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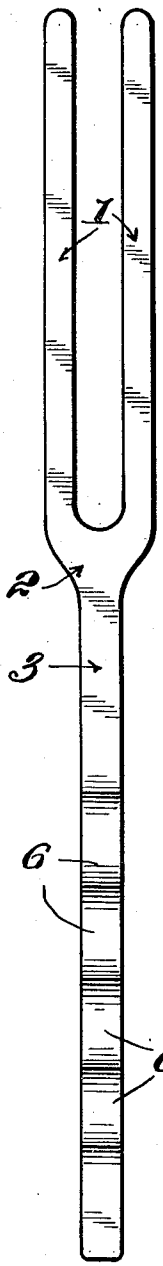


Fig. 1.

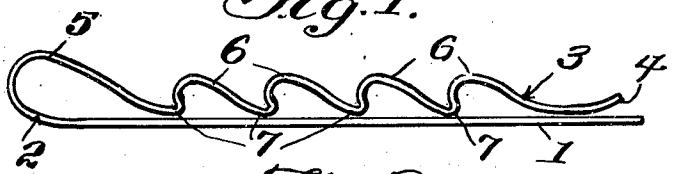


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

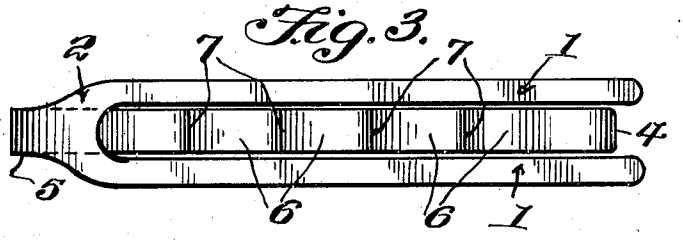


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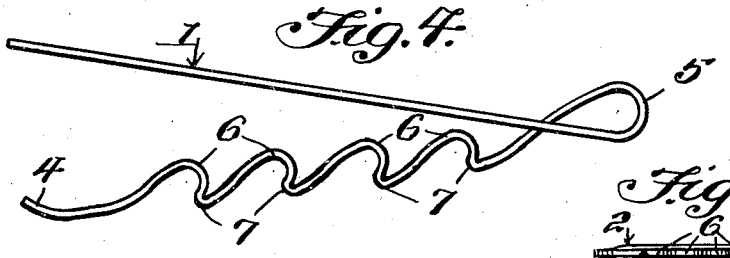
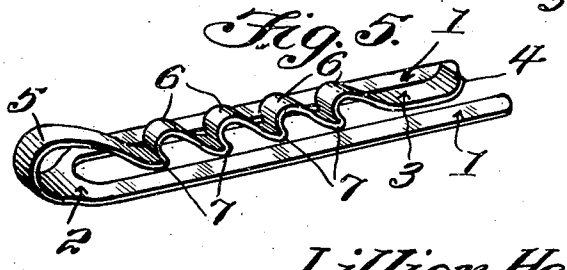


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This invention relates to hair fasteners and has for its object the provision of an inexpensive pin which may be easily engaged in the hair and which will effectually retain the hair in place. The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing and will be hereinafter fully described, the novel features being particularly defined in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is an edge view of a fastener embodying the invention.

Figure 2 is a top plan view of the same.

Figure 3 is a bottom plan view.

Figure 4 is an edge view showing the base members bent past the tongue.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the device.

Figure 6 is a plan view of the device before being folded.

Figure 7 is a detail plan view showing approximately the actual size of the device.

The device is formed of a sheet metal blank comprising parallel base members 1 connected integrally at one end by a shoulder or body portion 2 from the centre of which extends an elongated tongue 3. The tongue is rolled or bent at its junction with the body 2 so as to extend parallel with the base members and between the same to form a clasp, the metal being resilient so that the hair may be easily inserted but will be firmly engaged and retained. The free end of the tongue is turned upward slightly, as at 4, to facilitate the passage of the hair thereunder and the loop 5 formed by bending is of such size that it exerts a strong pressure to hold the tongue toward the base members. Between its ends, the tongue is formed into a series of humps 6 with hooks 7 at the lower ends of the back walls of the respective humps, the forward walls of the humps being inclined at an acute angle to the base, this formation holding the hair more effectually than mere waves can hold it.

In use, the base members or prongs 1 are pushed under the hair and the locks engaged between the prongs and the humped tongue so as to be firmly held in shape, all loose tresses being gathered and held in the humps.

In the drawing, the size of the device is exaggerated to more clearly show the construction whereas the device is actually about the size appearing in Figure 7 and is not conspicuous when in use. The device may be easily and rapidly produced at a low cost, and should it be bent from its original shape so that it fails to clasp the hair, it may be readily returned to form by pressure from the fingers, bending the base members past the tongue as shown in Figure 4. Then, when the members are opened to engage the hair, the holding power will be found to have been restored.

Having described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A sheet metal hair fastener comprising a pair of substantially parallel tongues, a resilient tongue adapted to lie between the first named tongues and having a series of rearwardly pitched humps, and a spring loop connecting said parallel tongues to said resilient tongue for urging the resilient tongue towards the parallel tongues, said humps permitting the hair to pass forwardly into the fastener to be clamped between the tongues, said humps then serving as rearwardly pitched teeth to prevent dislodgment of the fastener from the hair in a retrograde direction.

2. A sheet metal hair fastener comprising a pair of substantially parallel tongues, a resilient tongue, and a spring loop connecting the parallel tongues to the resilient tongue for urging the resilient tongue towards the parallel tongues, said resilient tongue being provided with a series of hair receiving pockets offset out of the path of insertion and withdrawal movement of the tongues.

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