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BARRETTE

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Fig. 1

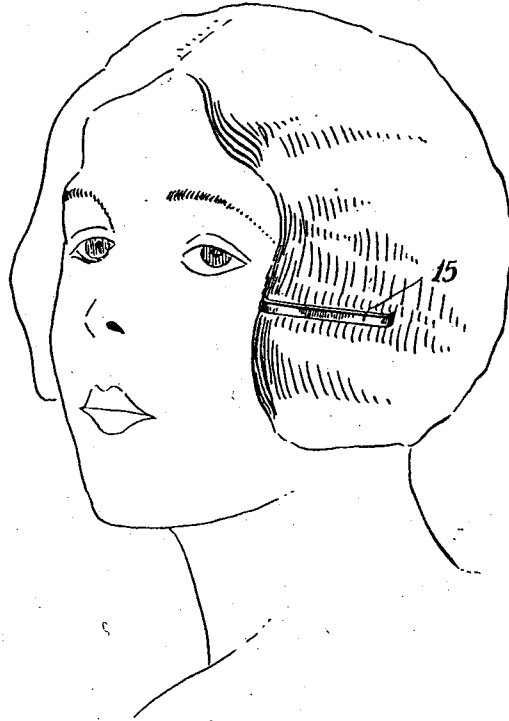


Fig. 2



Fig. 3

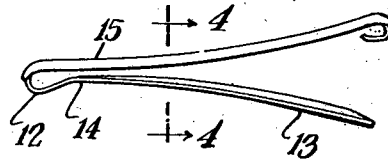


Fig. 4

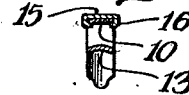


Fig. 5

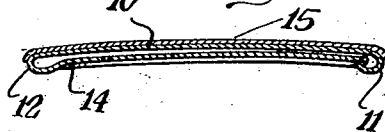


Fig. 6

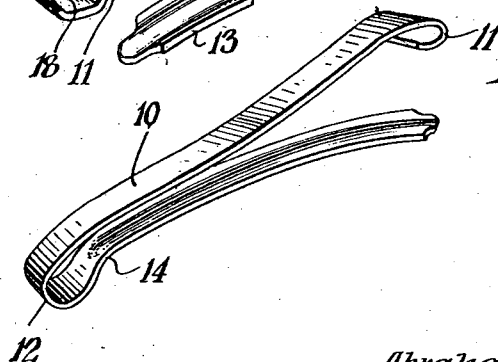
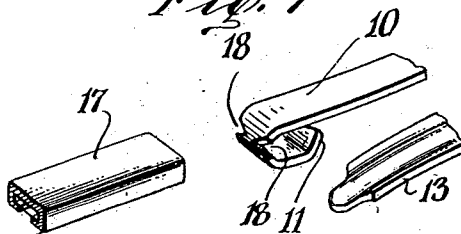


Fig. 7



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BARRETTE.

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This invention relates to an improved barrette or ornamental clasp for holding hair in place.

Objects.

Among the principal objects which the invention has in view are: to provide a barrette constructed of a single piece or strip of metal; to produce the barrette in a form to be conveniently applied to the hair or detached therefrom; to provide resilient means for retaining the barrette applied to the hair as in service; to provide a non-metallic covering portion for the top of the barrette for augmenting the ornamental appearance thereof; to produce an effective method of attaching the covering to the metal; and generally to simplify and improve the construction.

Drawings.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a girl's head, showing a barrette constructed in accordance with the present invention and applied to the hair as in service;

Figure 2 is a top or plan view of the barrette;

Figure 3 is a side elevational view of the barrette in unclosed or unclashed position;

Figure 4 is a transverse sectional view taken as on the line 4-4 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is a longitudinal sectional view of the barrette in closed or clashed position; and

Figures 6 and 7 illustrate modifications of the invention.

Description.

In detail, the invention is embodied in a barrette or ornamental clasp for maintaining the hair in place, which, in its preferred form, is constructed of a single strip or piece of metal having a longitudinal portion 10 forming the back or top. This ornamental portion terminates at one end in a hook 11 and at the other end in a reverse bend 12. A tongue 13 extends from the reverse bend back along the longitudinal portion 10 and is coupled to the reverse bend by a sharp concave bend or connection 14 in such a way as to normally throw or bias the hook away from the free end of the tongue, as shown in Figure 3. This position of the barrette is the unclosed or unclashed position.

The tongue 13 is slightly concaved or curved away from the longitudinal portion 10 and is constructed of a rigid, unbending material. The longitudinal portion, 11, is of a flexible yielding material and may be bent or flexed so that the hook 11 engages the free end of the tongue, as in Figure 5. This is the hair clasping position of the barrette. The tongue is also preferably curved somewhat transversely to provide a smooth surface engaging the hair and prevent any sharp edge striking the hair. The longitudinal portion 10 is normally slightly curved or bowed away from the tongue 13 in open position of the barrette shown in Figure 3, but when moved to closed position, 11, the longitudinal portion is flexed so as to assume a slightly convex curve with respect to the tongue as shown in Figure 5 to firmly clasp the hair arranged between the longitudinal portion and the tongue.

The barrette, as thus described, is preferably constructed of a single strip or piece of metal, such as steel, but the tongue and longitudinal portion 10 are treated differently to render the tongue rigid and unbending and the longitudinal portion flexible.

In the preferred embodiment of the invention shown, a non-metallic covering 15 is preferably disposed on the top of the longitudinal portion 10 of the barrette. This covering may be constructed of any non-metallic material which softens somewhat under the influence of heat and is applied to the barrette and maintained in service permanently on the portion 10 by the engagement of side edges 16 which are lipped or crimped around the edges of the portion 10. The covering is applied to the longitudinal portion, as by subjecting the material of the covering to sufficient heat to soften it, then by forcing it on said portion in its soft state and crimping the side edges 16 firmly around the edges. The covering may be colored in any desirable and attractive manner and may be fashioned and finished so as to provide a handsome article.

In lieu of this construction, the covering may be omitted as shown in Figure 6.

In the application of the barrette to the hair, the hair is neatly arranged and placed between the longitudinal portion 10 with or without the covering 15 and the rigid tongue portion 13, while the barrette is in its unclosed or unclashed position as shown in Fig-

ure 3. The tongue is underneath the hair, while the portion 10 is above the hair and the covering 15 is the only visible part of the barrette. The barrette is closed or clasped by forcing the hook, 11, toward and into engagement with the tongue as shown in Figure 5 and this closed position of the barrette is firmly maintained in service by virtue of the resilient action of the longitudinal portion 10 tending to open up the barrette and free the hook.

The structure described of the reverse bend 12 with sharp concave bend 14 providing an outwardly flaring rigid tongue produces a superior article and a high amount of resiliency in the longitudinal portion when in closed position, thus insuring a firm engagement of the tongue and the hook and a stable closed or clasped position of the barrette around the hair. As stated, the covering 15 or portion 10 is the only part of the barrette which is visible when applied to the hair and as this is nicely finished the barrette has an ornamental and attractive appearance in the hair.

As an alternative manner of applying the celluloid covering to the back of the bar-

rette, we have shown in Figure 7 the hook end provided with indented notches, 18. The covering 17 is applied in a hard condition and is slid on the portion 10 from the hook end, the lips 19 sliding in the notches 18. The covering has a tight fit on the portion 10 and is held in place thereon in a firm manner by friction.

Of course, minor changes and alterations in the construction shown and described may be resorted to in the practice of the invention, and we desire to be limited only by the state of the prior art and the scope of the appended claim.

What we claim is:

The method of forming a barrette comprising the shaping of an elongated top portion and an integral resilient pin portion underlying said top portion, forming a keeper at the free end of said top portion, bowing said top portion and pin towards each other, and depositing a coating of celluloid on the upper surface of said top portion while said celluloid is softened under the application of heat.

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