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Fig. 1

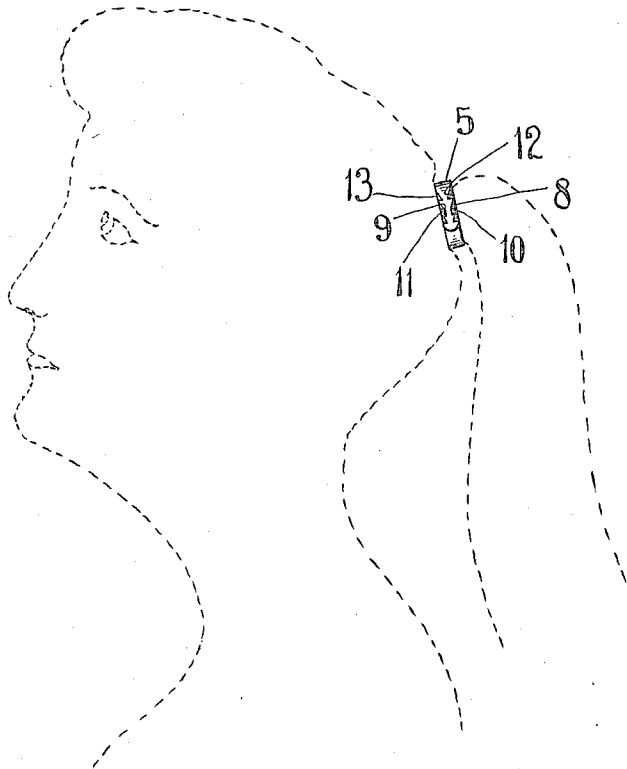
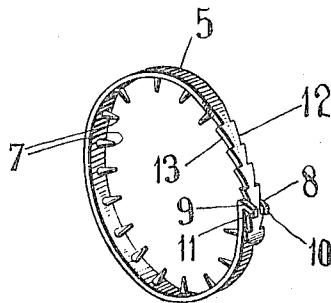


Fig. 2

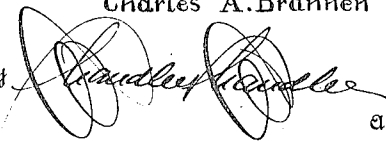


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. BRANNEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newton, in the county of Harvey, State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hair-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in holders and has particular reference to a device of that kind adapted to be applied to the back hair of a woman's head.

One object of the invention is the provision of a device constructed to firmly clamp the hair into a tuft before the hair is arranged in the desired fashion on the head.

Another object is the provision of a device provided with internal prongs to be embedded into the tuft, whereby slipping of the device will be prevented.

A still further object is the provision of a device which may be readily clamped in position and when so arranged will not become entangled with the hair.

With these and other objects in view as will more fully hereinafter appear, the present invention consists in certain novel details of construction and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and more particularly pointed out in the appended claim; it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size and minor details of the device may be made without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention within the scope of the claim.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of the specification:—Figure 1 is a side elevation of the device showing it applied to a woman's head. Fig. 2 is a detailed perspective of the device.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to designate corresponding parts throughout.

The device consists essentially in a flexible strip designated by the numeral 5. The strip may be of any desired material such as metal, celluloid, rubber or any other material possessing a high degree of flexibility. The strip 5 may be of any desired length and will, when curved to the shape of a circle, be somewhat greater in diameter than

the diameter of the tuft to which it is applied. By reference now to Fig. 2 it will be seen that formed on what will subsequently be termed the inner face of the holder are a plurality of spaced teeth or prongs 7. When the strip is perfectly flat these prongs or teeth will be perpendicular to the face of the strip to which they are applied, so that when the opposite ends of the strip are brought into engagement and the holder assumes a circular shape the prongs or teeth will be in position to embed themselves into the tuft to which the holder is applied. The strip is bent laterally adjacent one end, whereby a lug is provided somewhat greater in length than the thickness of the strip. The lug is provided with a medially disposed longitudinal recess, whereby jaws 8 and 9 are formed, the free terminals of which are bent rearwardly and at right-angles as shown at 10 and 11 so as to provide locking ears which over-lie a portion of the outer face of the strip. The opposite end portion of the strip is provided on its opposite longitudinal sides with a plurality of spaced teeth 12 and 13. The teeth 12 and 13 on the opposite sides of the strip are arranged directly opposite each other and are formed by oppositely extending oblique incisions made on the opposite sides of the strip, the said incisions extending in the direction of the length of the strip for a distance corresponding approximately to the length of the jaws 8 and 9 whence they terminate in incisions extending inwardly and at right angles to the sides of the strip. With this construction it is evident that the teeth are tapered and the narrowed ends of said teeth will be of a size to nicely fit between the jaws 8 and 9, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. It might here be stated, that the distance between the inner sides of the ears 10 and 11 and outer face of the strip will correspond approximately to the thickness of the strip so that when the narrowed end of a tooth is forced between the jaws 8 and 9 the widened end of the next succeeding tooth will bear on that face of the jaws 8 and 9 between the lugs and outer face of the strip and the upper and lower faces of the tooth will bear respectively on the inner sides of the ears 10 and 11 and outer face of the strip, whereby endwise movement of the holder will be prevented. The space between the inner sides of the said ears 10 and 11 is the same width at all points between

the inner and outer ends of said ears, so that said ears are entirely unobstructed on their inner sides and hence the toothed end of the strip may be readily inserted between or withdrawn from between said ears at will, as will be understood.

As shown in Fig. 2, the provision of a plurality of teeth 12 and 13 will render the device adjustable to various diameters and it will be further observed when it is clamped to the inner end of the tuft as shown in Fig. 1 that by virtue of the ears 10 and 11 it will be securely held in place and its engaging ends present no openings in which the hair might entangle.

From the foregoing it will be seen that I have provided a device which is exceedingly simple in structure and comparatively inexpensive to manufacture, and which may be readily attached and detached whenever desired. It will be further observed that the device may be worn on the tuft after the hair has been dressed and by reason of its

comparatively small size will be invisible on the head of the wearer.

What is claimed as new, is:—

The herein described hair holder comprising a strip of flexible material having prongs on one side, said strip being provided at one end with a pair of out-turned ears, spaced apart, open between their outer ends, and the space between said ears being of the same extent at all points between their inner and outer ends, the other end of the said strip being provided with a plurality of oppositely disposed pairs of tapered teeth and adapted to over-lie the first-mentioned end of said strip and to be disposed with the narrowed portion of either pair of its teeth between and engaged by said ears.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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