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ORNAMENTAL HAIR FILLET

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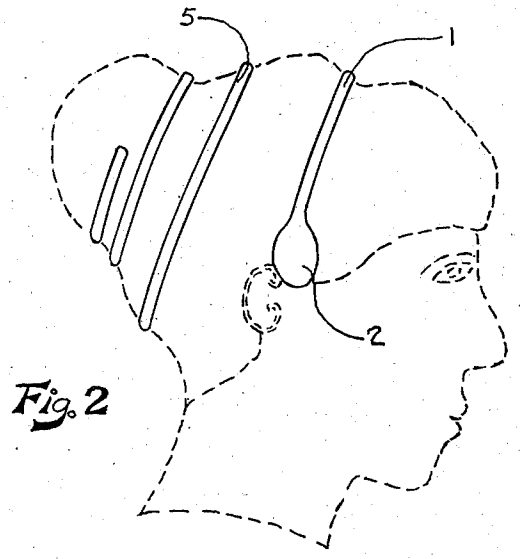


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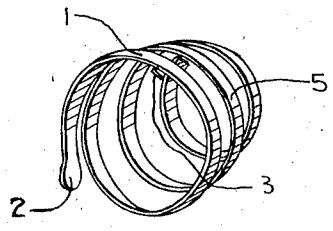


Fig. 1

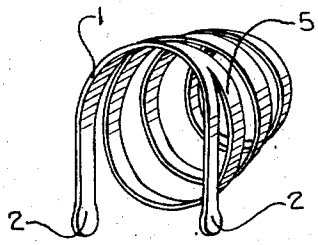


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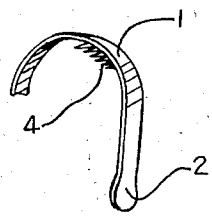


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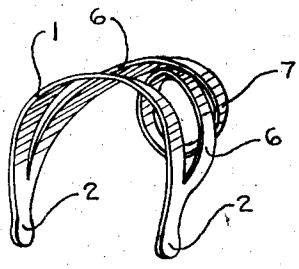


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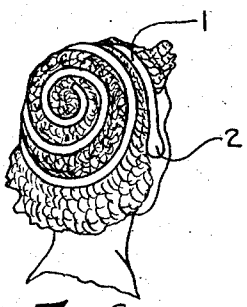


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This invention relates to a fillet and more particularly to a hair ornament adapted to support a coiffure and retain the hair therein.

Heretofore, hair retaining devices have been constructed in the form of a circlet or a bandeau which retain the hair by pressing it against the scalp or the back of the neck of the wearer. If it is desired to retain the hair in a coiffure of a style wherein the hair is maintained in an outwardly extending position from the scalp and particularly from the rear of the head the hair retaining devices now available are unsatisfactory. Thus, if a circlet or bandeau is applied to such a coiffure the hair is displaced from its intended position and the style of the coiffure is destroyed. A further objection to the existing forms of hair retaining devices is that they cannot be employed to support the hair in a coiffure of the style described. In the past, hair supports have consisted of elements of various shapes adapted to be concealed under the hair. The function of these devices is limited to supporting the hair in a particular style. Such supports are incapable of confining the hair in a coiffure and, since they are ordinarily concealed in the hair, are completely lacking in ornamental features.

It is, therefore, the principal object of this invention to provide a hair retaining fillet for supporting a coiffure of a style in which the hair is maintained is a position extending rearwardly or outwardly preferably from the rear of the head of the user.

Another object of this invention is to provide a hair retaining fillet for supporting a coiffure and confining the hair thereof without displacing the hair from its intended position.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a hair supporting and retaining fillet having an attractive ornamental appearance adapted to be worn in such a manner that its ornamental features may be advantageously displayed.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a light weight hair supporting and retaining fillet adapted to be worn on the head without causing uncomfortable pressure at any point.

A further object of this invention is to provide a hair supporting and retaining fillet comprising a light weight resilient band adapted to entwine about a coiffure and form a substantially continuous suspension-type of support therefor.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a hair supporting and retaining fillet comprising a band adapted to engage the forward portion of the head and a resilient spiral or looped band extending from the head-engaging band

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adapted to entwine about and support a coiffure.

Other objects and advantages will be apparent from the following description and the accompanying drawing in which the invention has been disclosed in detail.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the preferred form of the invention showing the resilient hair-engaging band extended to a coiffure supporting and hair retaining position;

Fig. 2 is a side elevational view of the preferred form of the invention showing the fillet positioned on the head;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary view of a modified form of head-engaging band;

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of the invention;

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a further modification of the invention; and

Fig. 6 is a perspective view showing an optional manner of wearing the hair supporting and retaining fillet of this invention.

Referring to the drawing, the hair supporting and retaining fillet comprises a light weight resilient band 1 curved to fit a transverse contour of the head near the forward portion thereof. The band 1 is adapted to extend across the top of the head and downwardly on either side to a point adjacent each ear thus engaging the head with a light, evenly distributed pressure. One end of the band 1 is provided with an ornamental plate 2 which may be formed integrally with the band or secured thereto. The plate 2 is adapted to press against the side of the head at a point forward of the ear and serves to retain the band 1 in position on the head of the person wearing the fillet. If necessary, the plate 2 may be weighted sufficiently to counterbalance the fillet by concentrating the major portion of the weight thereof at a point forward of the center of the wearer's head. The lowermost or inner side of the band 1 may also be provided with one or more hair engaging clips 3 or, alternatively, as shown in Fig. 3, a comb 4 may be formed on the head engaging band. The clips 3 or the comb 4 engage the hair of the wearer and tend to secure the fillet in the desired position on the head.

A hair supporting and retaining band 5 formed of a light-weight resilient material is secured to or formed integrally with the head engaging band 1. In the preferred forms of the invention shown in Figs. 1 and 4, the band 5 is spiral-shaped and may be entwined about the coiffure. The spiral band 5 preferably, contains at least two convolutions of decreasing radius or curvature with the largest

convolution being arranged adjacent the band 1. The spiral band 5 may be extended and the several convolutions thereof positioned at any desired point on the coiffure and thus retain the hair. The resiliency of the hair engaging band 5 causes it to contract slightly with the result that the band tends to lift and support the coiffure.

The fillet may be constructed along asymmetrical lines as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 or symmetrical lines as shown in Fig. 4. In the form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 and 2, the hair engaging band 5 is formed as a continuation of the head engaging band 1. This form of the fillet is preferably positioned on the head with plate 2 resting on the side of the head at a point forward of the ear and the head engaging band 1 extending across the head at a slight angle to permit the remaining downwardly extending portion of the band 1 to rest on the opposite side of the head at a point rearwardly of the ear. The form of the invention shown in Fig. 4 includes a head engaging band 1 adapted to extend across the top of the wearer's head and is provided at each end thereof with plates 2—2 which press against the wearer's head at corresponding points on the opposite sides thereof. The spiral band 5 is connected to or formed integrally with the head engaging band 1 at the top or mid-portion of the latter and the two bands are joined substantially tangentially.

In Fig. 5, there is shown a modified form of the fillet comprising a symmetrical head engaging band 1 and a resilient looped form of hair engaging band. The hair engaging band consists of two band portions 6—6 connected to the band 1 adjacent the depending ends thereof. The band portions 6—6 are designed to extend upwardly and rearwardly with respect to the head of the wearer. The trailing ends of the band portions 6—6 are crossed over at a point behind the wearer's head and formed into a loop 7 thus forming a continuous, resilient hair engaging band. In this form of the invention the band may be entwined about the coiffure to retain the hair. The hair engaging band is resilient and, therefore, may be extended in the same manner as the spiral band shown in Figs. 1 and 4. When allowed to contract, the band tends to lift the coiffure and support it in the position desired.

The hair supporting and retaining fillet comprising this invention may be formed of metal, synthetic resins, stiffened fabrics or any other material which possesses the properties of being light weight and resilient yet possesses sufficient stiffness to resist permanent distortion. The various portions of the fillet may be embellished, decorated or designed in a variety of ways to provide an attractive ornamental appearance. The fillet may be worn as shown in Fig. 2 or it may be placed on the head on top of the hair as shown in Fig. 6 and worn in the manner of a cap.

I claim:

1. A hair supporting and retaining fillet comprising a resilient head band and a resilient coil connected to said head band, said resilient coil being adapted to encircle and support a coiffure.

2. A hair supporting and retaining fillet comprising a resilient head band and a resilient spiral member connected to said head band, said resilient spiral member being adapted to encircle and support a coiffure.

3. A hair supporting and retaining fillet comprising a resilient head band adapted to conform to a transverse contour of the head and depend downwardly on opposite sides of the head to form depending ends, and a resilient spiral member connected to one of the depending ends of said head band, said resilient spiral member being adapted to encircle and support a coiffure.

4. A hair supporting and retaining fillet as set forth in claim 3 wherein a weighted member is connected to the remaining depending end of said head band, said weighted member being adapted to counterbalance the weight of said resilient spiral member.

5. A hair supporting and retaining fillet comprising a resilient head band adapted to conform to a transverse contour of the head at the forward portion thereof and depend downwardly on opposite sides of the head, and a resilient spiral member connected to said head band at a point adjacent the top thereof, said resilient spiral member being adapted to encircle and support a coiffure.

6. A hair supporting and retaining fillet comprising a resilient head band, a pair of resilient bands connected to said head band, and a resilient loop member formed with the free ends of said resilient bands.

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