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FIG. 1.

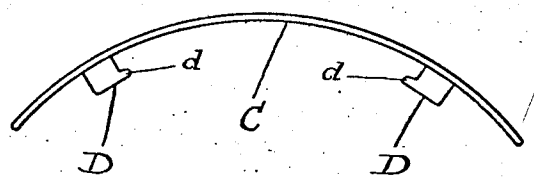


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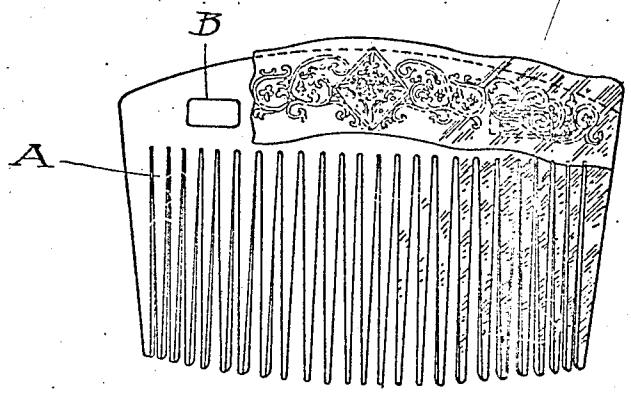
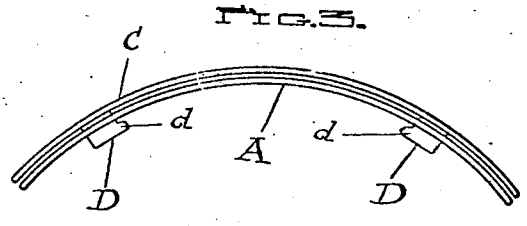


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERBERT A. METCALF, of Leominster, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combs; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

This invention relates to toilet articles, particularly to ornamental combs.

An object of this invention is to provide what is ordinarily known as a back comb with removable ornamental plates for the back of the comb at the top, so that a plurality of such plates might be used successively with a comb of ordinary construction, provided with recesses to receive the engaging member.

One of the main objects of this invention is to provide novel means for producing an interlocking connection between the ornamental plates and the comb proper, the elements forming the interlocking connection being readily disengaged, to permit the substitution of an ornamental plate.

A further object of this invention is to provide an interlocking means which is retained in operative position by reason of the resiliency of the material from which the comb and plate are made, so that the interlocking connections may be sprung into place by pressure on the said plate or comb.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a comb of the character described which will prove economical in use, in that different effects may be obtained by simply substituting one of the inexpensive plates for any other plate that is temporarily attached to the comb, and it affords a ready means for changing the ornamental feature of the comb so that it will coincide in color or effect with the costume to be worn.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, the invention consists in the details of construction and in the arrangement and combination of parts to be hereinafter more fully set forth and claimed whereby a comb of the character indicated may be produced which will possess advantages in points of efficiency, and in inexpensive construction.

In describing the invention in detail, reference will be had to the accompanying drawings wherein like characters denote corresponding parts in the several views, and in which—

Figure 1, is a top plan view of the removable plate. Fig. 2, is a view in elevation of the back of the comb showing a fragment of the ornamental plate applied thereto and illustrating the aperture in the body of the comb for receiving the retaining members of the plate. Fig. 3, is a top plan view of the plate and comb in assembled relation.

In these drawings, A, denotes the comb having an ordinary head or top provided with an aperture B, and with the exception of these apertures, the comb may be of any ordinary construction or configuration.

The ornamental removable plate C, preferably consists of material which has a certain amount of resiliency and it will be found desirable, it is believed, to construct the said plate of the same material as the comb. The said plate is provided with suitable ornamentations or settings of precious or semi-precious stones or it may be etched or otherwise ornamented and it will be understood that it is the purpose of the inventor to produce these plates in sets or independent of the comb so that they may be sold as a separate article of commerce if need be, so long as they are provided with means for attaching them to the comb. The said plates C, are provided with lugs D, which may be integral with or attached to the said plates and the said lugs D, have shoulders *d*, which are designed to overlie and engage the inner surface of the comb after the said lugs have been inserted in the apertures B, of the comb. The edges of the said lugs are held in engagement with the inner walls of the aperture B, by reason of the tendency of the material to maintain a position in which it is molded although, of course, the said material has a certain resiliency which would permit the lugs to register with the apertures when the plate is slightly pressed, to reduce the curve of the plate it being understood, as stated, that the plate will spring to its normal position as soon as pressure is removed and as it does resume its normal position it will have a tendency to draw the shoulders of the lugs into the position shown in Fig. 3, when disengagement of the said lugs from the comb will be obviated, except by the application of pressure as heretofore indicated.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A comb having apertures in the back thereof adjacent the end and a removable plate having lugs formed on a face thereof intermediate the ends of the plate to pass through the apertures of the comb, said lugs being provided with inwardly positioned shoulders, the flexibility of the members tending to retain the lugs in engagement with the comb.

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