

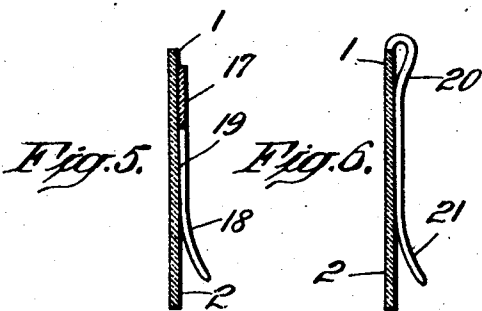
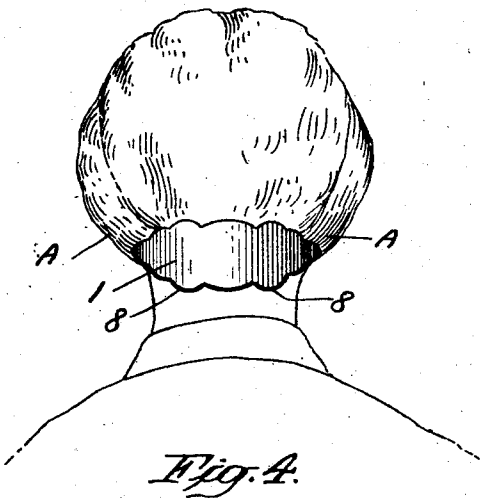
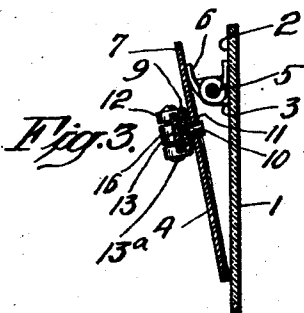
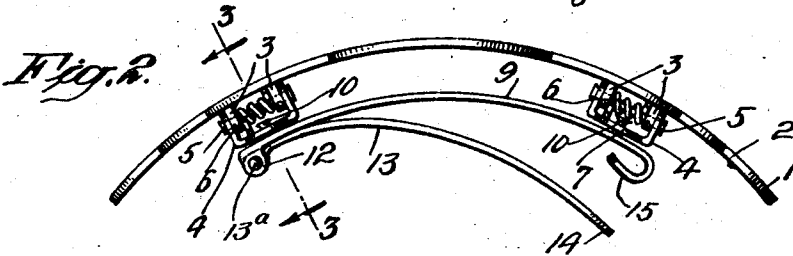
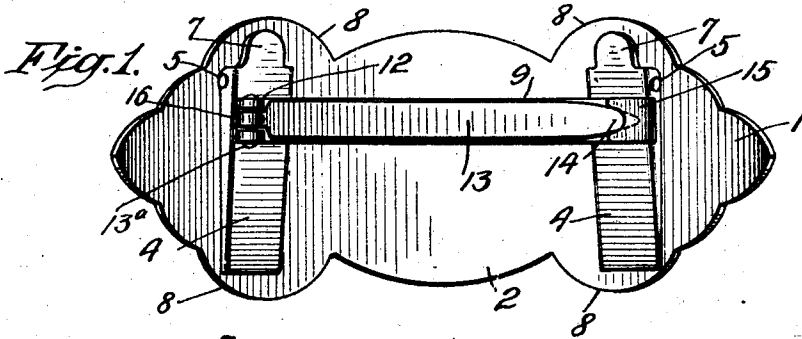
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This improvement relates more particularly to a barrette intended for use during the transition period between bobbed hair and long hair, and is adapted to provide means for securely holding elongated bobbed hair in position, so that it will more or less resemble long hair. As the rage or fad for bobbed hair subsides, those who have worn bobbed hair and desire to let it grow, experience difficulty in satisfactorily doing up the hair and holding it in place, for the hair is too short for hairpins, and the latter cannot be used with any satisfaction.

The object, therefore, of this improvement is to provide an ornamental device, such as barrette, which can be placed at the back of the head and under which the back hair and tresses from the sides of the head may be securely and firmly held, so that under ordinary conditions or in dancing or other similar exercise, the hair will not become disarranged.

In carrying out this object, it has been found desirable to provide a resilient clasp or other means adapted to extend transversely of the hair, at the back of the head, so as to firmly support the barrette on the head of the wearer. Supplementing this holding means, the barrette is provided with concealed clips at each end thereof, under which the tresses from the front and sides of the head may be secured. The means just referred to, for securing the barrette to the back hair, may be in the form of a comb formed upon or secured on the concave or inner side of the barrette, but, preferably, a resilient tongue clasp or clamping member is provided, the blade of which is adapted to be inserted transversely of the hair.

Furthermore, it will be obvious that various forms of holding devices, such as spring clips and the like, may be employed for securing the front and side tresses under the barrette at the rear of the head, but preferably, hinged clipping members under the actuation of springs are employed, and these may be and preferably are adapted to cooperate with the rear face of the barrette bar; but obviously, may cooperate with any suitable surface formed thereon or attached thereto, which will insure securely holding the side tresses to the barrette and in the desired position.

Our improved barrette is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which show the

preferred form as well as indicating certain modifications thereof. Fig. 1 is a rear view, in elevation, of one form of our improved barrette; Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the barrette shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 3 represents an enlarged sectional view of the barrette on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2, showing the spring clip member, and the transverse clasp in section; Fig. 4 is a rear view, showing the barrette in place on the head; Fig. 5 is a sectional view representing a modification employing a toothed comb, in place of the transverse clasp; and Fig. 6 is a sectional view of a barrette provided with integral spring clips for securing the side tresses.

Referring to the drawings, it will be seen that the improved barrette comprises an ornamental bar 1, which is arcuate in shape, longitudinally thereof as indicated in Fig. 2. The bar may be of any ornamental shape, substantially as shown, and may be provided with open scrolls, bars or other desired ornamentation and, obviously, may be set with stones of various kinds according to the taste of the wearer and the ideas of the manufacturers. Obviously, the specific shape or ornamentation of the barrette is immaterial, so far as our improvement is concerned.

In the form of barrette here shown, the rear concave face 2 is provided with outwardly projecting ears 3, which are perforated and to which suitable clip members 4 are pivotally secured by transverse pins or rivets 5, as will be seen in Fig. 2. Preferably coiled springs 6 are mounted on the pins 5, and engage the clip member 4 in a manner to thrust the lower or clamping end thereof, as shown in Fig. 3, against the rear or concave wall 2 of the barrette bar, so as to form therewith a clamping device for securely holding tresses of hair placed thereunder. Finger pieces 7 projecting upward from the pivots 5 are adapted to provide convenient means for actuating the clip members 4 when securing the side tresses thereunder. It is preferable that the clip members 4 and finger pieces 7 thereof should be entirely concealed from view by the bar 1 of the barrette, and, in the present instance, the bar is provided with ornamental humps or bulging portions at 8 for this purpose. If desired, however, the finger piece 7 may be made extensible in the usual or any preferred manner.

As previously indicated, it is desirable

to attach the barrette with reasonable security to the back hair and, from repeated trials and experiments, we have found that this is most desirably obtained by employing a clasp, extending longitudinally of the bar, that is transversely of the hair at the back of the head. In the present instance a metal strip 9, is rather loosely secured to the clip members 4 by rivets 10, which enter enlarged and elongated holes 11 in the clip members 4 substantially as indicated in Fig. 3. If desired, however, it will be understood that the strip or clasp member 9 may be connected directly to the concave wall 2 of the bar or to suitable lugs projecting therefrom. One end of the strip 9 is provided with bent up ears 12, to which a curved blade-like resilient clasp 13 is secured by a hinge pivot 13^a, as will be seen in Figs. 1 and 2. The blade-like resilient clasp 13 is provided with a pointed end or nose 14, so as to penetrate the hair readily, which is adapted to be swung under an overhanging, notched retaining lug 15 formed in the present instance, by bending up the end of the strip 9, substantially as shown at the right in Figs. 1 and 2. In this form of clasp, the blade-like member 13, as previously indicated, is preferably formed of a thin strip of spring steel, curved outward from the pivot hinge 13^a, as indicated in Fig. 2, so that in forcing the nose, or pointed end 14 thereof, under the holding lug 15, as shown in Fig. 1, the blade 13 will be firmly pressed against the strip or member 9, or against the hair clasped between it and the member 9.

It will be noted that the hinge at 16 on the pivot 13^a, between the strip or member 9 and resilient clasp blade 13 is loosely formed so as to permit a considerable amount of lateral play for the clasp blade 13, so as to enable the latter to be readily inserted in the back hair and then brought into position to catch under the securing lug 15. Likewise, in view of the fact that the clasp 9-13 is mounted, in the present instance, on the clip members 4, and the latter are movable to engage and clamp the side tresses, the rivets 10, connecting the clasp strip 9 with the clip members 4, are adapted to fit very loosely in the rivet holes 11, so as to permit a very considerable amount of wobbling movement therebetween.

In using our improved barrette, the preferred operation is substantially as follows: It is assumed that the hair has been permitted to grow until it has attained a moderate length, such as will permit the use of our improved barrette. The first step then is to insert the blade member 13 in the hair at the back of the head, the point 14 thereof entering about an inch and a half to one

inch and a half from the middle on the other side; after which the point 14 thereof should be forced under the retaining lug 15. In this operation the resilient blade 13 is forced to clamp the hair tightly between the blade and the holding strip 9. In this manner, the barrette is firmly secured to the hair at the back of the head, substantially in the position shown in Fig. 4. The next thing to be done is to gather the tresses at the sides or front and sides of the head and carry them over the ears and under the ends of the barrette, where they may be secured under the clip members 4, substantially as shown in Fig. 4, the front or side tresses thus drawn back being indicated at A, in that view. Any loose ends of the tresses or back hair may then be turned up under the barrette and held in position by the usual hair pins, or if desired, artificial curls of hair may be secured under the barrette so as to extend down the neck, thereby to accentuate the ornamental effect.

In some cases, it may be desirable and sufficient to employ a comb-like member instead of the clasp 9-13 and such a modification is indicated in Fig. 5, where the barrette bar 1 is shown as provided with a comb 17, secured to the rear concave wall thereof and provided with downwardly and then outwardly projecting comb teeth 18. In this instance, it is preferable that the teeth of the comb lie close against the wall of the barrette bar 1, as indicated at 19, for a considerable distance, in order to act as spring clips when the hair is drawn into the comb teeth and between the teeth and the bar 1.

Under some circumstances, it may be found desirable to provide a simpler clip, as a substitute for the clip members 4, and such a device is indicated in Fig. 6 where the ends of the barrette bar 1 are provided with rearwardly and downwardly extending resilient strips 20, which are adapted to cooperate with the rear face of the bar 1 in securing the tresses of hair when the latter are drawn back and placed under the clips. The lower end at 21 of the resilient clipping members 20 are bent outward so as to facilitate the insertion thereunder, of the hair tresses.

While we have described the preferred form of our improved barrette it will be understood that we do not wish to be limited to the specific details of construction shown and described, for obviously, various modifications therein may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention.

We claim:—

1. A barrette comprising an ornamental bar, means attached thereto for engaging the hair at the back of the head and clip members at each end of the bar, under

which long tresses from the front and sides of the head may be drawn back and secured under said clips, said securing means and clips being concealed by said bar.

5 2. A barrette comprising an ornamental bar curved to conform to the back of the head, means mounted on the concave side of said bar for firmly securing it to the hair at the back of the head and spring clips at each
10 end of said bar located on the concave side thereof and concealed by the bar, said clips being adapted for securing tresses drawn from the front and sides of the head to the back thereof and under said bar.

15 3. The barrette as claimed in claim 2, in which the means for securing the barrette to the hair at the back of the head comprises a resilient blade and clasp extending lengthwise of the bar, the blade being adapted for
20 insertion in the hair at the back of the head transversely thereof.

4. The barrette as claimed in claim 2, in

which the spring clips at each end of said bar comprise spring actuated pivoted members, adapted to cooperate with the bar for
25 securing the side tresses, substantially as described.

5. A barrette comprising an arcuate-shaped ornamental bar, provided at each end, on the concave side thereof, with spring
30 clips adapted to cooperate with the bar for securing tresses drawn from the front and sides of the head and placed thereunder.

6. A barrette comprising an arcuate-shaped ornamental bar, provided with clips
35 at each end thereof, located on the concave side of said bar so as to be concealed when the bar is in use on the head, and a clasp extending longitudinally of the bar, on the concave side thereof, and adapted to be in-
40 serted transversely of the hair at the back of the head for securing the bar thereto.

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