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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

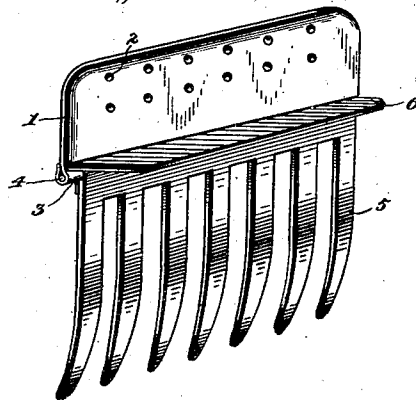
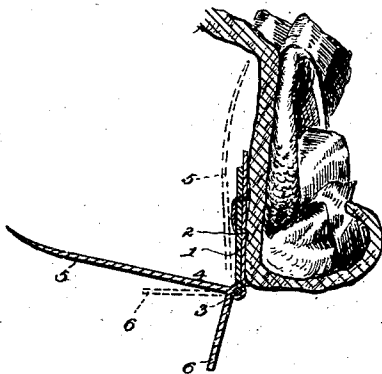


Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MICHAEL J. MALLOY, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Brooklyn, city of New York, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Combined Hat-Guard and Side Comb, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hat-fasteners designed for use upon ladies' hats, the main object in view being to dispense with the ordinary hat-pin and the disadvantages arising from its use and to substitute therefor a fastener which is permanently attached to the hat and so connected with the latter that after disposition upon the head the fastener can be readily adjusted to engage the hair in a manner similar to a side comb and prevent the hat from blowing off the head or becoming otherwise accidentally displaced.

With this and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and arrangement of the several parts, which will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a hat shown applied and illustrating the use of the improved fastener. Fig. 2 is a transverse section through a portion of the hat and the improved fastener, showing the latter folded into the hat in dotted lines. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the improved fastener.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to indicate corresponding parts in the several views.

The numeral 1 designates an attachable support having a series of aligned perforations 2 therein for the reception of fastening-stitches or other analogous securing devices. At the opposite extremities of the lower support 1 knuckles 3 are formed for the removable reception of a pintle 4, consisting in the present instance of a small wire or rod, which is also connected to a comb-section 5, simulating an ordinary side comb and having an outstanding angularly-disposed guard 6 at its upper edge and connected thereto or forming a part thereof. The guard 6 is arranged in a plane at right angles to the comb-section 5 and is employed for moving the latter section in adjusting the device or disposing it in securing position when the hat is applied, and,

as shown by Fig. 1, after the fastener is properly arranged to hold the hat the said guard presses against the under portion of the hat-rim.

In applying the improved fastener to a hat the support 1 is arranged between the lining and the inner portion of the side of the crown or between a sweat-band and the side of the crown in those types of hats having sweat-bands as a portion thereof, or in some instances it may be desired to secure the said support directly against the inner side of the sweat-band. In either application care will be taken to firmly attach the support and have it at such elevation that the knuckles 3 will stand in a plane about coinciding with the under side of the rim or so that the guard 6 may be conveniently operated to arrange the fastener in securing position. When the hat is not in use, the fastener may be folded upwardly thereinto, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 2, so that the hat may be rested upon a support without injury to the fastener or interference of the latter with such placement of the hat. When the hat carrying the improved fastener is disposed on the head, the guard 6 is drawn up close to the rim and the teeth of the comb-section pressed downwardly into the hair, the said guard being grasped during the latter operation and drawn downwardly to push the comb-teeth inwardly into the hair and under the adjacent part of the hat, as shown by Fig. 1. The guard 6 bears against the hair under the rim of the hat when the latter and the fastener as a whole are properly applied and within reaching distance for operation in removing the hat or other adjustment that may be found necessary.

In practice one or two of the fasteners may be attached to a hat and which will be regulated by the type of hat, and in the manufacture of the improved device either fine or base metal will be used; but it is preferred that a light metallic substance be employed, though it will be understood that the same features can be embodied in shell or imitations of the latter. If desired, the one side of the support or one face of the guard may be made to serve as a name-plate and to receive by engraving the name of the owner of the hat for the purpose of identification.

Though the preferred form of the device has been shown and descriptively disclosed, it is obviously apparent that changes in form, proportions, size, and minor details may be
5 resorted to without departing from the principles of the invention.

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

- 10 An improved hat-fastener comprising a flat perforated support for vertical application and securement to the inner portion of the crown of a hat, the lower edge portion of the support being arranged in alinement with the under side of the hat-rim, and a comb-
15 section simulating an ordinary side comb having in addition to the latter device an outstanding guard at its upper terminal in a plane at a right angle thereto, the guard ex-

tending full length of the comb-section and rigid on the latter, the said comb-section at 20 the point of angular intersection with the guard being pivotally attached to the lower edge of the support so that the guard is free to move below the adjacent portion of the hat-rim, the comb-teeth being inserted in the hair 25 in a transverse direction and the free edge of the guard rested on the hair under the rim of the hat when the device is in normal fastening position.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as 30 my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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