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Improvement in Fans.

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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

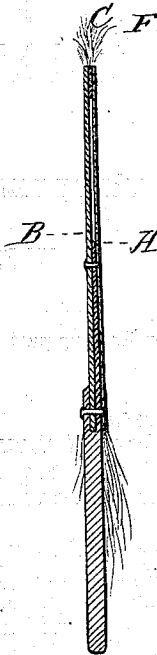
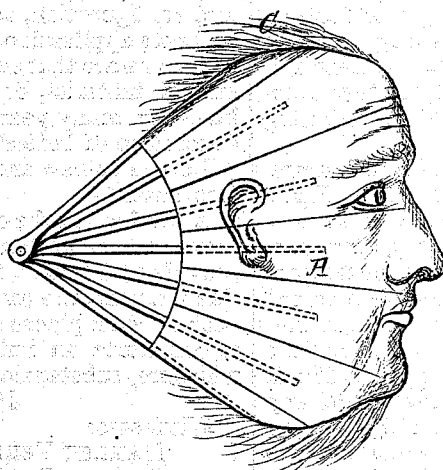


Fig. 3.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FANS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 129,848, dated July 23, 1872.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN McLOUGHLIN, of Morrisania, county of Westchester, in the State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Portrait-Fan.

My invention consists in the combining of hair, floss, wool, &c., with a fan of my own invention and design, having the outline and configuration of the human head, and provided with representations of facial features corresponding with the outlines in such a manner that said hair, or its equivalent, will represent in whole or in part the scalp or face covering of the head exhibited on the fan; and I do hereby declare that the following specification, taken in connection with the drawing furnished and forming a part of the same, is a clear and true description of a fan embodying my invention, and a desirable method of constructing the same.

Referring to the drawing, Figure 1 represents one of my fans in front view. Fig. 2 represents the same in section. Fig. 3 represents a folding fan embodying my invention.

In the drawing, the fronts A of the fans are represented as having imprinted thereon the features of a human face and with outlines corresponding therewith. The backs B of the fans are not shown except in section in Fig. 2. They may also have imprints thereon of any desired character. C denotes a strip of hairy or woolly hide, cut of sufficient width to secure a proper quantity of the hair or filament. It is

secured at the edges of the fan adjacent to those portions of the outline usually adorned with or bearing hair. When combined with the back and front, as shown, it is inserted between the two, and embedded in mucilage or equivalent matter. When used with a front without a back a binding-strip should be applied, not only for finish, but for greater security. When the front is composed of a textile-fabric foundation and paper, loose stitching can be profitably employed.

It is distinctly to be understood that this application is not intended to embrace the subject-matter involving the novelty of design and configuration, as that is the subject of a separate application.

I am aware that swan's-down, fur, and other similar material, both natural and artificial, have for many years been employed for the decoration of ladies' fans.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

A fan having the outline, configuration, and facial representation of the human head, and provided with hair, floss, wool, or other hair-like filament, the same being combined therewith at such places and in such a manner as to constitute an imitation of human hair or whiskers, substantially as described.

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