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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.

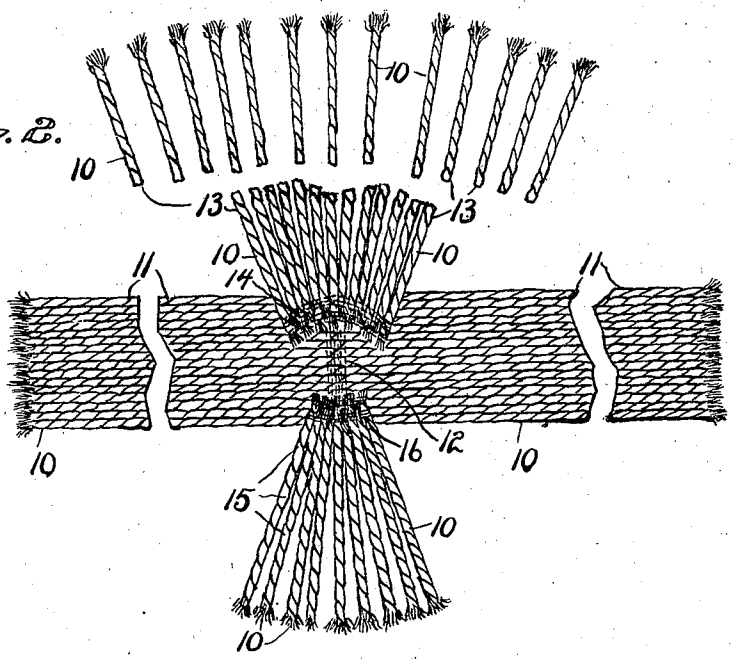
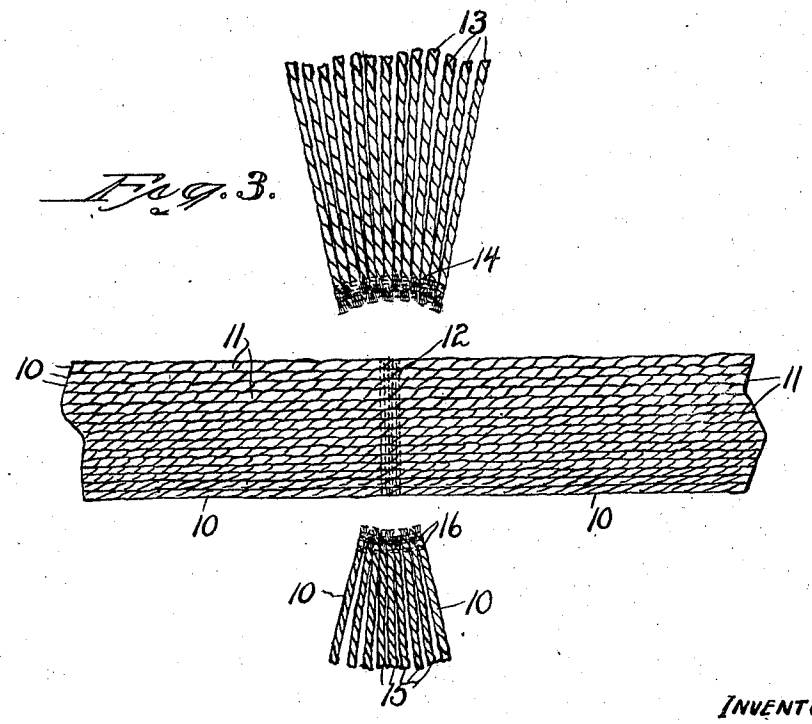


Fig. 3.



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The present invention relates to improvements in wigs which are primarily designed for theatrical use and for use on millinery, clothing-display figures, and the like, though available for other uses.

One of the main objects of the present invention is to provide an attractive and serviceable wig at low cost for manufacture.

Another object of the present invention is to provide an attractive and serviceable wig at low cost both with respect to materials and workmanship.

With the above and other objects in view, as will appear to those skilled in the art from the present disclosure, this invention includes all features in the said disclosure which are novel over the prior art.

In the accompanying drawings, in which certain modes of carrying out the present invention are shown for illustrative purposes:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a wig produced in accordance with the present invention and viewing the same mainly from the front;

Fig. 2 is a broken underside view of the units comprising the wig of Fig. 1, which are shown as assembled together preparatory to having the rope-like elements thereof unraveled; and

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2 but showing the three main units of the wig separated, preparatory to their assembly.

In the preferred mode of carrying out the present invention, the strand material is initially in the form of a plurality of ropes 10 which latter may, for instance, be on the order of $\frac{3}{16}$ inch to ¼ inch in diameter, with each such rope consisting of a large number of individual strands. Sisal has been found to be admirably adapted for the purpose, though hemp and other strand materials are also suitable.

The completed wig illustrated in Fig. 1 is of relatively-large vertical extent, and to produce the same it is preferred to first assemble a relatively-long pad-like crown-and-side unit generally designated by the reference character 11 (Fig. 3) and comprising a plurality of ropes 10 arranged side by side and coupled together about midway of their length by transverse rows of stitches 12. The said unit 11 is of sufficient length to form not only the crown of the wig but also the depending opposite side-portions thereof.

A pad-like back-unit 13 is also prepared and is composed of a plurality of ropes 10 secured together adjacent one end of the group by stitches 14. Preferably and as is particularly well shown in Fig. 3, the alternate ropes 10 comprising the back-unit 13, are shorter than the flanking groups, to thereby provide for a better and less obtrusive distribution of strands at the point of their attachment to the crown-and-side unit 11, in a manner as will hereinafter appear.

A pad-like brow-unit 15 is also prepared by assembling a plurality of ropes 10 in such manner that alternate ropes are shorter than the flanking ropes, as illustrated in Fig. 3. The group of ropes 10 comprising the brow-unit 15, are secured together adjacent their inner ends by stitches 16 or in any other suitable manner.

After the units 11, 13 and 15 have been prepared in the manner above described, the stitched end of the back-unit 13 and the similar end of the brow-unit 15 are overlapped with respect to the central-portion of the crown-and-side unit 11, as illustrated in Fig. 2, and then are secured in place to the said unit 11 by further stitching or other suitable mode of fastening.

After the joining of the units 11, 13 and 15 to produce substantially the assembly illustrated in Fig. 2, the ropes 10 comprising each of the said units, are unraveled, so that the individual strands making up each of the said ropes 10, are freed of companion strands to simulate individual strands of hair.

Should it be desired to color the strands, this may be done by coloring the ropes 10 prior to their assembly but, preferably, the coloring is most conveniently effected after the units 11, 13 and 15 have been secured together and their respective ropes 10 have been unraveled.

Preferably, also, the completed wig is sprayed with lacquer or similar material, after having had the desired portions thereof suitably curled, as illustrated in Fig. 1. When sisal or the like is employed and the ropes are unraveled, a very desirable waviness exists in the individual strands, which waviness may be further heightened or modified by the use of an ordinary curling iron.

The invention may be carried out in other specific ways than those herein set forth without departing from the spirit and essential characteristics of the invention, and the present embodiments are, therefore, to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, and all changes coming within the meaning and equivalency range of the appended claims are intended to be embraced therein.

I claim:

1. A wig, including in combination: a multiplicity of substantially-parallel multi-strand ropes secured together substantially centrally to form a pad-like combined crown-and-side unit,

the respective opposite end-portions of the said ropes being unraveled so that the component strands thereof are relatively free for lateral separation; and a multiplicity of strands secured to and arranged crosswise of the central-portion of the said crown-and-side unit and projecting beyond the rear edge thereof to provide a back-portion, the strands in the projecting part of the said back-portion being relatively free for lateral separation.

2. A wig, including in combination: a multiplicity of substantially-parallel multi-strand ropes secured together substantially centrally to form a pad-like combined crown-and-side unit, the respective opposite end-portions of the said ropes being unraveled so that the component strands thereof are relatively free for lateral separation; and a multiplicity of strands secured to and arranged crosswise of the central part of the said crown-and-side unit and projecting beyond the front and rear edges thereof to respectively provide a brow-portion and a back-portion, the strands in the projecting part of each of the latter said portions being relatively free for lateral separation.

3. A wig, including in combination: a multiplicity of substantially-parallel multi-strand ropes secured together substantially centrally to form a pad-like combined crown-and-side unit, the respective opposite end-portions of the said ropes being unraveled so that the component strands thereof are relatively free for lateral separation; a multiplicity of strands arranged in pad-like form and having their inner ends secured to the said crown-and-side unit adjacent the central-portion of the front edge thereof and projecting outwardly therefrom to provide a brow-portion, the projecting outer parts of the said strands being relatively free for lateral separation; and a multiplicity of strands arranged in pad-like form and secured at one end to the central-portion of the said crown-and-side unit adjacent the rear edge thereof and projecting rearwardly therefrom to provide a back-portion, the strands in the projecting part of the said back-portion being relatively free for lateral separation.

4. A wig, including in combination: a multiplicity of substantially-parallel multi-strand ropes secured together substantially centrally to form a pad-like combined crown-and-side unit, the respective opposite end-portions of the said ropes being unraveled so that the component strands thereof are relatively free for lateral separation; and a multiplicity of strands arranged in pad-like form to provide a separately-formed back-unit, the said strands being secured together adjacent one end of the back-unit and having the secured-together end also secured to the said crown-and-side unit adjacent the central-portion of the rear edge thereof and having the projecting outer parts of the strands relatively free for lateral separation.

5. A wig, including in combination: a multiplicity of substantially-parallel multi-strand ropes secured together substantially centrally to form a pad-like combined crown-and-side unit, the respective opposite end-portions of the said ropes being unraveled so that the component strands thereof are relatively free for lateral separation; a multiplicity of strands arranged in pad-like form to provide a separately-formed back-unit, the said strands being secured together adjacent one end of the back-unit and having the secured-together end also secured to the said crown-and-side unit adjacent the central-portion of the rear edge thereof; and a multiplicity of strands arranged in pad-like form to provide a separately-formed brow-unit, the said strands being secured together adjacent one end of the brow-unit and having the secured-together end also secured to the said crown-and-side unit adjacent the central-portion of the front edge thereof; the projecting outer parts of the strands of both the said back-unit and the said brow-unit being relatively free for lateral separation.

6. A wig, including in combination: a multiplicity of substantially-parallel multi-strand ropes secured together substantially centrally to form a pad-like combined crown-and-side unit, the respective opposite end-portions of the said ropes being unraveled so that the component strands thereof are relatively free for lateral separation; and a multiplicity of multi-strand ropes secured to and arranged crosswise of the central-portion of the said crown-and-side unit and projecting beyond the rear edge thereof to provide a back-portion, the projecting part of the ropes in the said back-portion being unraveled and relatively free for lateral separation.

7. A wig, including in combination: a multiplicity of substantially-parallel multi-strand ropes secured together substantially centrally to form a pad-like combined crown-and-side unit, the respective opposite end-portions of the said ropes being unraveled so that the component strands thereof are relatively free for lateral separation; and a multiplicity of multi-strand ropes secured to and arranged crosswise of the central-portion of the said crown-and-side unit and projecting beyond both the front and rear edges thereof to respectively provide a brow-portion and a back-portion, the respective projecting parts of the ropes in the said brow-portion and back-portion being unraveled and relatively free for lateral separation.

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