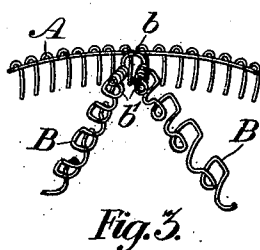
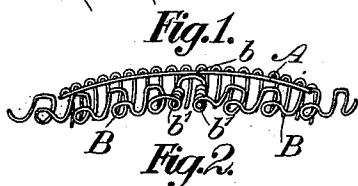


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES JOSEPH MCCALLUM, of the city of Belleville, in the county of Hastings, in the Province of Ontario, Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mustache-Adjusters, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has been patented to me in the Dominion of Canada under date of March 4, 1895, No. 48,326.

My invention relates to improvements in mustache-adjusters; and the object of the invention is to design such a device as will maintain the bottom of the mustache free from the lips when eating and drinking during meals; and it consists, essentially, of a comb of peculiar form designed to be inserted in the mustache and provided with outwardly-extending spring-fingers centrally hinged, as hereinafter more particularly explained.

Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my mustache-adjuster in position. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail of my mustache-adjuster, showing the position which it assumes when holding the mustache up. Fig. 3 is a detail showing the spring-fingers bent partially downwardly to the position they would be placed in in order to place the adjuster upon the mustache.

In the drawings like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

A is a comb formed, preferably, in curve form. To the central portion of the comb are attached at *b* the spring-fingers B, extending normally laterally out from the center. The spring-fingers are preferably coiled to form springs *b'* at the inner end and are formed with a series of semi-loops zigzagged, so as to form a groove throughout the length of each finger.

In placing my adjuster in position the fin-

gers are grasped and held together by the thumb and fore finger at about right angles to the comb, and the comb is then brought through the top of the mustache close to the roots, next the nose, down through the hairs of the mustache. As soon as the comb is in the desired position, the fingers are let go and spring upwardly to a position underneath the bar of the comb, so as to raise the lower hairs of the mustache from over the lips, and thereby entirely free the mouth from such mustache. It will consequently be seen that the user of my adjuster may very conveniently at meal-time drink tea or soup or other similar beverages without having his mustache dripping and looking very disgusting, as is very common with gentlemen burdened with an excessive growth of hair on the upper lip.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A mustache adjuster comprising the comb having teeth arranged to fit into the mustache from above, and the two spring fingers secured to the central portion of the comb and extending toward the ends each of said fingers being composed of zigzag looped wire arranged to bear against the under side of the mustache, substantially as described.

2. In combination with the horizontal wire arranged to be placed upon the mustache and having the series of depending teeth to penetrate the mustache, the spring fingers comprising a single piece of wire having its central portion secured to the horizontal wire with the portions upon each side coiled to form spring hinges and thence extended laterally and looped to form zigzag arms arranged to clamp the mustache up against the comb, substantially as described.

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