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Fig. 1.

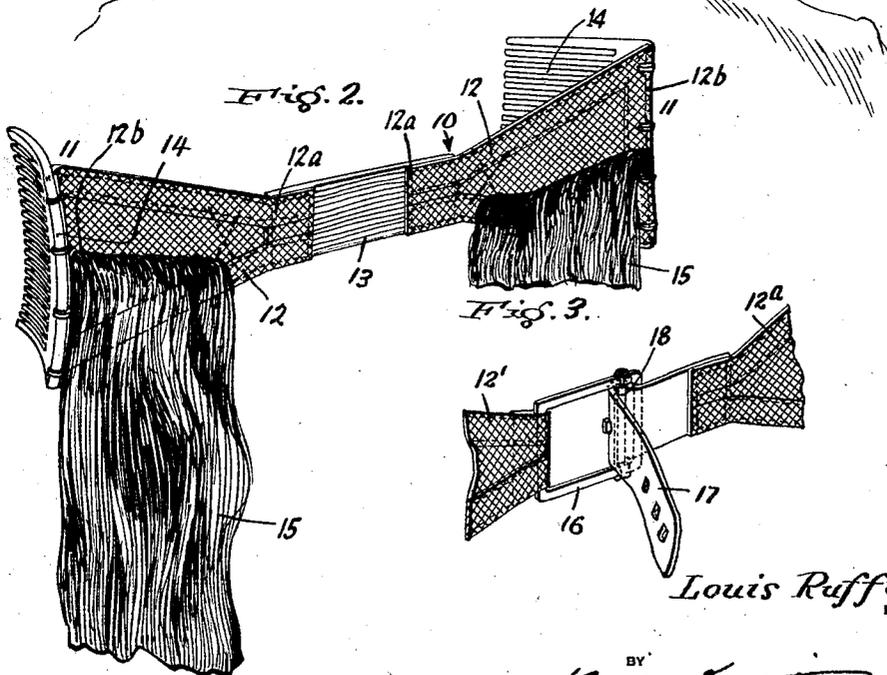
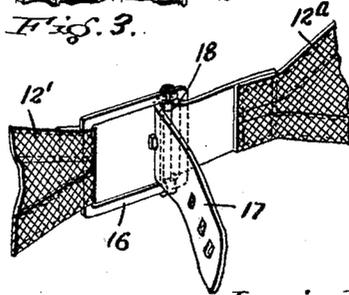


Fig. 3.



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WOMAN'S HEADRESS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LOUIS RUFFIO, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Women's Headress, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to women's head dresses. The principal object of the invention is to provide an improved head dress having means for securely fastening false hair to the head of a person and is especially adapted for use by women having bobbed hair to give the same the appearance of long hair when such appearance is desired.

Another object of the invention is to provide an improved head dress of the character described having simple and quick means of anchoring the switch to the head of a person, which means may be made adjustable for various sizes and which automatically adapts the head dress to the contour of the head, thus assuring a comfortable and snug fit when in applied position.

A further object of the invention is to provide a head dress of the character and for the purpose described comprising few and simple parts, relatively cheap to manufacture, which may be applied to or removed from the wearer's hair as desired to provide different styles of coiffure.

Other objects of this invention will in part be obvious and in part hereinafter pointed out.

The invention accordingly consists in the features of construction, combinations of elements and arrangement of parts which will be exemplified in the construction hereinafter described and of which the scope of application will be indicated in the following claims.

In the accompanying drawing, in which is shown one of the various possible illustrative embodiments of this invention,

Fig. 1 is a view showing a head dress embodying the invention applied in position upon the head of a person;

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the head dress; and

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary perspective view of a modified form of the adjustment means.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, 10 denotes a body portion of a head dress embodying the invention, the opposite ends of which support suitable attaching

means 11. The body portion 10 may comprise a pair of non-elastic strips 12, 12, between which an elastic strip or insert 13 is interposed. The adjacent ends 12^a of the strips 12 are respectively stitched or otherwise secured to the ends of the elastic strip 13 while the outer ends 12^b of the strips 12 are enlarged or widened to receive the attaching means 11.

As seen from Fig. 2, the strips 12 may be formed of mesh or net material to render the device light in weight and to provide supplementary anchoring means for pinning the hair thereto. Each strip has secured thereto a tuft of hair or switch 15 which may be of a color to match the hair of the wearer.

By constructing the strips 12 with the inner ends 12^a narrower than the outer ends, the insert 13 may be made relatively narrow, thus facilitating the covering of said insert and practically eliminating the possibility of the insert being exposed to view after the body portion 10 is incorporated in the coiffure. The attaching means 11 may be of any suitable construction such as one or more hair pins or, preferably, may be included a pair of combs 14, one of which is secured to the outer end of each strip 12. The combs 14 are preferably secured to the strips 12 so that the teeth thereof normally have a tendency to extend inwardly along the strips as shown on the right end of Fig. 2, for assuring a better engagement of the combs within the hair when applied to the head. An ordinary type of comb may be used to bring about the result desired.

In use, the coronet or head dress is adapted to be applied to the head of a woman having bobbed hair at a point where the hair is shortest, which is at the back of the head adjacent the nape of the neck. When applying the device, one of the combs is first inserted upwardly in the hair and then turned or reversed, that is, the tooth end of the comb is given a rotary movement while engaged with the surface of the head and with the hair, and then moved downwardly until the comb is firmly anchored. The other comb is similarly inserted to stretch the body portion snug against the back of the head. After the device has been securely anchored, the tufts of hair 15 are draped about the head in any desired artistic manner to merge into the real hair thereby

covering up the short hair and giving the bobbed head of hair the appearance of long hair.

In Fig. 3 I have shown a modified form of insert between the strips 12 which permits adjustment of the body portion for a wide range of sizes. In this form, a pair of strips 12' are employed which are similar to the aforementioned strips 12 and which likewise may support suitable attaching means (not shown) at their respective outer ends. The inner ends of the strips have secured thereto adjusting means of any suitable construction as for example a buckle 16, and an elastic or non-elastic strap 17. A grip bar 18 forming part of the buckle 16 is movably mounted between the side walls thereof for co-action with the adjacent end wall and between which end wall and the bar, the free end of the strap 17 passes. In this form, the attaching means such as combs 14 are inserted in the same manner as that heretofore described after which a strap 17 is pulled to take up the slack between the combs, thus assuring a tight fit about the head of the wearer. The buckle 16 may be of such construction as to automatically lock the strap in adjusted position when the same has been made taut.

It will thus be seen that there is provided a device in which the several objects of this invention are achieved and which is well adapted to meet the conditions of practical use.

As various possible embodiments might be made of the above invention, and as various changes might be made in the embodiment above set forth, it is to be understood that all matter herein set forth or shown in the accompanying drawing is to be interpreted as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. A head-dress comprising a pair of non-elastic strips, extensible means interposed between said strips and connecting the adjacent ends of the same, a tuft of hair secured to each of said non-elastic strips, and attaching means carried by the free end of each strip for insertion in the head of a wearer.

2. A head-dress of the character described for use by persons having short hair comprising a body including an extensible flexible insert, false hair carried on said body, a comb secured to each end of said

body, the tooth end of each comb being adapted to be given a rotary movement while engaged with the surface of the wearer's head and hair to hold said body snug about the head of the wearer, to permit said false hair to be draped about the head in a manner to conceal said body and to co-act with the short hair to give to the wearer the appearance of a full head of hair.

3. A head dress of the character described adapted to convert bobbed hair coiffure to simulate one of long hair comprising a body portion having an extensible insert, false hair carried by said body portion and spaced means secured to the body portion for engaging the hair of the wearer on opposite sides of said insert to adjustably hold the body portion snug about the head of the wearer.

4. A head dress of the character described adapted to convert bobbed hair coiffure to simulate one of long hair comprising a body portion formed of a pair of strips having an extensible insert interposed between them, said insert being substantially narrower than either strip, false hair carried by said strips, and means for engaging the hair of the wearer secured to the outer ends of said strips for holding the body portion to the head of the wearer.

5. A head dress of the character described adapted to convert bobbed hair coiffure to simulate one of long hair comprising a body portion, formed of a pair of spaced strips having an adjustable insert interposed between them, tufts of hair secured by said strips and combs attached to the outer ends of the strips for holding the head dress to the head of the wearer, said strips constructed of mesh material.

6. In a head dress device of the character described, a body adapted to carry hair pieces and including a flexible extensible insert, and spaced attaching means mounted on said body for securing the latter snugly to the head of the wearer.

7. In a head dress device of the character described, a support adapted to carry hair pieces comprising a flexible extensible member, said member having adjustable means for varying the size of the support, and spaced attaching means for said support for securing the latter snugly on the head of the wearer.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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