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Fig. 1.

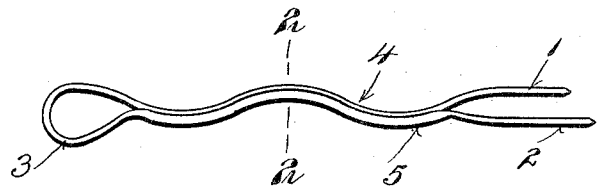
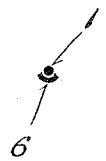


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. WEBER, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Watertown, in the county of Jefferson and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hairpins; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention pertains to new and useful improvements in hairpins, combs and similar articles for use in the hair.

The principles of this invention relate most especially to those articles of this nature which comprise a pair of legs, and the purpose of the invention is to provide such legs with means whereby accidental dislodgment of the article from the hair is obviated.

A further object of the invention is to provide articles of this type with means whereby any length of hair may be readily held in place, the invention finding its greatest applicability in holding short hair which cannot be retained in position by the average hairpin.

With these general objects in view, the invention consists in the novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts which will be hereinafter more particularly described and claimed, and shown in the accompanying drawing wherein:

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a hairpin constructed in accordance with the invention, and

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

As hereinbefore mentioned, the invention is especially designed for use on any type of hair ornament or pin having a pair of legs. Therefore in this drawing the principles of the invention are embodied in a simple hairpin from which various departures may be made without effecting said principles of invention.

Referring therefore to the drawing, it will be seen that the hairpin illustrated consists of a pair of legs 1 and 2 connected together at one end as at 3, their opposite or free ends being spaced to permit the hair to readily pass therebetween. Each of the legs 1 and 2 is correspondingly waved as at 4 and disposed close together whereby to form a tortuous restricted passage.

The leg 1, at least for the major portion of its length is of a smaller size or diameter than the width of the intermediate portion 5 of the leg 2, this portion 5 being transversely widened.

When the leg 1 is circular in cross section as indicated in Fig. 2, the widened portion 5 of the leg 2 is transversely curved as at 6, which curvature preferably extends the entire length of the portion 5 and receives the adjacent portion of the leg 1. If the leg 1 is of a different cross sectional shape, the cross sectional contour of the portion 5 may be made to correspond, it being the object to provide a longitudinally extending substantially transversely curved passage which will effectively grip the hair without damaging it. In any case the portion 5 of the leg 2 is of considerably greater width than the diameter of the leg 1, and when the former is transversely curved, the latter lies within the channel thus formed, and as clearly shown in Fig. 1 these parts come within the waves 4 hereinbefore referred to.

I claim:—

1. A hairpin or the like having a pair of legs, a portion of one leg being of greater width than the adjacent portion of the other, the leg of lesser width being in coöperation with one surface of the widened portion of the other leg between the longitudinal edges thereof.

2. A hairpin or the like having a pair of legs, a portion of one leg being increased in width longitudinally, the adjacent portion of the other leg being of relatively less width and disposed longitudinally of the wide leg between the opposite edges thereof.

3. A hairpin or the like having a pair of legs, a portion of one leg being increased in width longitudinally, the adjacent portion of the other leg being of relatively less width and disposed longitudinally of the wide leg between the opposite edges thereof, said wide leg having a cross sectional contour corresponding to the periphery of the other leg whereby the latter is adapted to lie within the former.

4. A hairpin or the like having a pair of legs, one leg being circular in cross section, a portion of the other leg being increased in width longitudinally and transversely curved to conform to the surface of the former, the circular leg being adapted to lie within the other leg longitudinally thereof.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at Watertown, in the county of Jefferson and State of Wisconsin.

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