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HAIRCUTTING GUIDE

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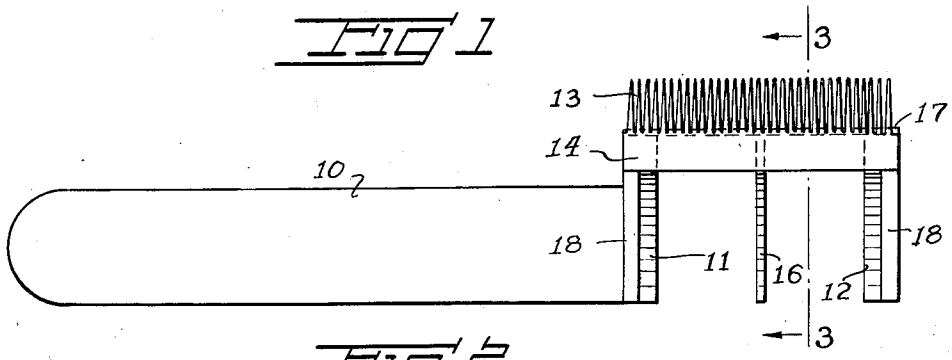


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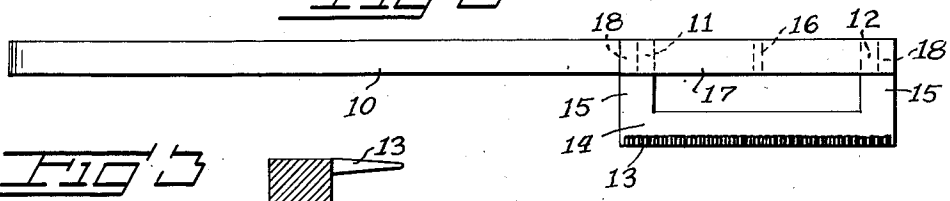


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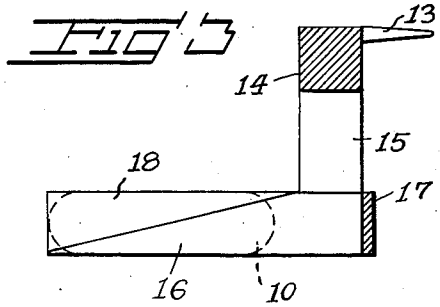


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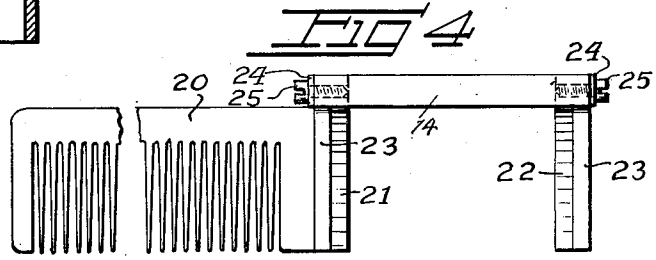


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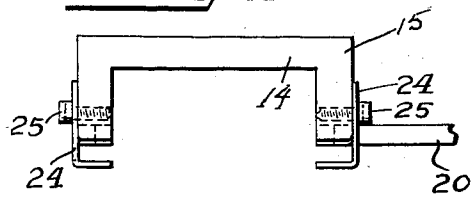
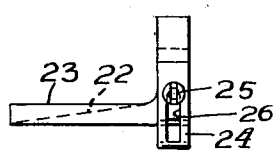


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This invention relates to a barber's tool for use in conjunction with a hair clipper in order to assure a uniform and gradual length to the hair.

Every barber knows how difficult it is to produce such uniformity without sharp ridges, so that after clipping the hair shows thin in one place, while thick in another.

By the use of my gage tool, the clipper is intended to be advanced gradually upward or further away from the scalp, thus leaving very short hair at the bottom of the incline and longer at the top. As the clipper furthermore is compelled by side ledges to advance in a straight line, there will be no abrupt steps on the sides of the track.

A right handed barber manipulates the clipper with his right hand, while he holds the gage or guiding tool against the scalp with his left hand.

Another function of this guide tool is to straighten entangled hair in advance of the clipper so as to facilitate smooth work. This combing of the hair is very easily accomplished by a simple flip of the barber's wrist.

These and other advantages and objects of my invention will be understood from the subjoined description with the aid of the attached drawing.

In the drawing like numerals relate to the same details in the different views,

Figure 1 is a view seen in front elevation of the gage tool;

Figure 2 a top plan view of Figure 1;

Figure 3 a transverse section taken on a plane along line 3—3 of Figure 1 and in larger scale;

Figure 4 a front elevation of a modification of the tool and in the relative position of details;

Figure 5 a view in side elevation of Figure 4 of an adjustment device for increasing the inclination of the track; and

Figure 6 is the top plan view of Figure 4 showing how Figure 2 may be modified for an adjustable feature.

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My gage tool or guide for a barber's clipper is here shown to comprise a straight elongated handle 10 and a U-shaped head at one end of the handle, the legs 18 of which are formed to provide a pair of tracks 11 and 12 for guiding the clipper in a path at right angles to the handle.

Upon a pair of upstanding arms, 15, one on each side, is supported a short comb 13, the back portion 14 of which constitutes a bridge connecting said arms and joining together the side tracks 11 and 12, which latter are of wedge shape, as shown in transverse section (Figure 3) increasing gradually in thickness at the top or adjacent said bridge, thereby producing an inclined track for the clipper to slide on. A central support 16 for the clipper may also be provided which is carried by the connected end portion 17 of the head, which portion is disposed in a plane above and parallel to that of the top edge of the handle. The tracks 11 and 12 are in the form of grooves sloping upwardly from the free ends of the legs 18 to the connected ends thereof and extend along the inner side edges of the front sides of the legs, so that the clipper is accurately guided as it is slid upwardly of the grooves.

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The use of this tool will be clear from the above description. However, the following detailed description thereof may be useful. The tool as shown in Figures 1 to 3 is intended for a right hand barber holding the clipper in his right hand, and the gage tool by the handle 10 in his left hand, and while pressing the straight bottom edges of the tracks 11 and 12 against the side of the head or back of the neck, the clippers are placed on the tracks at the lower ends thereof and moved forwardly and upwardly thereon, thereby moving the cutting blade of the clipper on an angular path away from the scalp. Before placing the tracks in position, the barber turns the tool to bring the points of the teeth 13 of the comb into position to comb or straighten the hair. The barber thereupon returns the tool with the straight bottom edges of the tracks flat against the scalp and inserts the clipper between the ledges or guards 18, in the tool, beginning the clipper at the bottom ends of the tracks. He thereupon pushes the clipper along the tracks until he reaches the high ends thereof when an even cut of the hair will result, increasing from a very short length of hair at the bottom of the tracks to longer hair at the top thereof and uniform across the width of the clipper.

In Figures 4, 5, and 6 a modified form of the gage tool is shown, wherein the handle constitutes a comb 20 attached at one end to one side of a track 21. Parallel with this track is the cooperating track 22. These tracks are of the same form as the tracks 11 and 12 and are bordered by the clipper guide flanges 23 corresponding to the flanges 18. The comb handle may be used for straightening the hair before and after cutting. The width of the cut will be the same as the width of the clipper, which is guided as before between the ledges or guards 23 on the outside of the track.

In Figures 4, 5, and 6 are also shown means for increasing the slope of the tracks 21 and 22, such

means being applicable to the form of Figures 1, 2, and 3. This means consists of adjustable angular supports or rests **24** carried one at the high end of each track portion by a screw **25**. These supports, which constitute slide gages, have a long arm provided with a slot **26** whereby it is possible to slide it up or down on the screw **25**, in order to increase the distance between the high ends of the tracks and the scalp and thereby making the inclination of the tracks steeper. This feature is best seen in Figure 6.

It is to be understood that the invention as herein disclosed may be varied from the details described and shown without departure from the spirit of the subjoined claim.

I claim:

In a hair cutting guide, an inverted U-shaped head, a straight elongated handle extending laterally from the outer side of an adjacent leg portion of said head, said head having its connected end portion disposed in a plane above and parallel to that of the top edge of said handle, and a second U-shaped member extending laterally from one side of the connected end portion of said head and having its connected end portion disposed in spaced parallel relation with respect thereto, the leg portions of said head acting to support a cutting implement slid upwardly along the same toward the connected end portion of the head, the leg portions of said head are provided with grooves along the inner edges of the front sides thereof, said grooves sloping upwardly from the free ends of said leg portions toward the connected end portion of the head and constituting tracks to slidably guide a clipper therein, and angled supports adjustable lengthwise on the outer sides of the leg portions of said second U-shaped member at the points of connection of the same with the upper ends of the leg portions of said head, whereby the angle of slope of said tracks may be varied.

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