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Fig. 1.

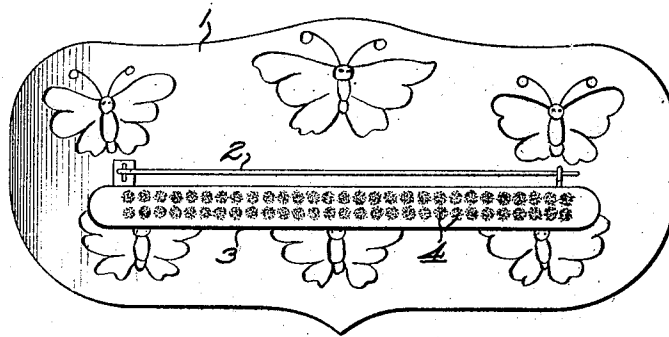


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY E. THORNTON, a citizen of the United States, residing at Jefferson City, in the county of Cole and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Barrettes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in toilet articles, and more specifically to barrettes.

The object of my invention is to provide a barrette that will retain a position relatively close to the head of the wearer, the invention consisting of the means for accomplishing this result. It is a well-known fact that barrettes of the ordinary construction, or even with a comb attachment will not retain the desired position. The weight of the barrette causes it to fail in its double purpose as an ornament and a device for retaining the short strands of hair at the back of the head. A pin retained barrette is inefficient and a comb does not mesh sufficiently with the hair, but only adds weight, which causes it to assume a horizontal instead of a substantially vertical position as intended. By my bristle arrangement, I have overcome these defects and have produced a device which accomplishes the desired result.

Other objects of this invention not at this time more particularly enumerated, will be clearly understood from the detailed description and drawings forming a part of this specification.

Furthermore, this invention consists in the novel arrangement and combination of parts more particularly described in the following specification and embodied in the claims appended hereunto and forming a part of this application.

Referring now to the drawings, which are merely illustrative of my invention, Figure 1 is a rear elevation of my barrette. Fig. 2 is an edge elevation of the same.

Referring further to the drawings, wherein similar reference characters designate similar parts throughout the respective views, 1 designates the body portion of my barrette, preferably arc-shaped along the

length thereof, which may be of any fanciful design, while 2 is a conventional type of pivoted pin fastener mounted thereon. At a certain point upon the rear face of said body portion I provide a plate member 3 having a plurality of bristles 4 mounted in the face thereof and projecting rearwardly from the rear face of said body portion, and disposed substantially at right angles thereto. It is obvious that as the pin is inserted through the hair and the body portion of the barrette is brought into engagement therewith, the bristles will mesh with the hair and form a substantial anchorage for the barrette by reason of the peculiar rough stem of the bristles secured thereto.

The utility, adaptability, and advantages of my improved form of barrette being obvious, it is unnecessary to further enlarge upon the same herein.

Having now described and pointed out the new and useful features of my invention, I do not limit myself to the shape of certain parts where the shape is not essential, nor do I restrict myself to the exact details of construction shown and described, but mean and intend to claim all equivalents and variations thereof not departing in principle from my invention, and falling within the purview of the appended claims.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A barrette consisting of a body portion, a pivoted pin catch mounted upon said body portion, and a plurality of bristles mounted upon said body portion.

2. In a barrette, in combination, a body portion of any suitable design, a pin catch mounted upon the rear face of said body portion, and a plurality of bristles mounted at a certain point upon the rear face of said body portion and disposed substantially at right angles thereto.

3. The combination with a barrette, of a bristle-studded member mounted upon the rear face of said barrette.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature hereto.

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