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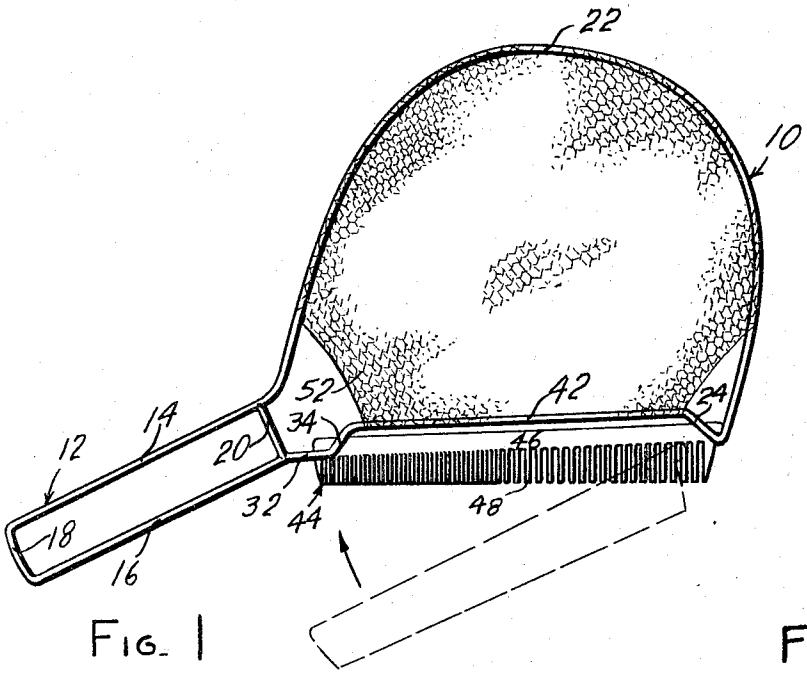


FIG. 1

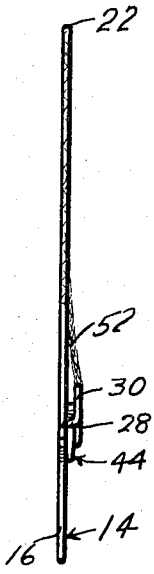


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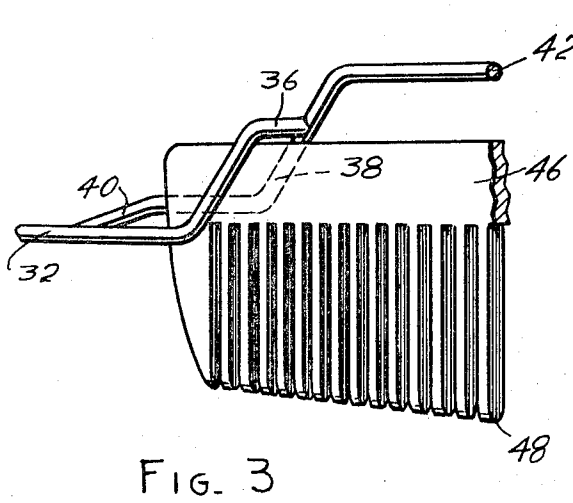
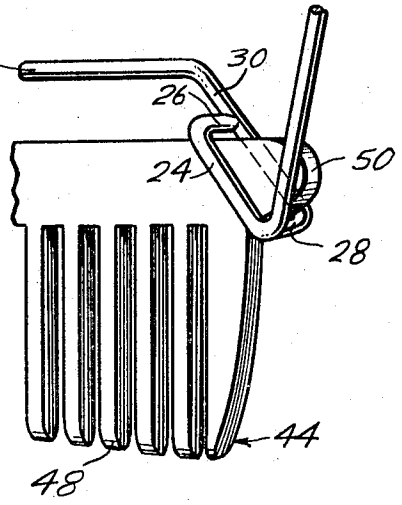


FIG. 3



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This invention is for a comb and hair net combination for the setting of a man's hair.

The setting of men's hair is becoming more popular. Normally, with prior available equipment consisting of a separate comb and a separate hair net, the hair stylist would comb a man's hair, arrange the same and then apply spray to the hair. Then, the hair stylist would lay down the comb, pick up the hair net and apply the hair net. As can be seen from these steps, it is readily realized that there is an unnecessary time loss due to the laying down of the comb, the picking up of the hair net, the laying down of the hair net and the picking up of the comb. More particularly, the sequence of steps may be repeated fifty times or a hundred times or two hundred times in the setting of hair. With the completion of each sequence of steps there may be lost a few seconds of time, but upon the completion of the setting of hair there may be lost many minutes. In addition, it is not possible to set the hair as well with a separate comb and a separate hair net as with the combination of a comb and hair net. With a separate comb and a separate hair net, upon the application of the spray the comb is laid down and the hair net is picked up and applied. In this sequence of steps, there are lost a few seconds of time and the spray is allowed to dry, to a degree, during this short time loss. With the drying of the spray there is less flexibility of the hair for setting.

With this information, and having worked as a hair stylist for a number of years, I have invented a combination of a comb and hair net whereby it is possible to comb a man's hair and then, with a slight movement of the hand and fingers, apply the net to the hair. Accordingly, I have invented a comb and hair net combination whereby it is possible to spot set the hair so as to place the hair and hold the same in place while drying; possible to do better finish work on the hair as it possible to tone down the fuzzy ends; possible to use in the open without embarrassment to the customer; possible to do spot work as there is ease in the use of the comb and hair net combination; possible to do better work and, also, to work more quickly; possible to help keep wavy hair in place; possible to tame the forelocks and crowns on little boys; and inexpensive to manufacture.

These and other important objects and advantages of the invention will be more particularly brought out upon reference to the accompanying drawings, a detailed specification of the invention and the appended claims.

In the drawings:

FIGURE 1 is a view of the specific embodiment of the invention constructed in accordance with the preferred teachings thereof;

FIGURE 2 is an end-elevational view of the invention and shows the clasping means for holding the comb in place; and,

FIGURE 3, on an enlarged scale, is a fragmentary isometric view of the clasping means of the invention for holding the comb in place.

In FIGURE 1 there is illustrated a combination comb

and hair net **10** having a handle **12**. The handle **12** has an upper member **14** and a lower member **16**. The upper member **14** and the lower member **16**, at their outer end, are united by a continuous outer cross brace **18**. The inner end of the upper member **14** and the inner end of the lower member **16** are united by a cross brace **20**. The upper member **14** extends into a curved member **22**. The curved member **22** bends downwardly and then upwardly and inwardly to form a fourth ascending leg **24**. The fourth ascending leg **24** bends into a second upper transverse member **26**. The fourth ascending leg **24**, at its lower end, unites with a second lower transverse member **28**. The second lower transverse member **28** bends into a third depending leg **30**. The second lower transverse member **28** may be welded to the lower part of the fourth ascending leg **24** or the lower part of the curved frame member **22**. Also, the second upper transverse member **26** may be welded to the upper part of the third depending leg **30**.

The lower handle member **16** may extend into connecting member **32**. The connecting member **32** bends upwardly into a second ascending leg **34**. The second ascending leg **34** bends inwardly into first upper transverse member **36**. First upper transverse member **36** connects with the first leg **38**. The first leg **38** bends so as to be substantially parallel to the connecting member and then bends into a first lower transverse member **40**. The first lower transverse member **40** is welded to the connecting member **32**. The first upper transverse member **36** is welded to the first leg **38**. The first leg **38** extends into a stringer **42**. The stringer **42** connects with the third depending leg **30** so as to have a unitary structure between **38**, **42** and **30**.

The members **38** and **32** are spaced apart so as to grip or clasp a comb inserted between them. This is a friction fit; and, upon inserting the comb in between these two members, the members clasp or grasp the comb. Likewise, the members **30** and **24** are spaced apart a sufficient distance so as to grasp or clasp a comb placed in between them. Such a comb may be identified by reference numeral **44** and has a back or body **46** and teeth **48**. The back or body **46** extends into a prong **50**. The prong **50** may be inserted betwen the members **24** and **30**, and the members **26** and **28**. In effect, it is seen that the comb is held by a friction fit or a clasping fit. In FIGURE 1, see the phantom outline of the comb, it is seen that the prong **50** of the comb may be considered to be a pivot point and that the comb may be pulled away from the connecting member **32** and the first leg **38** and the members **36** and **40**. Or, the prong **50** may be inserted between the members **24** and **30** and the members **26** and **28** and then rotated between members **32** and **38** and members **36** and **40**. A hair net **52** may be positioned around the curved member **22** and the stringer **42**.

From the foregoing description it is seen that the hair stylist may grasp the handle **12** and comb the man's hair, arrange the hair to the desired configuration, apply spray, and then with a slight movement press the hair net **52** against the hair until the spray has set. It is seen that this sequence of steps can be performed without laying down the comb and hair net combination. In fact, the comb and hair net combination **10** can be held in one hand and the spray applied with the other hand. The hair net can be applied against the sprayed hair while the spray is still wet and has not set or cured on the hair. As a result, it is possible to set the hair quicker than with a separate

comb and a separate hair net; and it is also possible to set the hair better than with a separate comb and a separate hair net.

The framework for the comb and hair net combination **10** may be of wire or may be of plastic. With manufacturing techniques it is possible to wire form the components of the comb and hair net combination **10** and to weld the wire components into a single unitary structure. Also, with modern plastics it is possible to form the frame for the comb and hair net combination **10**.

Having presented my invention what I claim is:

1. A comb and hair net comprising:
(a) a frame defining a central open area;
(b) a hair net covering said central open area;
(c) said frame connecting with a handle;
(d) a comb; and,
(e) said frame having a clamping means to position said comb.

2. A frame for a comb and hair net, said frame comprising:
(a) a curved member generally defining a semi-circle;
(b) a first end of the curved member projecting into a handle;
(c) said curved member having a second end;
(d) a stringer positioned between the second end and the handle;
(e) said second end and stringer being spaced apart to accommodate a comb;
(f) said handle and said stringer being spaced apart to accommodate a comb;
(g) means connecting the first end and the stringer; and,
(h) means connecting the handle and the stringer.

3. A comb and hair net comprising:
(a) a frame;
(b) said frame having a curved member generally defining a semi-circle;
(c) said curved member having a first end which projects into a handle;
(d) said curved member having a second end;
(e) a stringer positioned between the handle and the second end;

(f) said stringer and said handle being spaced apart to accommodate a comb;
(g) that end of the stringer adjacent the handle forming a first leg;
(h) said handle forming a second ascending leg;
(i) a first upper transverse member connecting the upper end of the second ascending leg and the stringer;
(j) a first lower transverse member connecting the first leg and the handle;
(k) said stringer and said second end being spaced apart to accommodate a comb;
(l) that end of the stringer adjacent the second end forming a third depending leg;
(m) said second end bending upwardly to form a fourth ascending leg;
(n) a second upper transverse member connecting the upper part of the fourth ascending leg and the stringer;
(o) a second lower transverse member connecting the lower end of the stringer and the fourth ascending leg;
(p) said curved member and said stringer defining a central open area;
(q) a hair net positioned by said curved member and said stringer and covering said central open area; and,
(r) a comb positioned on one end between the second ascending leg and the stringer and on the other end between the fourth ascending leg and the stringer.

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