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Fig. 1.

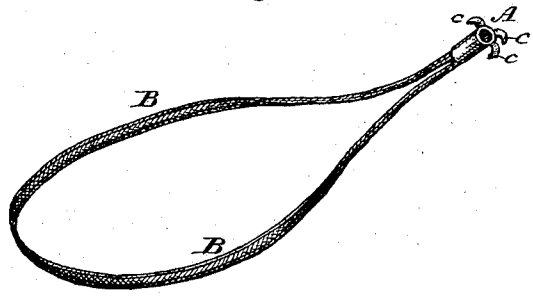


Fig. 2.

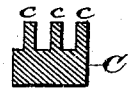


Fig. 4.



The old way.

Fig. 3.



The new way.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN P. RYDER, of Somerville, county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in a Fastening for Ladies' and Children's Hair, which invention is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows the fastener complete for use. Fig. 2 shows the blank for the catch or hook. Fig. 3 shows the fastener applied to the hair. Fig. 4 shows the present method of fastening the hair.

The old way of fastening the hair with a string is found by most ladies to be a very uncomfortable operation.

One object of my invention is to produce an improved device for fastening ladies' and children's hair at the back of the head, before braiding or twisting, more easily and quickly than by the present way of winding a string several times about the hair and then tying in a knot.

Another object of this invention is to produce a hair-fastener that is quickly applied and remains in position without slipping. This fastener adjusts itself to the hair. The pressure by the elastic being uniformly distributed holds the hair firmly together.

A is the catch, which is made of metal, and may be colored to suit any shade of hair.

B is the elastic, which may be used in any desired way to form the loop for the catch.

C is the blank for the catch, which is formed from any kind of sheet metal, and is stamped out with a die, or cut out by any other means, to form the hooks *c c c*. The blank is then passed through a machine and bent into shape to form the catch A. Hooks *c c c* of the catch A, when applied, embed themselves in the hair and leave no knot or ends in sight, as is the case by the present means of fastening.

The object of the catch having three hooks instead of one is that it can be more easily fastened, as one of the hooks will always be in a convenient position to receive the loop. One or two hooks may, however, be used instead of three, if preferred.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a hair-fastener, a catch having two or more hooks made in one piece, as shown and described.

2. The combination, in a hair-fastener, of a catch having two or more hooks in one piece, with an elastic cord or braid, as and for the purpose before described.

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