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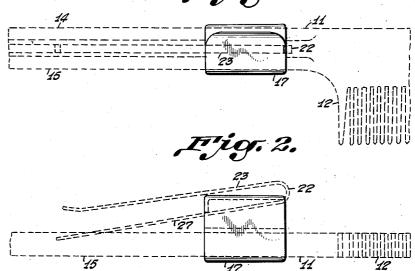
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This invention relates to the art of hairdressing, and particularly to means for curling hair and holding it in the curled condition.

An object of the invention is to provide a hair curling tool adapted to receive a hair clasping pin for attachment to the lock of hair being curled, in combination with a second tool adapted to hold the clasping pin in position upon the curling tool until completion of the curling oper
10 ation.

Another object is to provide in such a pin positioning tool, a construction which insures retention of the pin in proper position, and at the same time facilitates withdrawal of the tool, following completion of the curling of the hair lock, such withdrawal being effected without disturbing the firm clasp of the pin upon curled lock.

A further object is to provide a novel method of 20 joining a lock of hair into a securely held spiral, or "curl".

These and other objects of the invention will become apparent upon examination of the following description of means entering into the practicing of the invention, and the illustration thereof in the accompanying drawing. It is to be understood, however, that these are merely illustrative, there being no intention to limit scope of the invention, except as indicated in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figs. 1 and 2 are plan and side elevation views respectively, of the parts entering into the preferred method of practicing the invention;

Figs. 3 and 4 are plan and side elevation views of the preferred form of pin retaining tool; and Figs. 5 and 6 are end elevation views of the pin retaining tool.

Reference character II indicates a curling 40 tool, which may or may not have a comb portion 12. The curling portion of the tool includes the two prongs 14, 15 which join to form the shank to receive the pin holding tool 17. As shown, tool 17 has a shape corresponding, in end ele-45 vation (Figs. 5 and 6) to that of the numeral "6", whose closed lower half is adapted to slide over the ends of prongs 14 and 15 to assume the position indicated in Figs. 1 and 2. The upper portion of the tool 17 includes a flat upper sur-50 face 18, slightly beveled at its outer edge 19, and notched at 21 to receive the rounded part 22 of the hair pin 23, there being a record notch 24 aligned with notch 21, at the lower edge of the depending side, or apron 26 (Figs. 5 and 6) of 55 the tool. The lower straight prong or leg 27 of the pin 23 is retained in said notch 24, and the combined effect of the two notches 21 and 24, is to hold the lower leg of pin 23 securely between prongs 14 and 15 during winding of the tuft of hair around said prongs; the upper leg of the pin remaining above said prongs.

On completion of this hair winding operation the pin 23 is pressed laterally to free it from 5 notches 21 and 24, then slid off the beveled edge 19, whereupon tool 11 is withdrawn longitudinally of the pin, leaving the pin integrated with the lock of wound hair forming the "curi". The tool 17 may remain in position upon tool 11, 10 ready for reception of another pin similar to the pin 23, for application to a second tuft of hair to be wound into a curl, and the process repeated as often as necessary to complete the coiffure.

I claim:

1. A hair curling instrument comprising a pronged element having a pin retaining tool mounted thereon, means integral with said pin retaining tool to hold both legs of a pin in a plane perpendicular to the plane of the prongs 20 of said pronged element, and simultaneously to direct one leg of the pin into the space between the prongs, and to hold said leg in said position during the curling operation.

2. A pin retaining tool comprising an upper flat portion with a beveled edge, a lower portion of a shape adapted for retention upon a hair winding instrument, and means for deflecting one leg of a pin obliquely with respect to said upper flat portion, while the second leg of the pin lies along said upper flat portion, said means operating to yieldably hold the pin in position upon the tool as the latter slides along the hair winding instrument.

3. In a one-piece hairpin holding tool slidable longitudinally of a hair curling instrument, means integral with said tool for yieldably retaining the pin in position longitudinally of the instrument during sliding of the tool thereon, said means further, and simultaneously, operating to automatically and inherently cause one branch of the pin to diverge from the other, and remain diverged therefrom until removed from the tool, and means facilitating removal of the pin by lateral displacement thereof with respect 45 to said tool.

4. In a one-piece hairpin holding tool slidable longitudinally of a hair curling instrument, an upper surface substantially parallel to the longitudinal axis of the curling instrument over which 50 one branch of the pin extends, said surface having an exposed edge facilitating removal of the pin from the tool by lateral displacement, after sufficient longitudinal displacement to insure clasping relationship with the curled hair.

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