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Fig. 1.

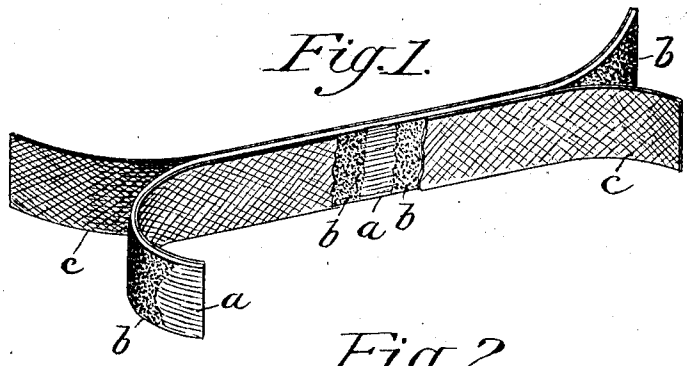
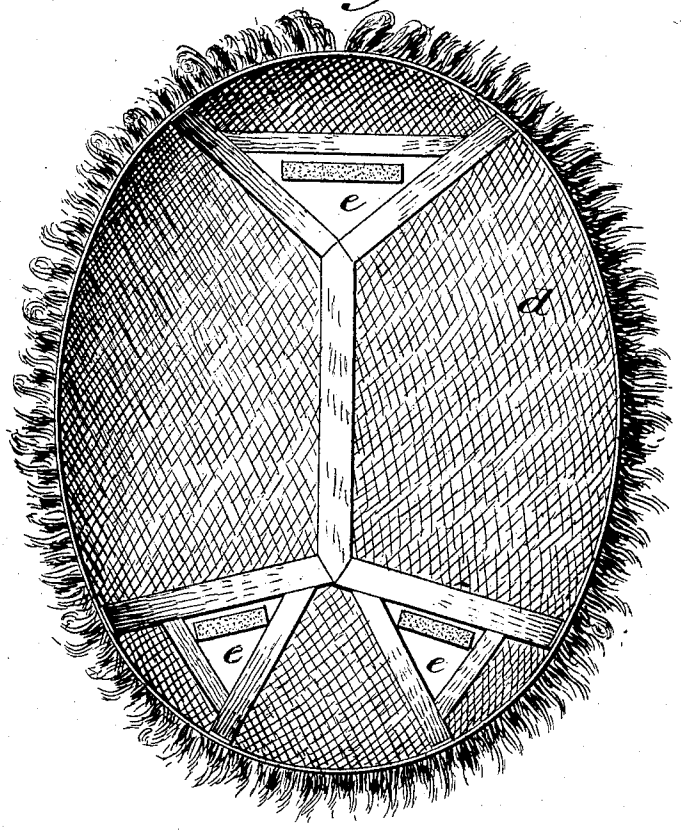


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SLEICHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Troy, New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Securing Wigs in Place; 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.

My invention relates to improvements in securing wigs and toupees in place, and has for its object to provide a material for that purpose which may be conveniently handled and easily applied, which may be thoroughly medicated, if desired, which is not affected by perspiration, and which may be used with greater comfort and security to the wearer than has hitherto been possible.

The material which is commonly used for this purpose is known as "toupee-paste" and is of about the consistency of beeswax. In using this material a small lump is worked up by the fingers and applied to appropriate surfaces formed on the interior of the wig or toupee. The nature of this substance is such that its particles adhere more strongly to one another than they do to the wig or the scalp. This characteristic has been heretofore regarded as practically indispensable, inasmuch as otherwise the paste could not well be removed from the surfaces of the wig or toupee when it has been so affected by the oils of the skin and perspiration that it will not longer adhere to the scalp. It has the disadvantage, however, that it forms a lump between the scalp and the wig, which is uncomfortable to the wearer, and that it soon loses its power to adhere to the scalp. Of course it is possible to use for this purpose a paste of a stronger adhesive nature by painting it on the toupee or wig with a brush; but this has the disadvantage that the material can be removed from the wig after it has lost its adhesiveness only by dissolving it with some such solvent as alcohol or ether, and, moreover, such material is inconvenient and disagreeable to handle.

By my invention I am enabled to use a much stronger adhesive paste than the ordinary toupee-paste in a form which is convenient to handle and which may be removed from the wig without a solvent, thus adding greatly to the convenience of handling and comfort to the wearer and at the same time securing the advantages of the greater adhesiveness and ability to remain unaffected by perspiration. I secure this result by providing an intermediate material between the wig and the scalp, such material carrying the strongly-adhesive paste.

In carrying out my invention I provide a thin narrow strip of flexible material and cover it on both sides with the strongly-adhesive paste, which is preferably thoroughly medicated. In order that this material may be conveniently packed and carried, I cover it on both sides with a protective layer of paper, gauze, or other fibrous or textile material. In this form the material may be rolled, folded, or cut into strips of a convenient length and packed in small packages, preferably tin boxes, in which it may be offered for sale. When it is desired to use the material, the protective covering may be removed from one side, leaving the other side covered, and the surface so exposed applied to the appropriate surfaces on the inside of the wig or toupee and the strip rubbed with the finger to make it adhere. The protective covering may then be removed from the other surface and the wig or toupee applied to the scalp.

I have found that when the surface of the material next to the scalp becomes soiled by contact therewith the adhesive-carrying material may be removed and the soiled surface placed next to the wig, exposing to the scalp the surface which had previously been applied to the wig, and that when this is done the adhesiveness of the soiled surface is still sufficient to make it adhere to the wig, while the fresh surface will adhere to the scalp. I thus secure a material which is cleanly, sanitary, convenient to handle, comfortable to the wearer, which is not affected by the perspiration of the scalp, which securely holds the wig in place for a much longer time than has hitherto been possible, and which may be readily renewed when necessary.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a view of a strip of my improved material carrying on each side the adhesive paste and provided with protective coverings, and Fig. 2 is a view showing the inside of a toupee with my improved material applied in three places.

In Fig. 1 the flexible strip of adhesive-carrying material is shown turned up at the ends and with the protective covering *c* partially stripped off to expose the adhesive paste, (indicated at *b*,) and the paste *b* is removed at two places to expose the carrier-strip *a*.

In Fig. 2, *d* is a toupee having three sur-

faces *e e e*, to which my improved material is applied.

Any suitable composition may be used to form the adhesive paste—as, for instance, the following: finely-powdered resin, fourteen parts; lead plaster, eighty parts; yellow wax, sixty parts. The lead plaster and wax are melted together with a gentle heat, and the resin is then added and thoroughly mixed. The lead plaster used is preferably composed of: lead oxid, thirty-two parts; olive-oil, sixty parts, and a sufficient quantity of water to form an emulsion.

As another composition which may be applied to the surfaces of the carrying material I may use Burgundy pitch, one part; rubber, two parts; gum-alibanum, one part.

In either case an appropriate antiseptic material may be added.

The adhesive coating may be applied to the two sides of the flexible carrier-strip either by dipping or submerging the strip into the adhesive material or by applying the material by means of a brush or the like.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. Means for securing wigs or toupees in place, comprising a thin, narrow strip of flexible material adapted to serve as an intermediate flexible connection and adhesive carrier between the wig or toupee and the scalp, said strip being provided on both sides with an adhesive coating; substantially as described.

2. Means for securing wigs or toupees in place, comprising a thin, narrow strip of flexible material adapted to serve as an intermediate flexible connection and adhesive carrier between the wig or toupee and the scalp, said strip being provided on both sides with an adhesive coating and a removable protective covering therefor; substantially as described.

3. A combination with a wig or toupee of a thin, narrow, reversible, adhesive-carrying strip of flexible material applied to the inner surface thereof; substantially as described.

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

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