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[54] **FACELIFT FOR COIFFURE WITH CONCEALED ANCHOR**
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ABSTRACT: A flat anchor member having a hole therein for receiving a lock or "pony tail" of hair to secure the anchor member at a desired location on a wearer's scalp and having a plurality of eyelets at selected points about the hole for attaching thereto one end of each of a selected number of elastic bands, each band extending under tension from the anchor member to a braided lock of the wearer's hair rooted adjacent a portion of the wearer's face to which it is desired to apply "lift" tension.

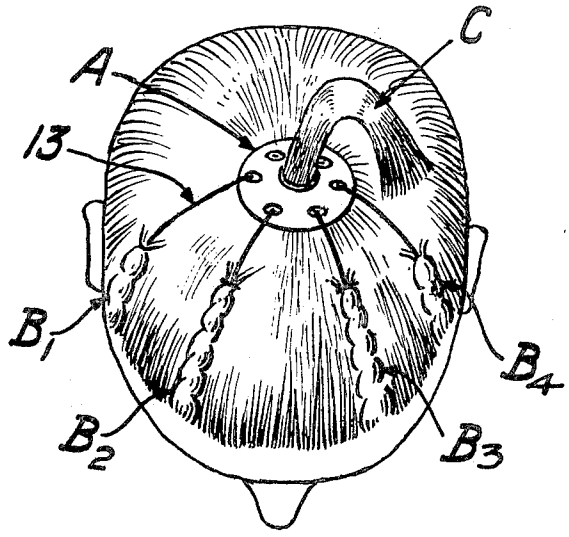


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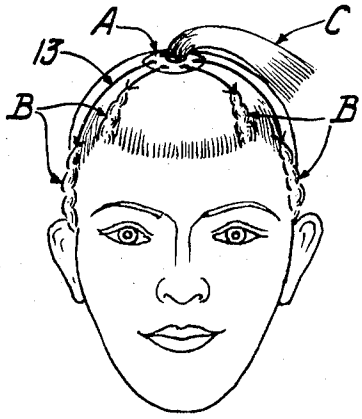


FIG. 3.



FIG. 4.

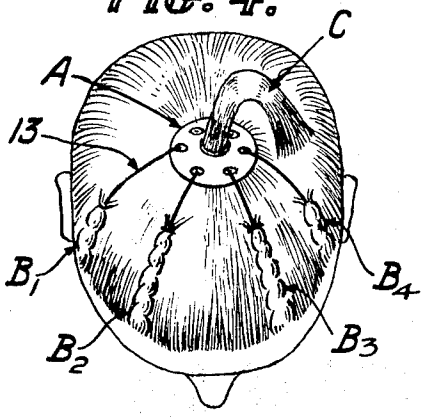


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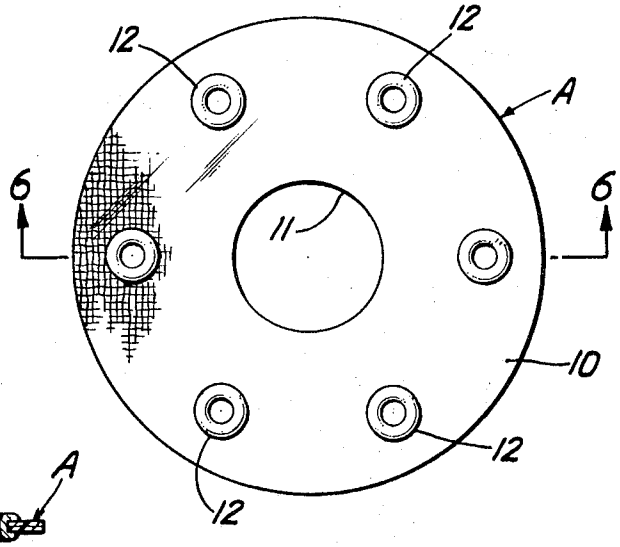


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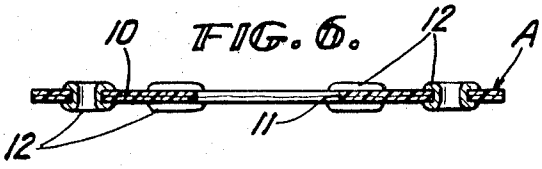
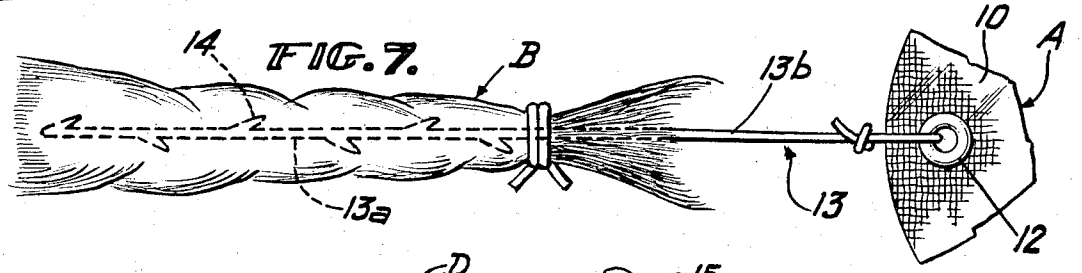


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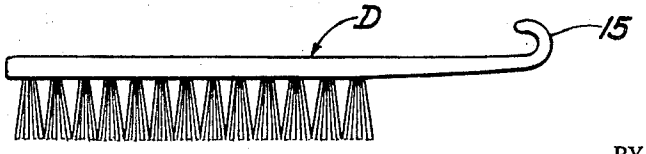


FIG. 8.

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FACELIFT FOR COIFFURE WITH CONCEALED ANCHOR

This application is a continuation of abandoned application Ser. No. 623,885 filed on Mar. 17, 1967.

It is well known that when a woman matures, even though she may still be young, her facial muscles tend to lose the elasticity of youth. When this occurs a slight outward and upward tensioning of the skin, which can be demonstrated by placing the fingers of each hand at the temples and pressing upwardly and rearwardly slightly, elevates these sagging muscles, removes or reduces wrinkles, and creates a definite appearance of rejuvenation.

These facts are well known and in the past many attempts have been made to exert the desired facial tension by means attached to locks of a person's hair at selected zones around the face. Many of these prior attempts produced the desired tensioning effect, but were subject to a common weakness, i.e., there was no assurance that they would stay in place, with the result that the wearer was apt to be embarrassed by their dislodgement and disclosure during use.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

A face-lift for concealment by a woman's hat or coiffure comprising an anchor member having a hole therein to receive a locating lock or "pony tail" of hair and to lie adjacent a wearer's scalp, means being provided on the anchor member at each of a plurality of selected points about the hole therein for attaching a tensioned strand to a lock of hair rooted adjacent a marginal zone of the wearer's face.

The invention will be apparent from the following description and the accompanying drawings, wherein:

FIG. 1 is a front view showing a woman with a normal coiffure and not subjected to marginal facial tension or "face-lift."

FIG. 2 is a similar view of the same woman in the process of incorporating the invention in her coiffure, her hair, except for the "pony tail" and selected, braided, tensioned strands being omitted.

FIG. 3 is a similar view showing the completed coiffure with the invention embodied therein.

FIG. 4 is a top view of the stage shown in FIG. 2.

FIG. 5 is an enlarged, plan view of the anchor member.

FIG. 6 is a sectional view taken along line 6–6 of FIG. 5.

FIG. 7 is a similarly enlarged detailed view showing a fragment of the anchor member of FIGS. 5 and 6 with a tensioned band tied at one end thereto and with its other end braided into a lock of hair.

FIG. 8 is a side elevational view in reduced scale of a hair brush having a hook-shaped handle which facilitates incorporating the invention in a coiffure.

Referring to the drawings in detail, an illustrative anchor member A comprises a unitary flat, annular body **10** of light, stiff, and preferably porous material, such as, for example, cambric, sheet plastic or screen mesh, with a locating hole **11** therein. Any material used for the anchor member should of course, be nonsoluble in water or any of the various substances used in hairdressing. While shown as circular in outline and with a circular hole **11** centered therein, the shape of the anchor body **10** and the hole **11** are not material to the invention, and any desired shape may be employed.

A plurality of band-attachment elements, which are illustrated as eyelets **12**, are provided at selected points about the locating hole **11**, each of these eyelets providing for the attachment of a separate tensioning band **13** to the anchor member.

The bands **13** preferably are springy or elastic, and may be of rubber, elasticized plastic or other suitable material. The preferred tensioning band **13** is shown in FIG. 7, and has a portion **13***a* which is braided into a lock B of hair rooted adjacent a desired marginal area of the face to which it is desired to apply tension. The portion **13***a* is provided with a plurality of inclined prongs **14**, which have hooked engagement with the lock B into which they are braided to insure against slippage or accidental release.

In using the invention, tests are first made by pressing with a finger and drawing upwardly and outwardly on various

marginal areas of the face to determine the most effective locations for the tensioned locks B.

The locations having been selected, braided locks of hair, such as those B1, B2, B3, and B4 are made up, each incorporating the pronged end portion **13***b* of one of the tensioning bands **13**.

The anchor member A is firmly anchored in place by drawing a lock C or "pony tail" from a desired location on the scalp through the hole **11** in the anchor member. Though not a feature of the invention, this can be done easily and quickly by means of a hooked end portion **15** formed on the handle of a brush D, which may be provided for this purpose. The free end portion **13***a* of each of the bands **13** is then drawn through a selected eyelet **12** and is tautened and made fast as by detachably knotting to exert a desired tension on the braided lock B to which it is attached in the direction previously determined, thereby producing the result shown in FIG. 2.

If the person has sufficient hair of her own to provide a coiffure E offering adequate concealment for the invention, the hair may then be dressed to produce the result shown in FIG. 3. Otherwise a hat or wig may be employed for such concealment.

The invention provides a simple, inexpensive rejuvenating and beautifying face lift which is in no danger of becoming displayed while being worn since it is securely anchored in position by the "pony tail" passing through the anchor member.

While I have illustrated and described a preferred embodiment of the present invention, it will be understood, however, that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of the invention without departing from its scope as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A combination for providing a face-lift coiffure comprising:
   a. a unitary anchor member conformable to the crown of a woman's head and adapted to be detachably secured thereto; and
   b. a plurality of separate tensioning strands each having on one end thereof means adapted to be detachably secured adjacent a selected marginal portion of a woman's face and the other end thereof detachably secured to said anchor member.

2. The combination according to claim 1, in which said anchor member is a unitary annular part having a hole therein to the inner peripheral portion of which hair may be attached for detachably securing the anchor member to the head.

3. The combination according to claim 1, in which a plurality of attaching elements are provided on the anchor member at selected points for detachably securing said tensioning strands to said anchor member.

4. A combination for providing a face-lift coiffure comprising:
   a. an anchor member conformable to the crown of a woman's head and adapted to be detachably secured thereto; and
   b. a plurality of tensioning strands having on one end thereof means adapted to be secured adjacent a selected marginal portion of a woman's face and the other end thereof attached to said anchor member;
   c. said means adapted to be secured adjacent a selected marginal portion of the woman's face including means adapted to be secured to a braided lock of the woman's hair.

5. The combination according to claim 4, in which each said tensioning strand has a plurality of prongs thereon adapted to engage a braided lock of hair into which the tensioning strand is braided.

6. The combination according to claim 1, in which head-covering means are provided adapted to be superimposed over the unitary anchor member and said plurality of separate tensioning strands so as to conceal the presence thereof.

7. The combination according to claim 4, in which head-covering means are provided adapted to be superimposed over the unitary anchor member and said plurality of separate tensioning strands so as to conceal the presence thereof.