

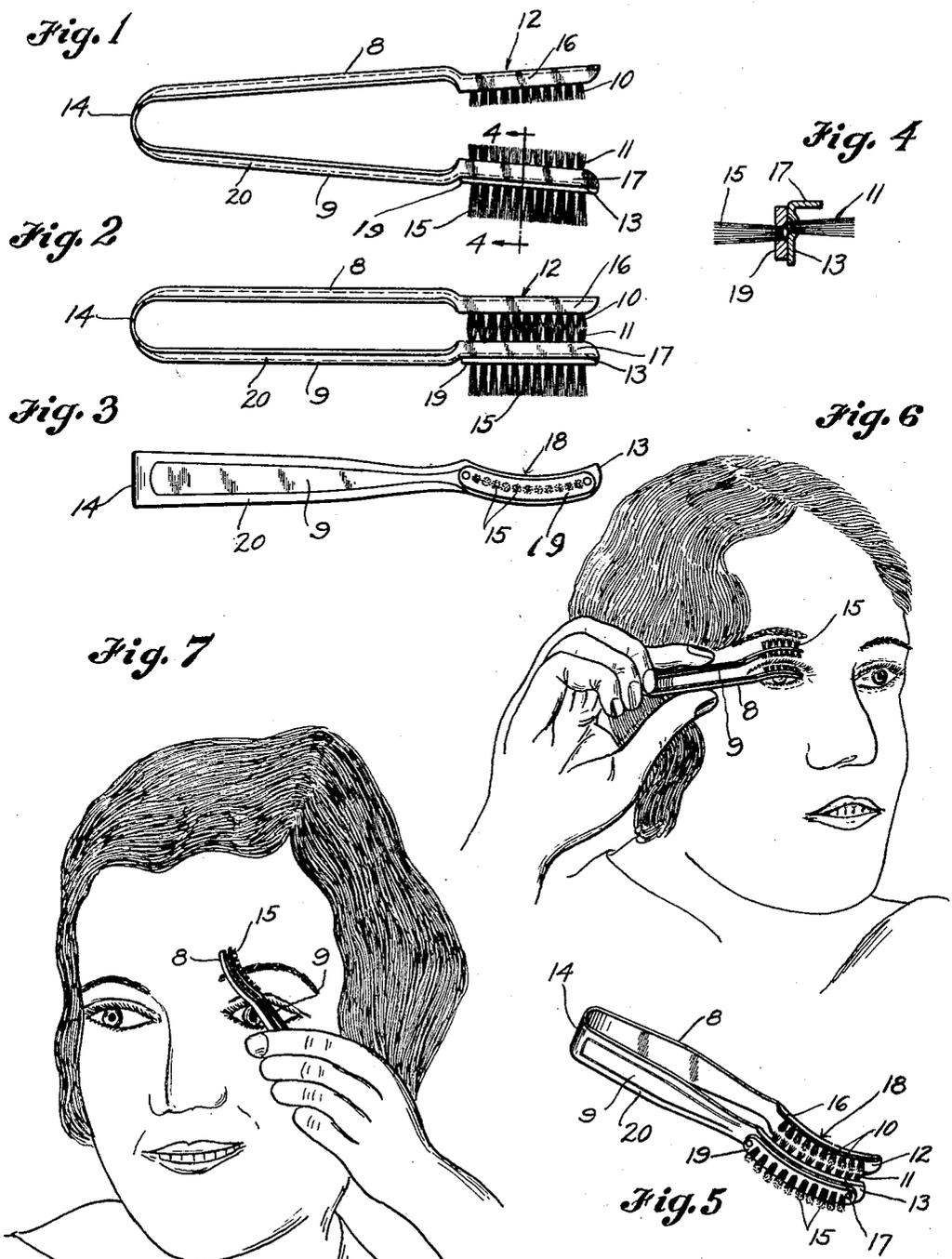
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BRUSH FOR EYELASHES AND EYEBROWS

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This invention relates to brushes for treating eyelashes and eyebrows.

In the usual preparation for dress occasions, and evening gatherings of ladies it is customary to provide some treatment of their eyebrows and particularly of their eyelashes. Such treatments when properly performed, not only enhance the temporary beauty of the facial appearance, but are beneficial to the permanent form growth and development of the lashes and brows.

As the hairs of the lashes extend out from the eyelids, and are preferably so maintained, it has been found difficult to treat them with the ordinary single brushes without bending them down against the eyelids. It is therefore one of the objects of this invention to provide a form of brush or brushes which will operate on both sides of the lashes simultaneously and in a direction away from the face, whereby the lashes will separately receive suitable pressure from above and below and also be held in a desired position and direction while being so treated.

A further object is to provide a small light and convenient implement or article for treating eyelashes, with two sets of oppositely positioned suitable bristles, mounted on the inner sides of movable jaws. The jaws normally held apart by a spring, but readily compressed against each other with the hairs of either lash, between the same for treatment. The jaws curved to conform to the curve of the eyeball, with shields along one side of the jaws to protect the eyes from the bristles.

A still further object is to provide such a set of two oppositely positioned brushes, with a third brush or set of bristles on the outside of one of the jaws, for treating both lashes simultaneously, and also for treating the eyebrows. The combined brushes to be compactly formed so that they may be easily carried by ladies in their hand bags, or that will occupy small space on a crowded dressing stand before a private mirror, or in a modern beauty parlor.

With these and other objects as will hereinafter appear, I have illustrated my invention by the accompanying drawing of which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the combination brush in open position,

Figure 2 is a side elevation with eyelash brushes in closed position as when treating the eyelashes,

Figure 3 is a top plan of the handle of the brush and outside bristles,

Figure 4 is an enlarged cross section view of the lower jaw taken on lines 4—4 Figure 1, showing the eye guard,

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the brush and several parts assembled,

Figure 6 illustrates the application of the brushes closed on an eyelash, and

Figure 7 illustrates the application of the brush on an eyebrow.

Like numerals on the different figures represent like parts:

Numerals 8 and 9 represent two oppositely positioned handles with the free ends or jaws 12 and 13 thereof provided with sets of bristles or brushes as 10 and 11, extending inward from said jaws toward each other. The jaws and bristles are normally held spaced apart by a curved spring portion 14, connecting the handles. The resiliency of the spring however being easily overcome by pressure of the operator's fingers in compressing the two brushes toward each other for treating eyelashes as shown in Figure 6.

On the outer side of the jaw 13 is another set of bristles or brush 15 for smoothing and treating the lashes and particularly the eyebrows, as illustrated in Figure 7.

In order to insure against damages to the eyes of the person treated, I provide upturned edges or guards 16 and 17 which extend out from the jaws and parallel with the bristles approximately a third of the length thereof. These guards however do not detract from the full resiliency of the bristles. The latter are left free to bend from their foothold in the jaws, and so provide the desired delicate action on the hairs of the lashes.

It will be understood that in treating the lashes the operator must depend in part on reflections from a mirror, and on the uncertainty of positioning brushes over the lashes, so that, therefore, the bristles if unguarded would frequently endanger the eyesight of

the user. My guards thus prevent the bristles or jaws from direct contact with the eyes.

The edges of the jaws and brushes on one side are curved to conform to the curve of the eyelid and eyeball, and the guards also conform with a similar curve as 18, thereby permitting the operator to use the brushes closely in front of the eyes, with the bristles in contact with the whole, or a large portion of a curved eyelash.

It will be understood that the operator generally treats the upper and lower lashes separately, with the eyes open, the jaws in such use being allowed to separate, so that the bristles on the opposite jaws may be then closed for contact with the hairs of the intervening lash, close to the eyelid. The operator then presses the contacting brushes outward from the eye, thereby cleaning, smoothing and straightening or curving the lashes.

It will be understood that the bristles of some brushes may have sufficient stiffness to serve as combs for the lashes while others merely smooth the same.

The outside row of bristles or brush 15 extends below or outward from one jaw, and thereby enables the operator to treat both lashes together simultaneously as is sometimes desirable, especially for cleaning. In such use it is customary to close the eyelids and then wipe downward over the combined upper and lower lashes compressed against the eyelid. Such use is often desirable in alternate applications with inner brushes.

This outer set of bristles is also important for treating the eyebrows, as by smoothing the same in a compact line, by drawing the bristles along over the brows and also for combining the same by pressing the bristles forward over the brows as illustrated in Figure 7.

My compact combination of brushes for the several uses, is particularly desirable, as the article is designed for such uses by ladies not only at their homes, but to be transported about for ready and frequent application in travelling, and is so preferably carried in the handbag or purse of the owner where space is most important.

The bristles may be attached into holes in the jaws by cement, or may be wire drawn, or in any usual manner, but I have illustrated the outside bristles as attached to a plate 19, which may be affixed over the respective jaw by rivets cement, or simple manner.

The jaws may be conveniently formed from the same piece of metal as the handles, and the edges of the latter may be bent or crimped over as at 20 for rigidity and convenience in manipulation.

Having described my invention I claim as new for Letters Patent:

A brush for treating eyelashes, comprising a handle of resiliently-connected sections, the free terminals of the sections forming brush-

carrying plates and being projected in the direction of the lengths of the sections, the brush-carrying plates being curved throughout their lengths, bristles carried by each plate, the bristles of one plate being projected toward the bristles of the other plate, and guards carried by the plates in the direction of the bristles, the guards being relatively rigid and of materially less length than the length of the bristles.

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