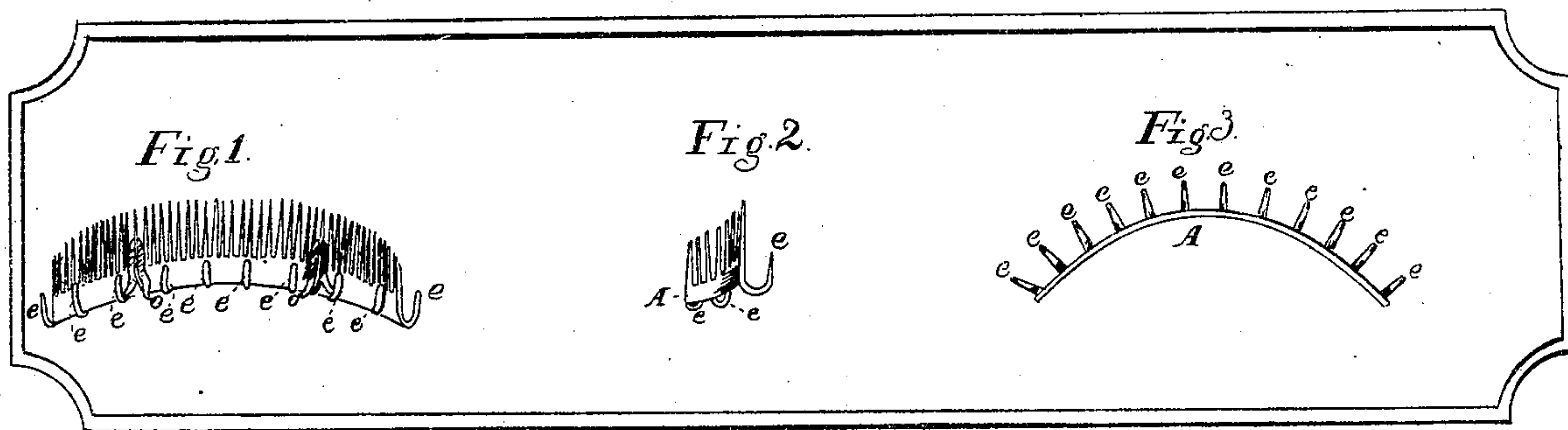


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IMPROVEMENT IN COMBS.

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The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

Be it known that I, JAMES EMERSON, of Lowell, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and improved Comb for holding the moustache while eating; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 is a front view of the comb, on which is shown the hooks or guards *e e e* and the nippers *i i*.

Figure 2 is a transverse section of the comb and a side view of the guards *e e e*.

Figure 3 is a view of the bottom of the comb and guards *e e e*, held level with the eyes, the teeth being horizontal and pointed from the observer.

The nature of my invention consists in making a comb of the proper form and size to fit the upper lip, with hooks or guards turned up from the bottom of the comb, so that while eating or drinking the moustache may be held clear of the mouth and food.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

The comb, A, may be made of shell, horn, or metal, curved vertically and horizontally, and of the proper width to fit the upper lip, the ends at the corners of the mouth being lower than the part immediately under the nose. The comb, A, and guards, *e e e*, should be made in one piece, the guards being on the edge of the comb opposite the teeth, turned up, as shown fig. 2. They should be made as slender as consistent with the necessary strength to hold up the moustache so as to be as little observable as possible; they should also be flexible, so that in case they are pressed against the lip by a cup or dish they will regain their proper position. The nippers, *i i*, are made of steel; the side of each nipper nearest the end of the comb is rigidly secured to the comb, A, by two or more rivets; on the inside of this half of the nippers there is a spring, *n*, the outer end of which presses against the inside of the lower end of the other half of each nipper; this half of each nipper is secured to the comb by one rivet forming a joint, so that the nippers may be opened or closed at pleasure; the springs, *n*, hold the jaws of the nippers together when in use. The combs may be made of different colors to suit the color of the moustache.

Operation.

Take the comb in both hands, place a thumb at each end of the comb, and the nail of the fore finger on the flexible half of each nipper at *o o*; open the nippers, then push the teeth of the comb up under the moustache close to the lip and as high up as possible, so as to get the guards, *e e e*, above the mouth; then let the nippers close, and it will catch on to the moustache and hold the comb in place; then draw the moustache out each side into the guards, *e e e*.

Claims.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The comb A, when made in the proper form, to fit the upper lip, with guards in front to hold the moustache, when made substantially as described.
2. I claim the nippers *i i* in combination with the comb for the purpose of holding the comb in the moustache, as described.

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