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Fig. 1.

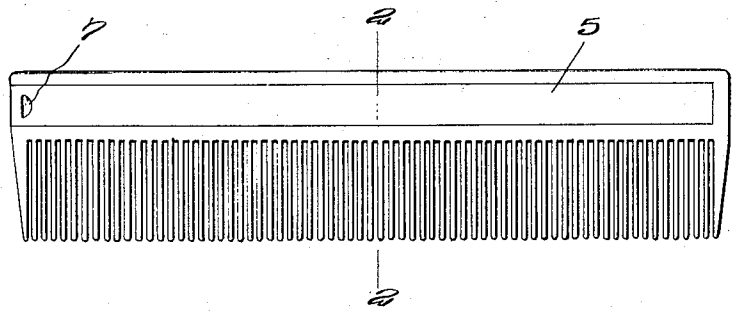


Fig. 2.

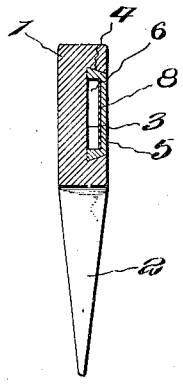
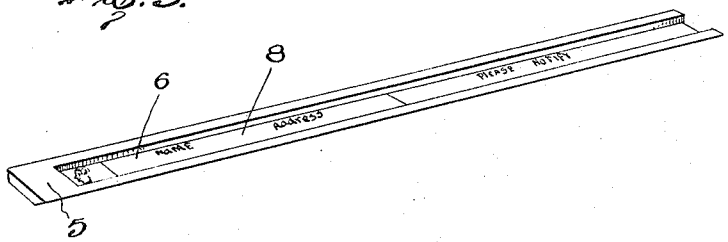


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PAUL R. QUADE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wausau, in the county of Marathon and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Identification-Combs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has as its object to provide a comb or like article which will serve as a means for identifying the person carrying the same in the event of accident, the identification portion of the article being of such construction, however, that the ordinary use of the article will not be interfered with.

Another aim of the invention is to provide an article of the class above mentioned in which the identification means will not be conspicuous and the appearance of the article will be substantially that of the ordinary comb or other toilet article in which the principles of the invention may be embodied.

In the accompanying drawings;

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the article embodying the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse sectional view on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the identification slide of the article.

In the drawings the numeral 1 indicates the back of the comb and the numeral 2 the teeth thereof. The back and teeth may be of any suitable form and the said back 1 may be ornamented if desired. However, the back is formed in one side face with a channel or seat having a plane bottom wall 3 and undercut or inclined side walls 4, the said channel opening through one end of the said back and at its other end terminating slightly short of the corresponding end of the back. It will be understood, however, that the channel or seat 3 may be of any desired width and length and that if found desirable it may be so formed in the back as to open at one end at the upper edge of the back.

The identifying device consists essentially of a slide which is removably fitted within the channel or seat 3 and which carries upon one face data identifying the person carrying the article. The said slide comprises a body 5 which may have a flat outwardly presented face arranged to lie flush with that face of the back 1 of the comb in which the channel is formed or the said outwardly presented face of the slide may be ornamented in any suitable manner. The longitudinal edges of the body 5 are beveled so as to adapt the slide to fit removably into the channel or seat 3 and the inner face of the said body 5 is formed with a longitudinally extending groove indicated by the numeral 6, the said groove being relatively shallow and terminating short of one end of the said body 5, the outer face of the body adjacent its said end being provided with a finger notch 7 whereby the slide may be readily removed.

If desired, however, the slide may be secured against removal in any suitable manner, as for example, by a sealing strip secured by adhesive over the said end of the slide and over the corresponding end of the comb or any other suitable sealing means may be employed.

Secured by adhesive or otherwise, to the inner wall of the channel 6 is a strip 8 of paper or other suitable material upon which is to be written or printed data for the purpose of identifying the person carrying the comb or other article embodying the invention. It will be apparent that when the slide is in place in the channel or seat 3, the article will have substantially the same appearance as if the identification means were not present. It will also be understood that inasmuch as the strip 8 which bears the name and other data concerning the party carrying the article, is completely housed within the channel 3, it is securely protected against obliteration of the data thereon in the event the slide is frequently removed and replaced.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. An article of the class described provided with a seating channel, a slide removably fitted within the said channel, the inner face of the slide being recessed, and identification means housed within the said recess.

2. In an article of the class described, provided with a channel having undercut walls, a slide having beveled edges, the said slide being removably fitted within the said channel, and identification means upon the inner face of the said slide.

3. In an article of the class described, pro-

vided with a channel having undercut walls, the channel opening at one end through one side of the said article, a slide having beveled edges, the said slide being removably fitted into the channel through the said end thereof, that face of the slide which is presented toward the inner wall of the channel being formed with a recess, and an identification strip disposed against the bottom wall of the recess in the slide, the recess being of a depth greater than the thickness of the said identification strip.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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