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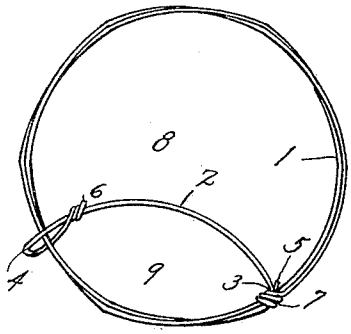


FIG. 1.

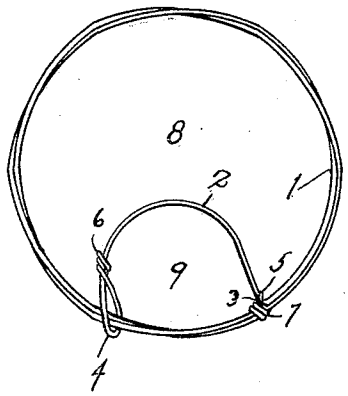


FIG. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHAUNCEY A. BENNETT, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Springfield, in the county of Hampden and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Adjustable Hair Support, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in adjustable forms or supports for the human hair on the head, and consists essentially of a ring, and a loop-forming member attached at one terminal to said ring, and having at the other terminal a slip connection with said ring, whereby the size of the space defined by said member and the part of the ring between the terminals thereof may be increased or decreased at will, as hereinafter more fully set forth.

The primary object of my invention is to produce an adjustable hair support which is simple in construction and operation, and can be made inexpensively out of a single piece of wire, such support being capable of a wide range of adjustment, and, therefore, highly efficient.

Other objects and advantages will appear in the course of the following description.

I attain the objects and secure the advantages of my invention by the means illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top plan of an adjustable hair support which embodies a practical form of my invention, and, Fig. 2, a similar view showing the loop-forming member differently disposed.

Similar reference characters designate similar parts throughout the several views.

My support comprises a base or ring 1, and a loop-forming member 2 which has one terminal connected at a fixed point, as at 3, with said ring, and the other terminal provided with an eye 4 through which said ring extends. The loop-forming member 2 in length may be equal to the diameter of the ring 1. The ring 1 and the loop-forming member 2 with its eye 4 are usually made out of a single piece of wire, one end of which wire appears at 5 and the other end at 6. Preferably there are two turns of wire in the ring 1, inasmuch as said ring is thereby rendered more rigid and stable, although the same might be made of a single turn of wire.

In making this support with a single piece of wire, the ring 1 is first formed by bending the wire, starting from the terminal 5, around in a circle and then again around in another circle, intertwining the wire in the two circles, and winding the wire around the large circular turns at a point adjacent to said terminal, as represented at 7, and then the loop-forming member is produced by carrying the wire across the ring, from the point 3, and looping it around the ring, at a point approximately opposite to said first-named point, to form the eye 4, the terminal portion 6 being wound around the cross-over piece. The wire must be ductile, and I prefer that the same shall be covered.

The loop-forming member 2 divides the ring 1 into spaces 8 and 9, and, in practice, strands of the hair are passed through the space 9 and the eye 4 of said member is moved on said ring toward the end 3 of said member until the space 9 is reduced to the extent necessary properly to confine the hair therein. By moving the eye 4 up or down on the ring 1, the space 9 may be made as large or as small as may be desired. The loop-forming member 2 can be bent and brought into as close contact with the hair in the space 9 as may be deemed necessary, so that such hair will be securely confined between said member and that portion of the ring 1 which is between the eye 4 and the opposite end 3 of the loop-forming member. After the loop-forming member 2 has been adjusted to the aforesaid strands of hair, the latter is called and formed on and over the support in any desired manner, or in the manner necessary to build up the desired conformation, during which operation hair-pins are used to assist in securing and confining both the hair and the support. In the end the support is entirely covered and hidden by the hair.

When it is desired to remove the device from the hair, the hair-pins are removed and the loosed hair is uncoiled, and then the eye 4 of the loop-forming member 2 is slipped upwardly on the ring 1 to open out, expand, or increase the size of the opening at 9. The device can now be withdrawn from the hair without difficulty.

The loop-forming member 2 retains whatever shape is given to it, or remains in whatever position it may be disposed, by reason of its ductility, and due to the frictional resistance produced by and between the en-

gaging parts of the eye 4 and the ring 1, of which resistance there is usually some.

Obviously where the size of the space 9 is decreased the size of the space 8 is correspondingly or proportionately increased, and vice versa.

The loop-forming member 2 may and usually does project forwardly more or less beyond the plane on one side of the ring 1. Being ductile the member 2 can be bent freely between its ends and thus made to assume various shapes and positions.

It is possible and feasible to make the support out of more than one piece of wire.

Some change in the shape, size, construction, and arrangement of the parts of this device may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention or exceeding the scope of what is claimed.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. As an improved article of manufacture, an adjustable hair support comprising a ring, and a ductile member extending across the same and dividing the space therein into two parts, said member being attached at one end to said ring at a fixed point and having a closed eye at the other end through which said ring passes, and capable of being bent into close contact with hair in one of such space parts, between said member and that portion of the ring which is between the ends of the same.

2. As an improved article of manufacture, an adjustable hair support comprising a ring, and a connected movable ductile member dividing the space in said ring into two parts the relative sizes and shapes of which may be altered by changing the position of and binding said member, the latter having one end attached directly to and the other end forming a slip connection with said ring.

3. As an improved article of manufacture, an adjustable hair support comprising a ring, and a ductile loop-forming member integral with and extending from one side of said ring across the same, and provided at the other end with an eye engaging and adapted to slide on said ring.

4. As an improved article of manufacture, an adjustable hair support comprising a single piece of ductile wire bent to produce a ring and a single loop-forming member having at one terminal closed eye through which the ring extends, said member being capable of being bent at its place of direct connection with the ring and at intermediate points.

5. As an improved article of manufacture, an adjustable hair support comprising a single piece of wire bent to produce a ring having therein more than one turn of the wire, and a loop-forming member having at one terminal an eye through which said ring extends.

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