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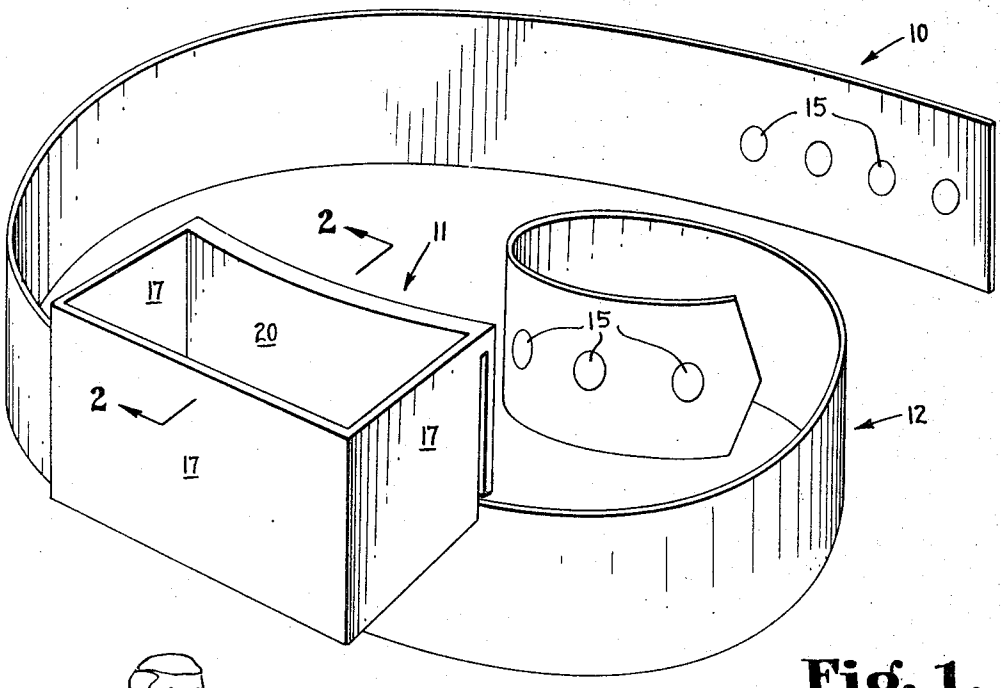



Fig. 1.

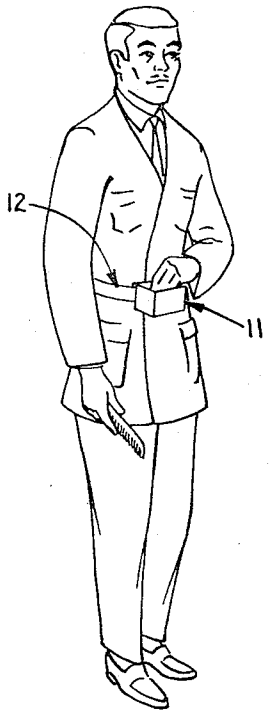



Fig. 3.

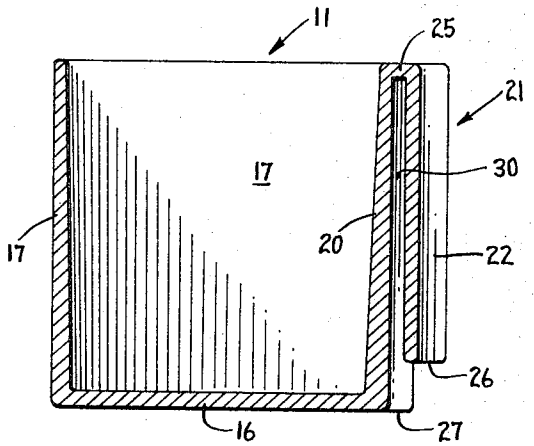



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The present invention relates to a hair clip carrier.

Various types of devices have been conceived for holding and dispensing hairpins or hair clips. Many of these devices are constructed to be mounted on the wrist. For a number of reasons the wrist mounted carriers have not proved to be completely satisfactory. First, a wrist mounted carrier requires that the hairdresser carry the weight of the carrier as well as hair clips at the end of the hairdresser's arm. While such a weight may be only a pound or even less, it can be very tiring to carry this weight for an entire working day. Second, the hairdresser cannot remove clips from the carrier by the use of the hand upon the wrist of which the carrier is mounted. Instead the hairdresser must withdraw the clips by the use of his other hand. Third, unless the hairclips are securely mounted on the wrist carrier, they will fall out of or off of the carrier when the hairdresser moves his hand about. Consequently, one object of this invention is to provide an improved hair clip carrier.

Another object of this invention is to provide a hair clip carrier which permits hair clips to be withdrawn therefrom without any more force than that required to lift the hair clips.

Still another object of the invention is to provide a hair clip carrier which is conveniently usable with a belt about the hairdresser's waist and normally forming a part of his clothing.

Related objects and advantages will become apparent as the description proceeds.

One embodiment of this invention might include a hair clip carrier comprising a container, a belt sized for securement about the waist of the user, said container being mounted on said belt and having an open top which is presented upwardly when said belt is secured about the waist of the user.

The full nature of the invention will be understood from the accompanying drawings and the following description and claims.

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of the hair clip carrier of the present invention.

FIG. 2 is a vertical section taken along the line 2—2 of FIG. 1 in the direction of the arrows.

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of the carrier of FIGS. 1 and 2 showing the carrier in use.

For the purposes of promoting an understanding of the principles of the invention, reference will now be made to the embodiment illustrated in the drawing and specific language will be used to describe the same. It will nevertheless be understood that no limitation of the scope of the invention is thereby intended, such alterations and further modifications in the illustrated device, and such further applications of the principles of the invention as illustrated therein being contemplated as would normally occur to one skilled in the art to which the invention relates.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing, there is illustrated a hair clip carrier **10** which includes a container **11** and a belt **12**. The belt **12** is intended to be placed around the waist of a user as shown in FIG. 3 and may be secured about the waist of the user by means of

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snaps **15**. Of course, the provision of a number of snaps **15** makes possible the adjustment of the belt for waists of varying size.

The container **11** is rigid and may be formed of any suitable material such as, for example, plastic. The container **11** is generally rectangular and has a bottom **16** and three straight sides **17**. Each of the three straight sides **17** is rectangular in shape. In addition to the three vertical sides **17**, the container includes a fourth vertical side **20** which has a smooth inward curve approximating the curvature of the body of the wearer.

A hook **21** is used to secure the container **11** to the belt **12**. The hook **21** is integral with the container and includes a downwardly projecting thin rigid portion **22** which is parallel to the fourth vertical side **20** and which is equally spaced therefrom all the way across the thin rigid portion **22**. The hook **21** is connected to the fourth vertical side **20** at the upper edge **25** thereof. The thin rigid portion **22** overlies the fourth vertical side **20** and is substantially congruent thereto, the only difference in the size and shape of the portion **22** and the side **20** being the termination **26** of the portion **22** above the lower edge **27** of the side **20**.

The thin rigid portion **22** of the hook is spaced from the fourth side **20** approximately the thickness of the belt **12**. It can be appreciated that the container **11** can, therefore, be easily mounted upon the belt **12** by merely slipping the hook **21** over the belt when it is about the waist of the wearer so that the belt moves into the space **30** between the side **20** and the thin portion **22**. It will also be evident that the container **11** can be easily mounted upon a belt about a hairdresser's waist and normally forming a part of the hairdresser's clothing. In many cases, however, the hairdresser will wear a coat or smock as shown in FIG. 3 and, consequently, the belt **12** will be used with the container **11**.

It can be appreciated that the carrier of the present invention makes unnecessary the hairdresser carrying a weight mounted upon his wrist. It will also be evident that the carrier of the present invention permits removal of hair clips by the easy and convenient use of either hand. Furthermore, the hair clips can be loosely received within the container **11** so that there is no difficulty in removing clips from the container and no more force is required to remove hair clips from the container than that necessary and required to lift the hair clips.

While the invention has been illustrated and described in detail in the drawings and foregoing description, the same is to be considered as illustrative and not restrictive in character, it being understood that only the preferred embodiment has been shown and described and that all changes and modifications that come within the spirit of the invention and the scope of the claim are also desired to be protected.

The invention claimed is:

A hair clip carrier comprising a rigid generally rectangular container, said container having an open top, a closed bottom and three straight vertical sides, said container having a fourth vertical side which is curved inwardly of the container, said closed bottom being flat whereby said container can be removed and positioned on a table in upright condition, a hook adapted to secure the container to a belt, said hook being formed of the same rigid material as said container and being integral with the container and including a downwardly projecting thin rigid portion which is parallel to said fourth vertical side

and equally spaced therefrom all the way across said thin rigid portion, said hook being connected to said fourth vertical side at the upper edge thereof, said thin rigid portion overlying said fourth vertical side and being substantially congruent thereto.


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