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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

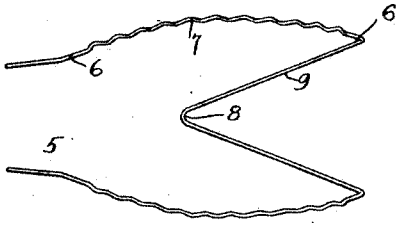
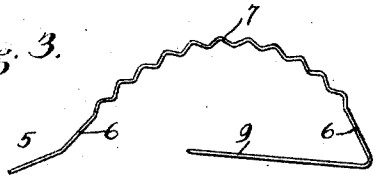


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, IDA W. STRAHAN, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Montclair, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Hair-Puff Device, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to a toilet article and aims to provide what is known as a hair puff device or base.

It is a well appreciated fact that various expedients have been resorted to to form puffs. Thus, what are known as "rats" have been utilized at a point at which a puff was to be formed, the wearer's hair being drawn over this member and producing the desired effect.

Various other expedients have also been resorted to in the forming of puffs, such as that of rolling the strands of hair into a compact shape and in pulling other strands of hair over the same, thus again producing a puff.

All of these methods have offered objections in that primarily the puffs of dead hair or the rolling of even live hair into a compact mass has been more or less detrimental to health, aside from the fact that it has been necessary to either utilize or form the same while dressing the hair.

Thus my present invention aims to provide a device by means of which puffs may be formed, which device will be extremely simple in construction, and capable of being manufactured at a nominal figure, and which will also be capable of being placed in position upon the head of the wearer after the hair has been dressed.

A further object of my invention is the construction of a device of the character stated, which when in use will permit of the production of perfect puffs but which will not in the least be detrimental to the health of the wearer.

With these and other objects in view reference is had to the annexed specification taken in connection with the drawings, which latter present one practical embodiment of my invention, and in which;

Figure 1 is a side view of a head, and showing in dotted lines the application of my improved type of hair puff device.

Figure 2 is a plan view of this device, and Figure 3 is a side view thereof.

It will be seen that the device is somewhat in the nature of a hair pin, the legs of which are elongated, the body being bent in a uniform manner. Thus the reference numeral 5 indicates the legs of the pin which are bent, as at 6, to provide curved portions, preferably sub-divided into smaller bent portions 7, for a purpose hereinafter specified.

The body of the device is bent substantially intermediate its extremities 8, so as to form these two legs, and the inner ends of these legs extend outwardly from the bend 8 and divert, as has been indicated at 9. The end of these latter portions of the legs merge into the inner face of the curved portions 6.

In use, when it is found that the hair lies too flat against the head of the wearer, this portion of the hair is parted, preferably with the left hand. The puff device is then grasped by the right hand, the body of the same being covered with the palm, the ends of the two legs being between the thumb and index finger. The device is inserted into the part in the hair while its portions are in this position, and the ends of the legs are caused to assume a position at which they will lie adjacent to the scalp. The device may now be released and the hair smoothed over the same resulting in the finished appearance illustrated in Figure 1.

It is to be noted that if the device is released the ends of the legs 5 will tend to spread, and this will obviously serve to lock the entire device in position, it being noted that by virtue of the rigid portions formed by the bends 7 that a rest will be provided for the strands of the hair, which rest will also reduce the danger of the hair becoming accidentally displaced from the device and uncovering the same.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided a hair puff device by means of which all of the objects set forth in the preamble of this specification are accomplished, aside from the fact that the wearer would feel no embarrassment even if the device should become visible in that the same has the appearance of a hair pin. Furthermore the device is extremely light in contradistinction to devices heretofore provided for this purpose, and it will also be understood that numerous modifications of structure might

readily be resorted to without in the least departing from the scope of my claim, which is;

A hair puff device including a body portion presenting a pair of legs having their outer ends extending towards each other, said legs being bowed outwardly and upwardly throughout a part of their length, said body portion being bent at a point substantially intermediate its extremities, and presenting substantially straight side portions, the outer ends of which form continuations of the inner ends of said legs.

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