

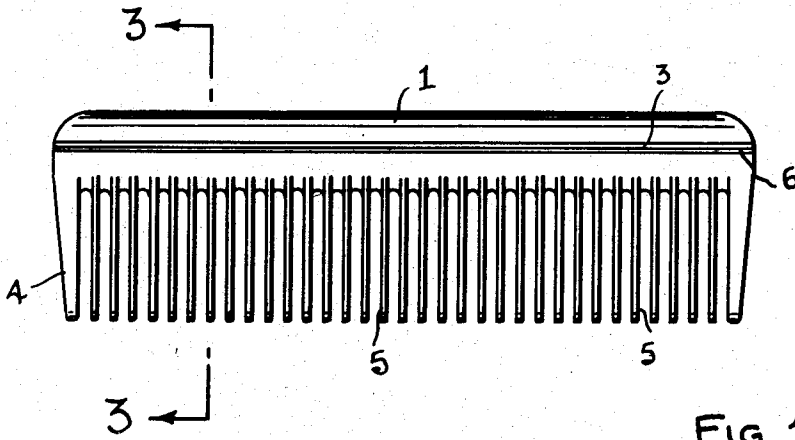
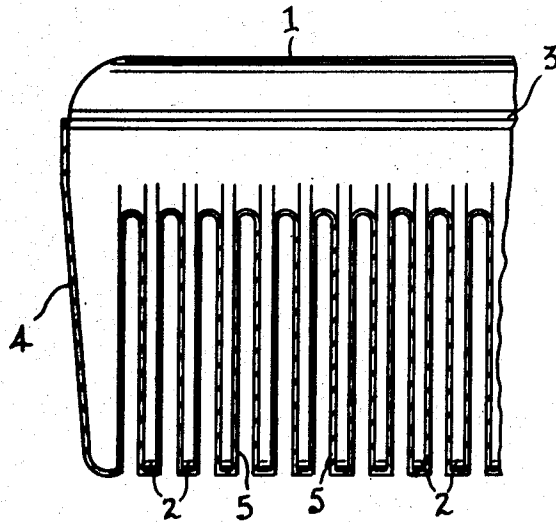
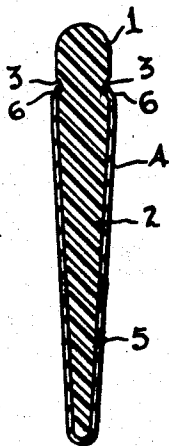
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This invention relates generally to hair combs, but has reference more particularly to a disposable sheath or covering for such combs.

Various devices and means have heretofore been used for cleaning the spaces between the teeth of hair combs, including rotatable brushes, hair brushes, towels, soap, water, etc., but each entailing considerable work and effort. In particular, the use of hot water and soap for this purpose in connection with combs made of plastic materials is open to objection as causing possible damage or injury to the comb.

The present invention has, as its primary object, the provision of means which will enable a comb to be maintained in a clean, sanitary condition, at all times, without the disadvantages inherent in other means heretofore used for this purpose, as described above.

Another object of the invention is to provide a sheath for hair combs which can be easily attached to a comb, and as easily removed therefrom, and which can be quickly and easily disposed of and replaced with another sheath, when the spaces therebetween become filled with dirt or other foreign matter.

A further object of the invention is to provide a sheath of the character described, which can be made so inexpensively that it can be disposed of without thought of the replacement cost.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will be apparent during the course of the following description. In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification and in which like numerals are employed to designate like parts through the same,

Fig. 1 is a front elevational view of a hair comb, having the novel disposable sheath of the present invention applied thereto;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary longitudinal cross-sectional view through the comb, on an enlarged scale, and

Fig. 3 is a vertical cross-sectional view, on an enlarged scale, taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, there is shown a conventional hair comb having the usual top, body or back 1, with a multiplicity of longitudinally-spaced teeth 2 projecting from the lower edge thereof. The body 1 is provided at the opposite sides or faces thereof with longitudinally-extending grooves or recesses 3, the function of which will presently be described.

In order to prevent accumulation of dirt, hair and foreign matter between the teeth 2 of the comb, resulting from continued use of the comb in combing hair, I have provided a sheath 4,

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which may be made or molded from a thin, flexible plastic material, either transparent or of a color similar to that of the comb. This sheath covers both of the opposite faces and ends of the comb and is provided with closed-bottom hollow pockets or sockets 5, in which the teeth 2 of the comb are snugly received, as clearly shown in Figs. 2 and 3.

The sheath is also provided at its upper marginal edges with inturned resilient portions 6, which snap into the recesses or grooves 3 in the comb with sufficient force to maintain the sheath in place on the comb during combing, but with insufficient force to prevent easy removal of the sheath from the comb, when it is desired to dispose of the sheath and replace it with a new sheath.

In practice, the comb is used, with the sheath thereon, until the spaces between the pockets or sockets 5 become filled with an undesirable amount of dirt, hair or other foreign matter, after which the sheath is removed by a downward movement relatively to the comb, disposed of in any desired manner, and a new sheath placed on the comb.

In this way, it never becomes necessary to clean the spaces between the teeth 2 of the comb by wiping or the use of brushes, soap, water or other devices, and moreover, the sheath serves to protect the material of the comb from abrasion and other deleterious effects.

Commercially, the comb may be sold with a sheath thereon, and a dozen replacement sheaths, as a package or unit.

It is thus seen that I have provided a novel disposable sheath or covering for combs, which overcomes all of the disadvantages of existing methods of maintaining combs clean and sanitary, which can be quickly and easily attached to and removed from a comb, which is made of an easily disposable material, and which can be manufactured and sold in commercially desirable quantities, at relatively low cost.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention, herewith shown and described, is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit of my invention or the scope of the subjoined claims.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. In combination with a comb having a multiplicity of longitudinally-spaced teeth, and provided at opposite faces thereof with longitudinally-extending grooves, a disposable sheath of

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thin plastic material covering a substantial portion of said comb and having spaced pockets in which said teeth are snugly received, said sheath provided with upper marginal portions having a snap engagement in said grooves.

2. A disposable sheath for combs, said sheath formed of a thin, flexible, plastic material and comprising a body portion and a multiplicity of longitudinally-spaced pockets extending from said body portion and adapted to snugly receive the teeth of a comb, said body portion being pro-

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vided with inwardly-extending resilient flanges at the upper edge thereof.

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