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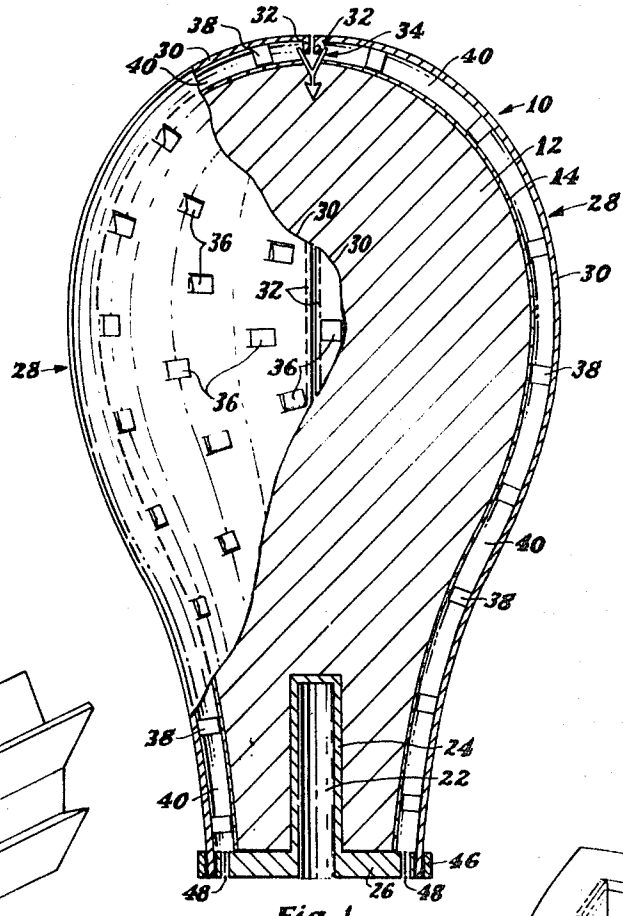


Fig. 1

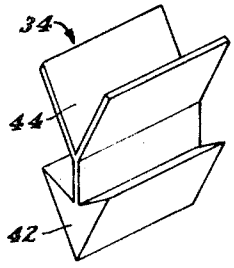


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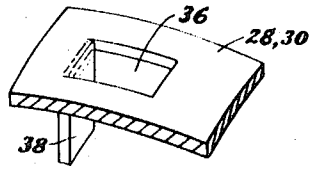


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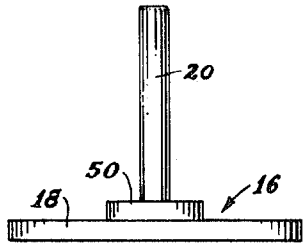


Fig. 2

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A wig support device which provides for the circulation of air interiorly of the wig supported on the device.

This invention relates to a wig support, of a type having a cork or other relatively soft body member which receives the holding pins which the user inserts through the wig or wig-styling means and into the body member; and concepts of the invention provide that even though the body member is substantially solid for serving its function of retaining the holding pins, there is provided circulating air interiorly of a wig supported on this wig support.

More specifically, concepts of the present invention provide a support means which supports the wig in outwardly-spaced relationship with respect to such a body member, providing for the circulation of air between the body member and the wig, and the concepts also provide that the support means itself is provided with air passages or openings and thus providing for the circulation of air to the inside surface or layer of the wig itself.

The circulation of air which is provided for by the present inventive concepts, thus provides circulating air interiorly of the wig while it is mounted on a support; and thus a wig which has been "set" or "styled" with the use of an associated liquid, may dry rapidly and properly while mounted on a wig support device.

The above description is somewhat introductory and generalized; the above and other concepts, features, and details of the present invention will be further apparent from the following more detailed description of an illustrative embodiment, reference being had to the accompanying somewhat schematic drawings, in which:

FIG. 1 is an elevational view, partly in cross section to illustrate interior details, of a wig support embodying the inventive concepts;

FIG. 2 is an elevational view of a support base for the wig support shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 3 is a substantially enlarged view of a holding device shown in FIG. 1; and

FIG. 4 is a fragmental detail view of a portion of the outer wig support means shown in FIG. 1.

As shown in the drawings, an overall wig support device **10** is shown as embodying the inventive concepts, in a wig support device of a type which has a generally solid body member **12** which is shaped and formed to receive and retain associated holding pins which may be inserted by the user through the associated wig and the associated wig-styling means and into the body member **12**. Such a support body **12** is conventionally formed of some material such as cork, and is shown as having an exterior facing of canvas **14**.

The wig support body **12** is shown as mountable upon a support base **16** (FIG. 2). The support base **16** is shown as having a base member **18** from which extends an upward supporting post **20**; and the wig support body member **12** is shown as fitted with a downwardly-opening recessed device **22** by which the support body **12** is mounted upon the upright supporting post **20**. The recess **22** of the body **12** is shown as formed by a sleeve member **24** from whose base extends a flange **26** in the general form of a disc.

According to the inventive concepts, the body member **12** is provided with an outer wig support means **28**, which, in the form shown, is formed from a pair of sections **30**. The abutting edges of the two sections **30** are shown as each provided with an inturned lip **32**, which provides both a stiffening means for each of the shell sections **30** and provides also a means co-operative with retainer means **34** yet to be described.

The outer support means or shell **28** is located outwardly of the support body **12**, providing for the circulation of air between the support body member **12** and the associated wig.

It will be observed that the support shell **28** is provided with a multitude of reception openings **36** (although several of such openings **36** are shown in FIG. 1, the quantity as there shown is only a fragmental portion of the total number of such openings; and the openings would be desirably much closer together than are those diagrammatically shown in FIG. 1).

The reception openings **36** provide a plural purpose. That is, for one thing they provide openings which accommodate the passage through the shell **28** of the associated holding pins for holding the associated wig to the support body member **12**. Moreover, the openings **36** also provide for the circulation of air directly to the inside surface or layer of the wig itself, that is, through the plane of the outer shell **28**.

As best shown in FIG. 4, the reception openings **36** are desirably formed by the forcing of a tab portion **38** of the shell **28** inwardly, that tab portion **38** thereby providing a spacer means for spacing and locating the outer shell **28** outwardly with respect to the wig support body member **12**; and the recess **36** which remains after the tab portion **38** is forced inwardly provides one of the said reception openings **36** for both the passage of the associated pin means and for the aforesaid air circulation.

The space between the support body member **12** and the outer shell **28** is indicated in the drawings by the reference numeral **40**.

The assembly of the outer support shell **28** onto the support body member **12** is shown as comprising a holding retainer **34** at the top of the body member **12**, and a holding means at the base of the device. The retainer **34** is best shown in the pictorial enlargement which comprises FIG. 3. As shown, the retainer **34** has a pointed lower end portion **42** which is adapted to be forced into the body member **12**; and the upper portion of the retainer **34** is formed to provide a recess means **44**, into which the adjacent portion of the aforesaid flanges **32** are retained. The lower portion of the outer shell **28** is retained to the support body member **12** by a band **46** which encircles the lower portion of the two sections **30** of the outer shell **28**, and holds those shell portions against the base disc **26** of the support-receiving recess member **22** already mentioned.

It will be observed that the disc **26** is provided with opening means **48** which provides for the circulation of air into the chamber or gap **40** between the support body **12** and the shell member **30**; and as shown in FIG. 2, the support base is provided with a spacer disc **50** which holds the support body member **12** upwardly off the base plate **18** a distance sufficient that circulating air can enter into the openings **48** to thereupon circulate through the space **40** between the support body **12** and the support shell **28**.

A wig support device according to the concepts of the present invention thus provides for the advantageous drying of a wig, by air circulated interiorly of the wig,

while the wig is mounted on a support. The concepts achieve these advantages without departing materially from the mounting and the accustomed use-techniques of a conventional wig support body formed of cork or the like. Yet the present inventive concepts provide for the advantageous drying of a wig in a manner which is unobtainable with conventional wig supports. The foregoing and other inherent advantages are achieved by the inventive concepts.

It will be understood that modifications and variations may be effected without departing from the scope of the novel concepts of the invention. Accordingly, the invention is not to be limited to the specific form or arrangement of parts or components herein described or shown in the embodiment which illustrates the inventive concepts.

What is claimed is:

1. In a wig support, of a type having a body member shaped and formed to retainingly receive associated holding pin means which are inserted through the associated wig and the associated wig-styling means and into the said support body member;

the improvement comprising, in combination:

an outer wig support means;

the said outer support means providing reception opening means accommodating the passage of said associated holding pin means therethrough;

and there being locating means provided which hold and maintained said outer wig support means in outwardly-spaced relationship with respect to said body member, providing for the circulation of air between the said body member and the wig;

the reception opening means of the said outer wig support means also providing for the circulation of air to the inside surface or layer of the wig itself;

thereby, even though the said body member may be substantially solid for serving its function of receiving the holding pin means as aforesaid, providing for the advantageous drying of the wig by drying it interiorly and without the wig-styling and/or wig-setting liquid soaking into the said pin-receiving body member.

2. The invention as set forth in claim 1, in a combination in which the said outer wig support means is formed of at least a pair of sections, there being means provided for holding the sections assembled to co-operate with one another to provide the said outer wig support means.

3. The invention as set forth in claim 2 in a combination in which the abutting edges of the two sections are provided with an inturned lip, providing both a stiffening means and a means co-operative with retainer means affixed to the body member.

4. The invention as set forth in claim 2 in a combination in which a retainer member is provided, having a pointed end adapted to be retainingly forced into said body member, and providing recess means, portions of the two outer wig support means sections being retainingly received in said recess.

5. The invention as set forth in claim 2 in a combination in which the holding means comprises first holding means adjacent the top portion of the said body member for retaining the top portions of the two outer wig support means sections, and second holding means adjacent the base section of the said body member for retaining the base portions of the two outer wig support means sections to one another and to the base portion provided for the said body member.

6. The invention as set forth in claim 1 in a combination in which at least a portion of the said reception opening means and the said locating means are provided integrally by the forcing of a portion of the outer wig means inwardly, the portion thereof forced inwardly providing a spacer means, and the recess remaining after said portion is forced inwardly providing a said reception opening for passage of an associated pin means and air circulation as aforesaid.

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