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Fig. 1

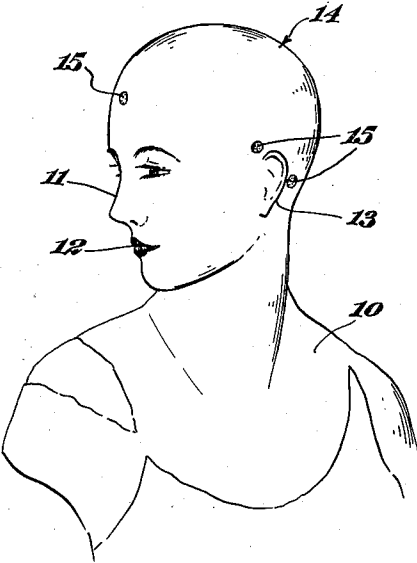
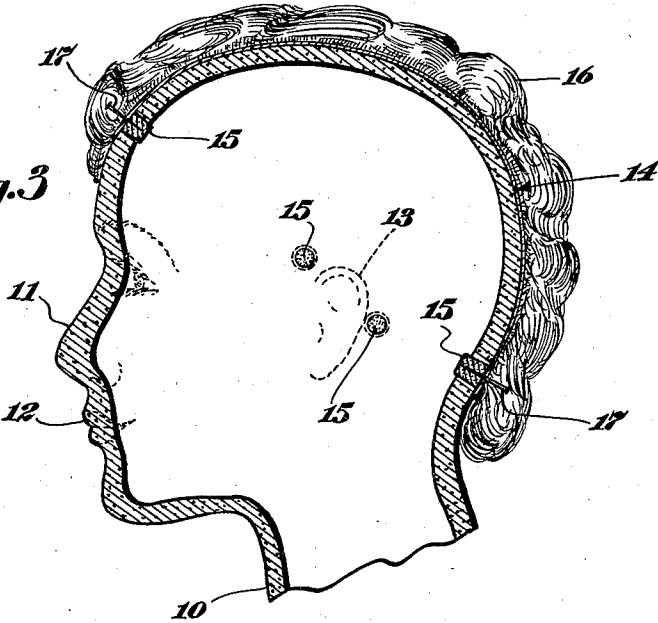


Fig. 2



Fig. 3



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My present invention relates generally to sculptured figures, and has particular reference to a device simulating a head.

While I have herein illustrated and shall hereinafter describe my invention as it may be applied to a sculptured display bust, nevertheless it will be understood that certain phases of my invention are not restricted to a specific device of this character.

It is a primary object of my invention to provide certain improvements in the type of device which is used in store windows and the like, for display purposes, and which comprises a sculptured depiction of a head with a wig positioned on the scalp portion.

More particularly, the present invention is directed toward an improved means for retaining the wig in proper position on the device.

It is desirable, from many aspects, to construct display busts and the like of molded or cast material, such as plaster of Paris or similar compositions. Usually, and preferably, the casting or molding is in the form of a hollow shell which conforms, in external contour, to the features of a head having a bald scalp portion. Because of the fact that plaster of Paris and similar materials are relatively hard and not susceptible to puncture, it has heretofore been impossible to retain a wig in proper position without resorting to adhesives or arrangements relying primarily upon friction.

In accordance with my present invention, a wig may be expeditiously and firmly retained in position, on a sculptured figure of the character referred to, by means of pins or the like; and this desirable result is capable of accomplishment notwithstanding the fact that the device is composed of a material not readily susceptible to puncture.

The invention consists in providing a series of inserts in the sculptured device, the inserts being arranged at spaced points in the scalp portion, and being composed of relatively soft material which is readily puncturable. Preferably, though not necessarily, cork is used as the insert material.

I achieve the foregoing objects, and such other objects as may hereinafter appear or be pointed out, in the manner illustratively exemplified in the accompanying drawing, wherein—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the upper portion of a sculptured bust of the present character, before the application of the wig;

Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1, showing the device with the wig in position; and

Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view through the head portion, showing the manner in which the wig is held in position.

I have illustratively shown a sculptured display bust 10 which is molded or cast as a sort of hollow shell, as shown most clearly in Figure 3. The material of which the device is made may be of any desired character, such as plaster of Paris or the like. The head portion is suitably contoured to depict the nose 11, the mouth 12, the ears 13, etc., and is provided with the smooth, bald scalp portion 14.

In accordance with my invention, holes are bored or provided in the skull portion, at suitably spaced intervals, and inserts 15, composed of relatively soft material, are pressed into the holes. The material of which the inserts are made may be of any suitable character, but I have found cork to be admirably adapted for the present purpose. The outer surface of each insert is smoothed off so that it will lie flush with the smooth exterior contour of the scalp portion 14 and, preferably, the entire device is painted so that the presence of the inserts is barely discernible.

The inserts are preferably arranged in spaced relation around the peripheral region of the scalp portion 14, and it is particularly desirable to provide for a total of six inserts. One should preferably be provided at the midportion of the forehead. Another should be provided adjacent to the base of the skull, at the rear. At least one, and preferably two, should be provided adjacent to each ear 13.

When the device of Figure 1 is ready to have the wig 16 applied thereto, the latter may be readily and efficiently held in proper desired position by sticking small pins 17 through the material of the wig directly into the inserts 15. This mode of securing the wig in place would not be feasible if it were not for the relatively soft character of the insert material and its ready susceptibility to puncture.

Obviously, more or fewer inserts may be provided for, although at least four are usually necessary in order to provide for efficient retention of the wig. Also, it will be readily understood that the inserts may be positioned in desired relationships other than those shown in the annexed drawing.

In general, it will be obvious that changes in the details, herein described and illustrated for the purpose of explaining the nature of my invention, may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit and scope of

the invention as expressed in the appended claims. It is, therefore, intended that these details be interpreted as illustrative, and not in a limiting sense.

5 Having thus described my invention, and illustrated its use, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

10 1. The combination with a sculptured head having a bald scalp portion and composed of material not readily susceptible to puncture, of a series of inserts mounted in said scalp portion and composed of relatively soft material readily susceptible to puncture, whereby a wig may be held in position on said scalp portion by pins stuck into said inserts.

2. The combination with a sculptured head having a bald scalp portion and composed of material not readily susceptible to puncture, of a series of inserts mounted in said scalp portion and composed of cork whose ready susceptibility to puncture permits a wig to be held in position on said scalp portion by pins stuck into said inserts.

25 3. The combination set forth in claim 1, in which said inserts are arranged in spaced relation around the peripheral region of said scalp portion.

4. The combination set forth in claim 1, in

which said inserts are at least four in number, one being positioned adjacent to the forehead, another adjacent the base of the skull, and one adjacent to each ear.

5. In a sculptured display bust of the character described, a molded hollow shell conforming to the shape of a head having a bald scalp portion, said shell being composed of material such as plaster which is not readily susceptible to puncture, and a series of inserts mounted at spaced points in said scalp portion and composed of relatively soft material readily susceptible to puncture, the outer surfaces of said inserts being flush with the outer surface of said scalp portion, whereby a wig may be held in position on said scalp portion by pins stuck into said inserts.

6. In a sculptured display bust of the character described, a molded hollow shell conforming to the shape of a head having a bald scalp portion, said shell being composed of material such as plaster which is not readily susceptible to puncture, a series of inserts mounted at spaced points in said scalp portion and composed of relatively soft material readily susceptible to puncture, a wig on said scalp portion, and pins extending through said wig into said inserts for retaining the wig in position on said scalp portion.

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