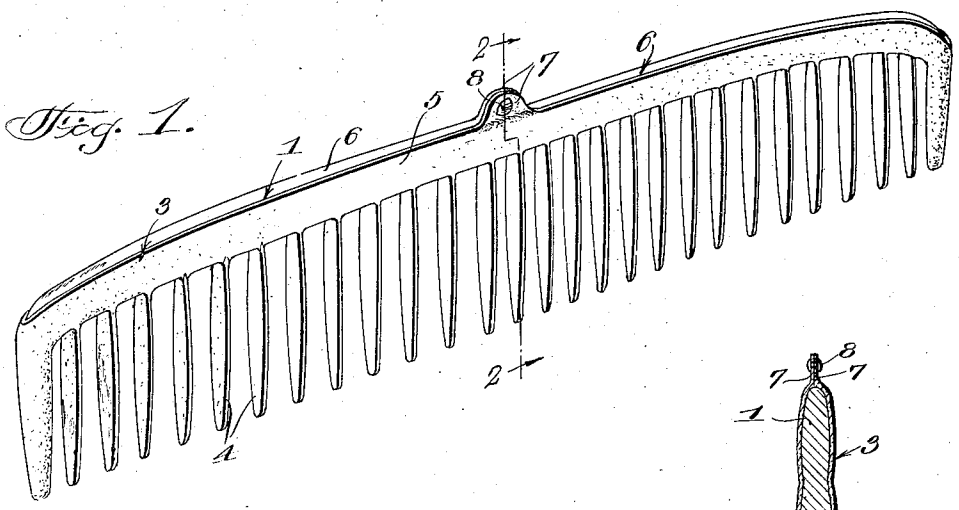
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Fig. 1.



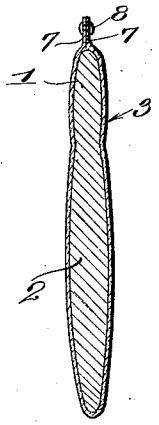


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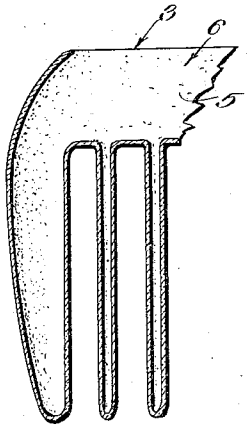


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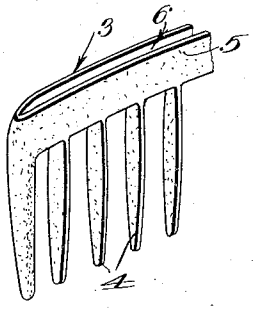


Fig. 3.

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This invention relates to combs as used for dressing the hair, and is more particularly concerned with a comb having a form-fitting cover of soft flexible material which may be aptly termed a "glove" and with the cover or "glove" as an attachment for combs.

In the use of the ordinary comb upon the hair, the spaces between the comb teeth become clogged with dandruff, dirt, etc. combed from the scalp and require to be frequently cleared of the accumulated matter if the comb is to be maintained in a sanitary condition. This is not only a difficult and time consuming operation, but one in which it is extremely difficult fully to remove accumulated matter due to the relative inaccessibility of the spaces between adjacent teeth at the comb head.

In accordance with the present invention, I provide the teeth of the comb with a "glove" of soft flexible material which may be of various materials and have a variety of uses additionally to its function of collecting foreign matter from the scalp and hair. Preferably the glove is removable from the comb to permit it to be washed and cleansed of accumulated matter, an operation of exceeding ease and simplicity in contrast to the prior tedious practice of picking and scraping the accumulated matter from between successive individual comb teeth of the ordinary toothed comb.

The fingers of the "glove" portion covering the comb teeth will conform internally and externally to the contour of these teeth. To secure the spacing of the teeth of combs as now used, it will be necessary to provide a comb having teeth of greater spacing and smaller cross section so that the additional thickness of the glove material may give the required size and spacing of the glove encased comb. It is entirely feasible, however, with the present day combs of the larger sizes and spacing of teeth to provide "form-fitting" gloves therefor which will give a combing toothed surface having somewhat coarser teeth, less widely spaced, but with the advantage of the comb glove.

As above stated, the material of the "glove" may vary. For combing use per se, it may be of molded rubber or rubber composition, so that comb cores of the requisite sizes and shapes may be employed. The glove material may be chemically treated or impregnated for hair and scalp treatment or it may be of a material such as will absorb surplus oily scalp and hair exudations. For ordinary use and because of the ease with which it may be form-fitted, a moldable material or composition is preferable. For the larger sizes and wider spacings of teeth, however, fabric gloves may be used since stitching in the larger sizes is practicable.

As previously stated, the glove is preferably made removable to facilitate washing and cleansing, and also for replacement where it is used for treatment of the hair or scalp. One form of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings forming part hereof and in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a toilet comb gloved in accordance with the present invention.

Figure 2 is a transverse vertical section therethrough on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary perspective detail of the glove removed.

Figure 4 is a fragmentary longitudinal vertical section through the glove on an enlarged scale.

The head 1 and teeth 2 of the comb are of usual form, the confronting side faces of the teeth being as usual flat. The glove 3 form-fitted thereto, is molded or otherwise formed to provide a series of hollow tooth fitting fingers 4 having internal and external configuration corresponding to the comb teeth 2, these hollow fingers 4 depending from a head 5 shaped to conform to the comb head 1 and having an open upper end 6 to permit it to be slipped over the teeth of the comb as a glove. One or more pairs of ears 7 are formed at opposite sides of the upper edge of the glove head 5 and are fitted with snap fasteners 8 or other similar detachable fastening means.

Obviously, the form of the glove will vary with comb design and its material may also vary within a relatively wide range. It is also within the province of the invention to indurate by treatment or capping the ends

of the glove fingers to prolong their life and increase their effectiveness in combing.

What I claim, therefore, and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A toilet comb having thereon a glove of flexible molded material provided with finger portions molded to fit over and encase its teeth.

2. A toilet comb encased in a glove of soft flexible material having finger portions form-fitted to and encasing its teeth and the adjacent edge of its head and provided with tabs projecting above said head and detachably interconected to hold the glove thereon.

3. A toilet comb having an encasing molded glove of flexible composition provided with finger portions molded to encase and snugly fit its teeth and having fastening means at its upper edges for detachable engagement over the edge of the comb head to hold the glove thereon.

4. A glove of flexible material having finger portions form-fitted to the teeth of a comb and a head portion to encase the sides of the head bar of the comb and provided with fastening tabs detachably connecting over the top face of said bar and holding the finger portions drawn over the comb teeth.

5. A glove of flexible material having an open top head to fit over the exterior of the head bar of a comb and depending hollow finger portions form-fitted to the teeth of the comb, with fastening tabs extending above the top edges of the glove head centrally thereof and provided with interconnecting fastening means detachably to hold the glove over the comb.

6. A glove of flexible molded composition to fit over toilet combs, said glove having hollow finger portions molded to form-fit the teeth of the comb, and means for securing the glove to the comb head.

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