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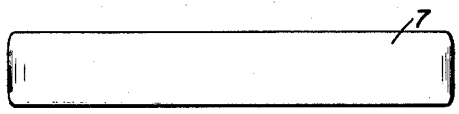


FIG. 1.

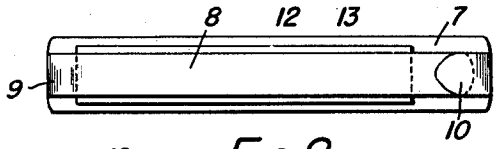


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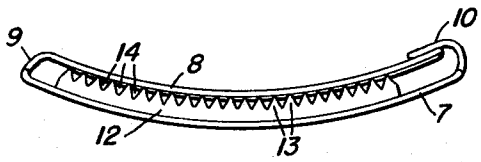


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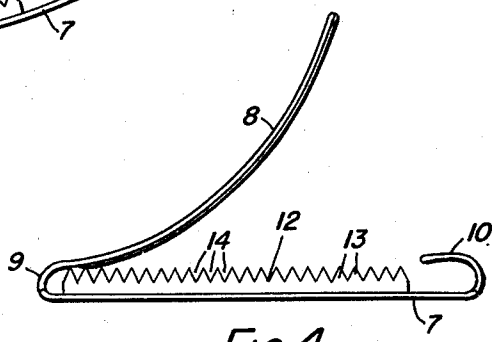


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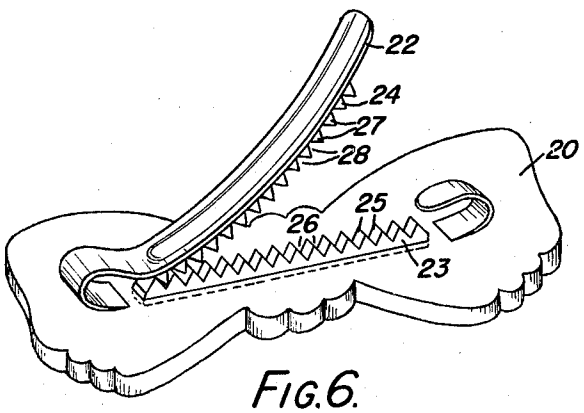


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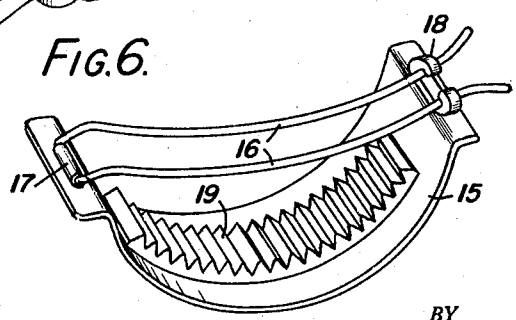


FIG. 5.

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This invention relates to a device for women's hair, and more particularly, to a device for maintaining a woman's hair neatly in position, in a particular hair style.

An object of the invention is to provide a device which is adapted to maintain a woman's hair in a particular style, and whereby the style is maintained in neat arrangement despite considerable activity of the wearer.

Another object of this invention is to provide a device, of the type described, employing a novel gripping means whereby a lock of hair of the wearer may be securely held within the device, ensuring against the slipping of the device relative to the lock of hair.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device, of the type described, which has an aesthetic appeal and enhances the hair style of the wearer.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a device, of the type described, which may be easily applied to the hair of the wearer and which is comfortable when worn.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a device, of the type described, which is simple in design and is susceptible to inexpensive manufacture.

Other objects and advantages of my invention will be set forth in the claim and will be apparent from the following description, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the device.

Figure 2 is a bottom view of the device.

Figure 3 is a side elevational view of the device shown in closed position.

Figure 4 is a similar view of the device showing the same in an open position.

Figure 5 is a perspective view showing a modified form of the invention.

Figure 6 is a perspective view showing another modified form of the invention.

Referring to Figures 1 through 4 of the drawing, the invention contemplates a barrette for women's hair comprising a flat body **7** to which is attached a spring arm **8**. The arm **8** is attached to the body **7** so as to form a juncture **9**. It is obvious that the arm **8** may be attached to the body **7** by means of a hinge joint or any other suitable conventional means. The body **7** may be slightly curved in its general configuration and is provided with a fastening means **10** such as a hook. A resilient strip **12** having a width slightly less than that of the body **7** is secured to the inner side of the body **7** between the latter and the arm **8**. The strip **12** is formed with a plurality of transversely extending V-shaped projections **13** providing transversely extending grooves therebetween. As shown in Figure 3, the free end of the arm **8** is engageable within the hook **10** so as to maintain the device in a closed position.

In operation, a lock of hair is placed between the arm **8** and the body **7** so that the strands of hair fall within the spaces **14** of the strip **12**. When the arm is moved

to its closed position relative to the body **7**, the lock of hair is thereby securely held within the device. The strip **12**, which is of a resilient and flexible material such as rubber or soft plastic, has the characteristic of firmly securing the device in position relative to the lock of hair, and any slippage between the device and the lock of hair is thereby rendered negligible.

A modified form of the invention is illustrated in Figure 5 of the drawing. This form illustrates the type of barrette which is preferably used by an individual with heavy or thick hair. A large lock of hair may be accommodated within this type of barrette. This form comprises a body **15**, being substantially curved, and an arm **16** which is secured to the body **15** by means of a juncture **17**. In this modification, the juncture **17** takes the form of a conventional hinge means, although any other suitable form of attachment could be employed. A fastening means **18** is carried by the body **15** which is adapted to engage the free end of the arm **16**. A relatively wide strip **19**, having the same characteristics as the strip **12** in the previously described form of this invention, is secured to the inner surface of the body **15**. This device functions to contain a lock of hair in a manner similar to the operation of the previously described form of the invention.

A further modification of the invention is illustrated in Figure 6, which form comprises a flat body **20**, to which is suitably secured a relatively wide flexible arm **22**. A pair of flexible and resilient strips **23** and **24** are secured to the inner surfaces of the body **20** and the arm **22**, respectively. The strip **23** is provided with projections **25**, having spaces **26** therebetween. The strip **24** is similarly provided with projections **27** and having spaces **28** therebetween. As is obvious, the device may be applied to a lock of hair which is positioned between the arm **22** and the body **20**. The arm **22** is moved to a locked position relative to the body **20**, which secures the strands of hair composing the lock within the spaces **26** and **28** of the strips **23** and **24**, respectively. In this position it is noted that the projections **27** of the strip **24** mesh with the projections **25** of the strip **23**. This form of the invention, because of the employment of two strips of resilient material, namely, strips **23** and **24**, presents a gripping means having the characteristic of maintaining the barrette in an extremely tight engagement with respect to a lock of hair.

Although the invention has been illustrated in connection with various types of barrettes, it is obvious that the principles involved are equally applicable to other articles employed to be worn in women's hair. The novel gripping means or flexible strip employed in this invention can be applied to numerous different types of such articles as head bands, ornamental pins, braids, etc., in order to secure the latter in a fixed position relative to the hair of the wearer. It would also be apparent that the gripping means or resilient strip could be effectively mounted to the inner surface of the movable arm instead of to the body members of the barrettes described hereinabove.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

A device for women's hair, comprising: a body member; an arm hingedly attached adjacent one end thereof to said body member, said arm being smooth and unobstructed on its under side; means on said body member for engaging the opposite end of said arm for holding said arm in predetermined spaced relationship with said body member for closing said device; and a resilient strip of soft rubberlike material separate from said body member but adhered to said body member along the side thereof facing said smooth underside of said arm, said

strip being as wide as said arm and being formed with a plurality of substantially transversely extending flexible projections, said strip having a plurality of substantially transversely extending grooves alternating with said projections, said projections being distortable upon engagement with hair compressed between said smooth underside of said arm and said resilient strip when said device is closed whereby the hair is forced into and firmly gripped in said grooves.

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