APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING OLD HAIR WHILE STRAIGHTENING NEW HAIR

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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for treating kinky hair of Negroes and the like involving protecting old hair growth that has been chemically straightened while straightening new kinky hair growth, comprising wrapping a block of old hair growth with a strip of non-absorbent, crepe paper in the lengthwise direction of stretch of the crepe paper, then croquisugrolling the wrapped hair down to the new kinky hair growth, pulling the end of the crepe paper right up to the new growth, and applying a chemical straightening solution to the new kinky hair growth while smoothing the new hair or until straightened.

The invention also pertains to the specific crepe paper which is stretchable and non-absorbent to the straightening cream, with wrinkles at right angles to the longer side of a rectangular piece of crepe paper, whereby the paper may be wrapped around the block of hair and rolled into a croquisugroll in the direction of stretch of the crepe paper.

This invention relates to apparatus and method for protecting the old hair while straightening the new curly hair after a decurl permanent.

In the past, considerable difficulty has been involved in finding a satisfactory method or apparatus for removing kinks from human hair, such as hair of certain Negroes, without making the hair brittle, resulting in breaking at the point where new hair growth begins.

An object of the invention is to provide a novel method of chemically treating new kinky hair growth without chemically re-treating the old hair growth and causing breaking, which method embodies the use of crepe paper wrapped about a block of old hair growth to protect it against chemical overtreatment.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following description taken with the accompanying drawings:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of a suitable permanent wave rod;
FIG. 2 is a plan view of a strong, one-way stretchable tissue paper for use in protecting the straightened hair while chemically treating the new curly hair in accordance with the present invention;
FIG. 3 is an enlarged side view of the rod shown in FIG. 1;
FIG. 4 is a perspective view showing the permanent wave rod, paper and hair immediately before rolling strands of hair; and,
FIG. 5 is a perspective view, similar to FIG. 4, except showing the assembly after strands of hair have been wrapped and rolled over the rod.

Referring more particularly to FIG. 1, numeral 1 generally denotes a permanent wave rod, preferably of wood, having a body portion 2 of smaller diameter than end portions 2 and 3 and having croquisugrollers 8 at one end and a rope 5 tied through hole 7 at the other end and terminating in a knot 6.

The following is the procedure or method for straightening new kinky hair which grows after a decurl permanent.

The materials needed include a large tangle comb, rubber gloves, about two dozen permanent wave rods, preferably of the construction shown in FIGS. 1, 2, 4 and 5 embodying wooden rods about 3 inches long, and 1/2 to 2 inches thick, about 4 large wave clips and one or more decurl permanent kits. However, other permanent wave rods may be used instead. It will be noted that the size of rods chosen is determined by the length of hair. For example, for hair up to 4 inches, use 1/2 inch rods; for hair up to 7 inches, use 1 inch rods; and for hair over 7 inches use 2 inch rods.

Step I

Follow directions of any reliable manufacturer for pre-straightening treatment.

Make 4 sections. For sections 1 and 2, make a center part three inches deep from the front hair line. Extend across the head from ear to ear, and secure with clips. For sections 3 and 4, divide the back hair in half with a part extending from ear to ear, and secure with clips. Select rods.

Step II.—Rolling hair up to 6 inches long

Starting at the center part of the front sections, part off a block three inches wide and one inch thick. (Do not comb.) Fold the especially designed one-way stretch, substantially non-absorbent end paper 10, shown in FIG. 2, lengthwise around the block of hair. Paper 10 is about 3” x 5” crepe paper treated with wax or other suitable material to make it non-absorbent to the chemical straightening cream. The crinkly portions are indicated by dash lines which are at right angles to the direction of stretch.

Smooth and adjust the end paper over the hair as it is rolled on the rod down to the kinky hair in the form of a croquisugroll. Continue this procedure, using blocks three inches wide and one inch thick, until all of the previously straightened hair is covered and rolled. If the end of the crepe paper does not reach the new kinky hair, pull and stretch it until it does. If the hair is over six inches long, fold a second end paper, such as 10, lengthwise within 5 inches of the new curly hair and complete the roll by rolling in the direction of stretch of the crepe paper. Fasten the cord. (Fasten cord to right for easier release.) Never fasten the cord or band closer than 1 inch to the scalp to avoid tension. Where the cord or band is fastened determines to what degree the straight hair is over-lapped with the chemical.

Step IV.—Applying the straightener

Begin application of the hair straightening product where hair is thickest and tightest. Using the tips of one or both the index and middle fingers of one hand, apply the straightening cream sparingly on the scalp on all sides of the block. Continue this simple method of application until all sides of each block are treated with the straightener. Begin smoothing the curly hair, following the same pattern used for the application. With the index and third fingers of both hands, use 3 or 4 smoothing strokes directed from the scalp toward the rod. Repeat this simple step, adding a little straightener to each block until all of the new kinky hair is straight.

Step V.—Removing the chemical and rods

Place the patron on the shampoo bowl and rinse the hair with very warm water until the water in the bowl is clear or free of sud. Remove the rods and shampoo the hair thoroughly. Follow any reliable company’s instructions for “after permanent” care.

Thus it will be seen that I have provided an efficient method and apparatus for straightening curly or kinky hair which has newly grown after a decurl permanent, which method and apparatus will avoid damage to the hair and will avoid brittleness and breaking of the hair at the point where new growth starts, also which method
is simple and inexpensive and yet very effective in straightening new curly or kinky hair after a decurl.

While I have illustrated and described a single specific embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that this is by way of illustration only, and that various changes and modifications may be made within the contemplation of my invention and within the scope of the following claims.

I claim:

1. The method of protecting old hair growth that has been chemically straightened while straightening new kinky hair growth comprising, wrapping a block of old hair growth with a strip of non-absorbent crepe paper lengthwise, which crepe paper is stretchable lengthwise and is substantially non-absorbent, then croquignole rolling the wrapped hair down to the new kinky hair growth, and applying a chemical straightening solution to the new kinky hair growth and smoothing the kinky hair until straight.

2. The method of protecting old hair growth that has been chemically straightened while straightening new kinky hair growth comprising, wrapping a block of old hair growth with a strip of flexible, stretchable substantially non-absorbent material, then rolling the wrapped hair down to the new kinky hair growth, and applying a chemical straightening solution to the new kinky hair growth and smoothing the kinky hair until straight.

3. For use for wrapping around a block of treated hair to protect it from the effects of retreatment by hair straightening cream as it is applied to new kinky hair growth, a strip of crepe paper which is stretchable and non-absorbent to said cream and of a size approximately 3 inches by 5 inches, with the crinkles at right angles to the longer side, whereby the crepe paper may stretch as it is wrapped around said block of hair and rolled into a croquignole in the direction of stretch of said crepe paper and whereby the end portion of the paper may be stretched to the point of new hair growth to protect it from said cream.

4. A crepe paper strip as recited in claim 3 which has been treated with wax.

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