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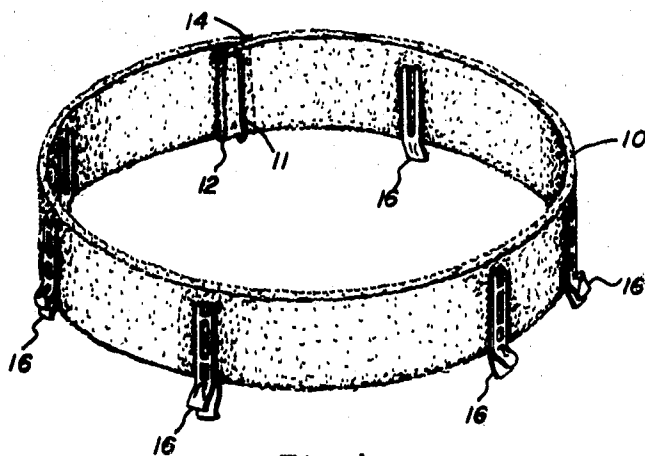


Fig. 1

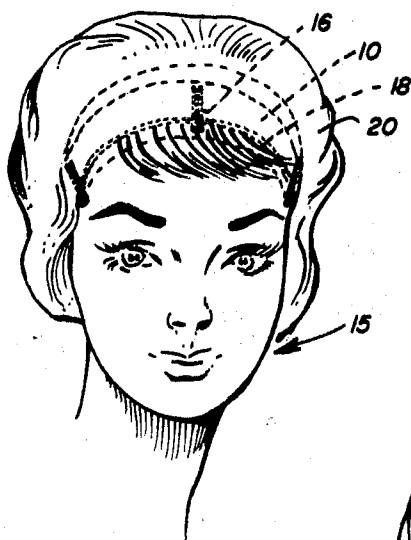


Fig. 2

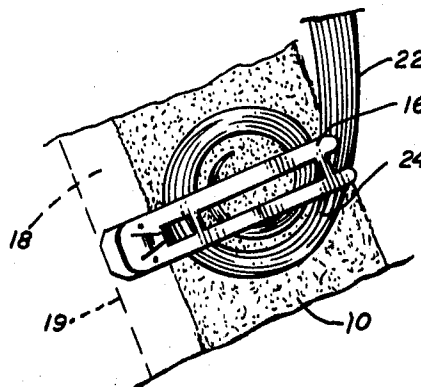


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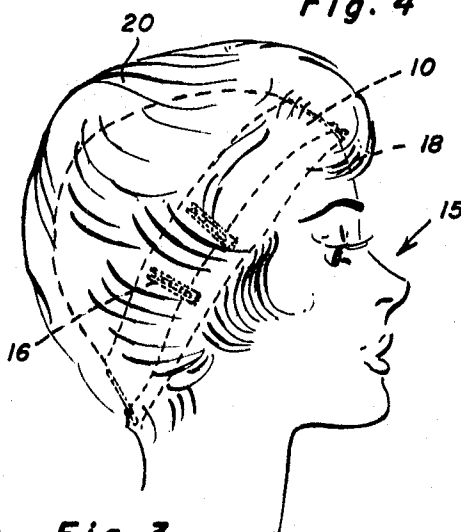


Fig. 3

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A soft, resilient band of material encircles the head of a user, being secured by clips onto the user's hair in position to be covered by the user's wig, and the wig cap hooks over the clips, thereby being retained in position on the user's head by the clips and friction of the wig cap on the band, with the retaining means hidden under the wig cap.

Specification

Wigs and various hair pieces have been extensively used by people in many different eras, and recently wigs, falls, and hairpieces have become the vogue particularly for women. Wigs are generally made by securing hair, or a hair substitute, to a wig cap. The hair is normally tied to the wig cap which is a semistiff piece of fabric with a relatively large weave or open web. The fabric may be made somewhat stiff by chemical treatment to have it hold its shape for a substantial period of use on the user. During use, however, moisture either from perspiration or from the atmosphere tends to loosen the wig cap as by stretching or the like, so that the wig is not as secure on the user's head such as when it is first used after washing and styling. The wigs, falls and hairpieces may, of course, be secured to the user's own hair by pins, clips or the like, however, these generally show and are unsightly particularly when the women desires to appear in public.

According to the present invention I have provided a wig girdle which is attached to the user's hair and provides means for securing a wig on the head of the user and for maintaining the wig in place under conditions of considerable movement, wind or the like.

Included among the objects and advantages of the invention is a means for securing a wig or hairpiece to the head of a user without exposed securing means.

Another object of the invention is to provide a wig girdle which is easily secured to the natural hair of a user and a wig fitting over such girdle is securely held by friction of the girdle on the wig cap and by the clips securing the wig girdle to the head of the user.

These and other objects and advantages of the present invention may be readily ascertained by referring to the following description and appended illustrations in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a wig girdle according to the invention, in an annular position such as when mounted on the head of the user and illustrating the clips used for securing the girdle to the hair of the user;

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view of a user, showing in phantom lines the positioning of the girdle and clips under a wig;

FIG. 3 is a side elevational view of the user and wig of FIG. 2; and

FIG. 4 is an enlarged detail view of one method of securing a wig girdle according to the invention to the natural hair of a user and showing a positioning of a wig cap thereover.

In the device illustrated in FIG. 1, a wig girdle 10 comprises a strip of soft resilient material, such as thin, foamed, synthetic resin which may be foamed polyethylene, foamed polyvinyl chloride, foamed styrene, various other foamed synthetic plastics, or foamed rubber or the

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like, all of which are light, reasonably strong and very flexible. In the form shown, the ends 12 and 14 are overlapped and secured together by a bobby pin 11 in the size necessary for the user. It may, also, be made as a ring correctly sized for the head of the user. The means for securing the ends together may be a cement heat sealed or the like, or may simply be a hairpin or the like securing the two ends together. In any event, for use the strip of material is secured into annular form by securing the two ends together. Clips 16, commonly called clippies, may be effectively used in securing the band or girdle to the hair of the user. These clippies are spring loaded and by pressing the spaced-apart ends together the clip is opened and may be placed on the band and the hair of the user. As shown in FIG. 2 the band 10 is placed around the head and over the hair of the user with the clips securing the band to the hair of the user. The wig girdle is placed above the user's hairline and ears, as shown in FIG. 3. A wig cap 18 having hair or similar material 20 attached thereto is placed over the head of the user with the edge of the wig cap pulled over to cover the band 10 and the clips 16 and is held in place by friction between the band and the wig cap.

As shown in FIG. 4, outer edge 19 of the wig cap 18 is pulled over the clip 16 and the band 10. The wig cap is thereby held in position by the clip 16 and by the friction of the band 10 against the wig cap where the two are in contact. Also, shown in FIG. 4, the clip 16 may be used to secure the band in position by bunching a small strand of hair 22 curling the same into a curl or hank 24 and placing it against the outside of band 10 with a clip over the curl and the band. The underneath part of the clip may, also, be extended into the hair of the user, thereby providing a secure grip between the band and the hair. When the wig cap is placed over the band and the clips it will be securely held in position with no securing means showing how the wig is retained in position.

The number of clips necessary to secure the band on the user's head will be determined by the user herself. The type of clips or fasteners used for securing the band to the hair of the user is, also, determined by the desires and facilities of the user. The clippies, however, provide a ready means for securing the band in position and the finger grips of the clippies provide the extra feature for holding the wig cap in position.

I claim:

1. In combination, a wig cap and a wig girdle, said wig girdle comprising an elongated strip of narrow, thin, resilient, very flexible material having a length to encircle the head of the user and having a width substantially less than its length, means for securing said strip into an annular member of a size to fit on the head of the user above the hairline and above the ears of the user, and releasable means for securing said annular member to the hair of the user in position to telescope completely inside and contact said wig cap placed on the head of user to hold said wig cap in place by friction.

2. The combination according to claim 1 wherein said material is a foamed, soft synthetic plastic.

3. The combination according to claim 1 wherein said means for securing said strip into an annular member is a removable clip.

4. The combination according to claim 1 wherein said means for securing said strip into an annular member is a permanent seal.

5. The combination according to claim 1 wherein said means for securing said annular member to the hair of the user is a series of spring loaded clips having spaced-apart finger grips arranged to aid said wig girdle in holding said wig cap in place.

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6. A method of securing a wig, fall or the like having a wig cap to the head of a wearer comprising forming a thin, narrow strip of a soft, resilient, flexible material into an annular band of a size to fit the head of a user; securing said annular band into position on the user's head above the hairline and above the ears by applying fastening means to selected strands of the user's hair and to said annular band; and placing a wig cap on the head of the user telescoped over and completely covering said annular band and said fastening means whereby said fastening means and friction between said wig cap and annular band cooperatively secure said wig cap in place on the head of a user.

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