in use, lying in a position presenting substantially no projection beyond the general outline of the brush. If desired, a recess 16 may be provided in the back 1, to hold a comb 17, this recess being covered by the protective device when in use.

Figs. 5 to 8 show a modified form of the device applied to a type of brush commonly known as a military brush. The back 20 of this brush is of round or oval form in plan view, the bristles or brush proper being indicated at 21. In this instance the covering device 22 is attached at one end to a spring roller 23, suitably journaled in a recess 24 in the back 20. A slot 25, of sufficient width to accommodate the cover, leads from the recess 24 to the exterior of the back 20 at one side thereof. Disposed in the opposite side of the back 20, to that in which the slot 25 is formed, is a lock 26 with which a locking

member 27 on the end of the cover 22 cooperates. Tabs 28 located one on either side of the lock 26, may be provided on the rod 40 fixed on the end of the cover 22, toward the sides thereof. When the cover is freed, the tension of spring 30 in the roller 23 will cause the cover to wind thereon and be completely inclosed within the back 20, this being the position shown in Fig. 7. When the cover is to be used, it is simply pulled out of the slot 25, passed over the bristles 21, and locked by means of the member 27 to the lock 26. A recess 31 for a comb, similar to recess 16, may also be provided.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. The combination of a brush including a back and bristles, a cover secured permanently to one end of the back and having side portions inclosing the sides of the bristles and overlapping the side edges of the back, a lock located within the back at the end opposite the end to which the cover is permanently secured, a locking member carried by the cover to engage the lock to fasten the cover on the brush, and headed projections extending laterally from the sides of the brush, the side portions of the cover having button holes to engage over said projections.

2. The combination of a brush including a back and bristles, a cover secured permanently to one end of the back and having side portions inclosing the sides of the bristles and overlapping the side edges of the back, a lock located within the back at the end opposite the end to which the cover is permanently secured, and a locking member carried by the cover to engage the lock to fasten the cover on the brush.

3. The combination of a brush including a back and bristles, a cover secured to one end of the back and having side portions inclosing the sides of the bristles and overlapping the side edges of the back, projections extending laterally from the sides of the back, the cover having openings adapted to fit over said projections, and key operated means to lock the cover on the brush.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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