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HAIR CURLER.

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Fig. 1.

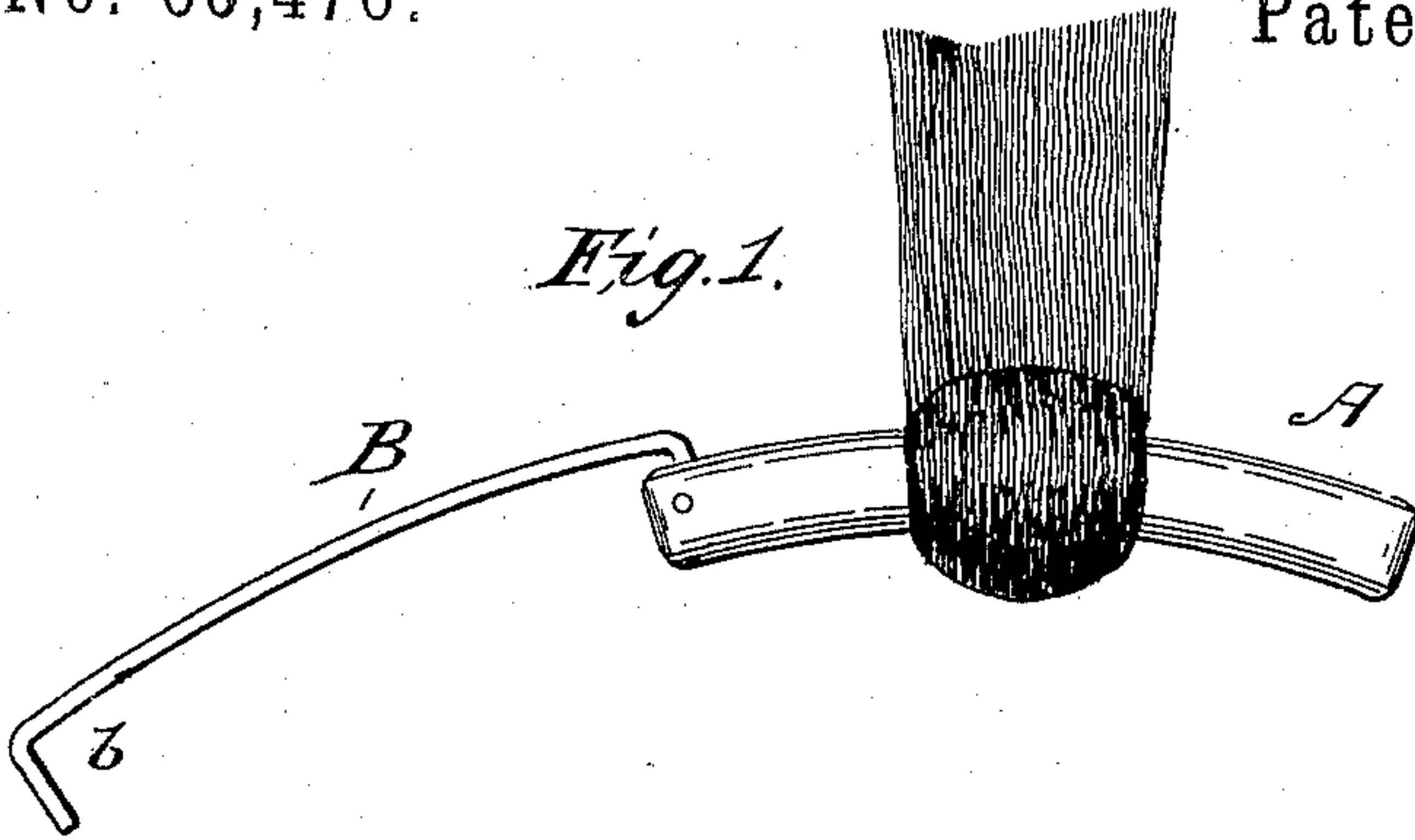


Fig. 2.

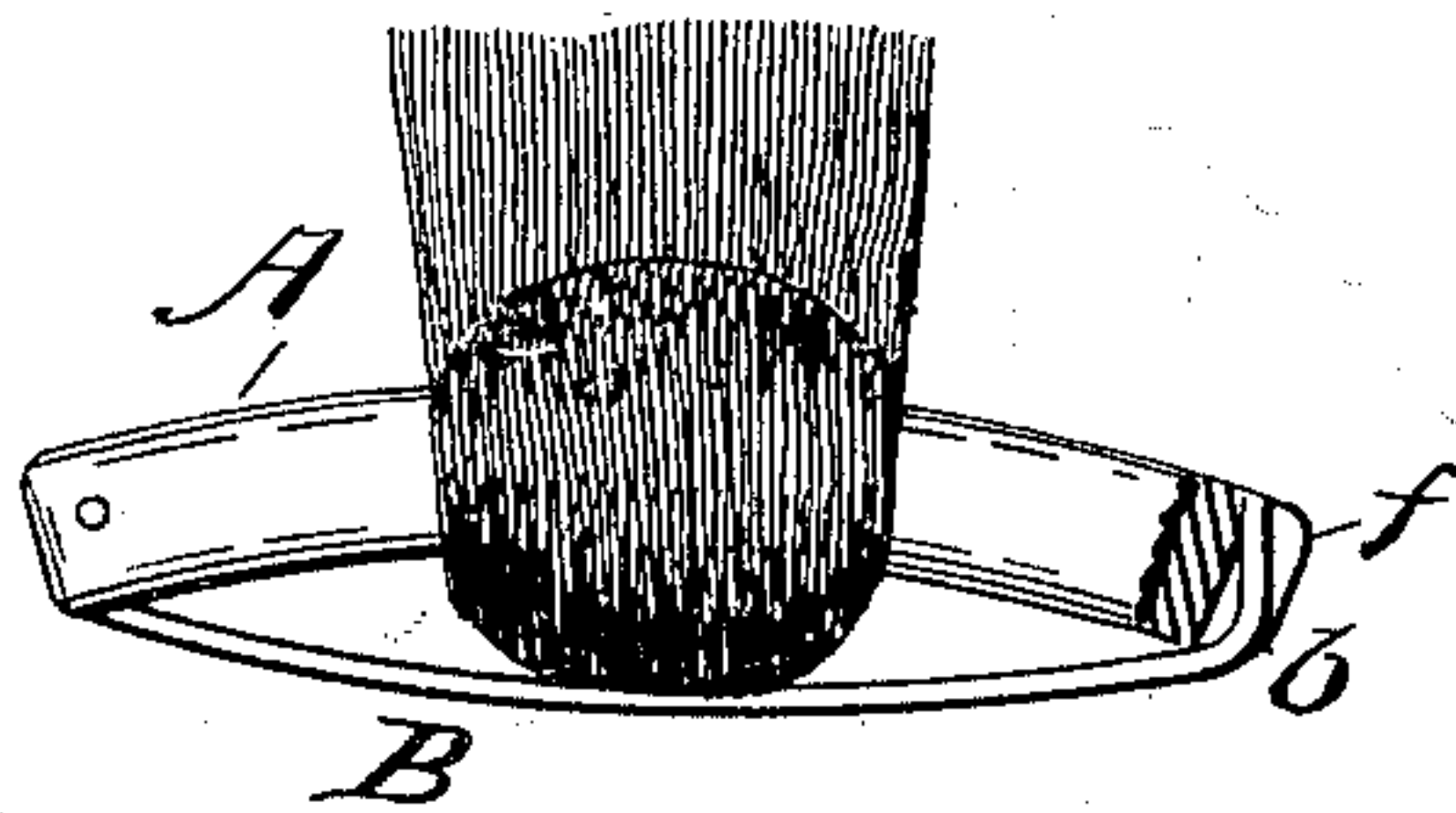
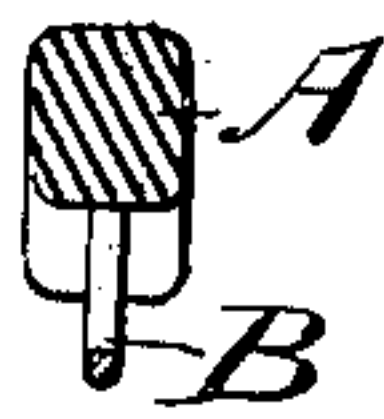


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN HAIR-CURLERS.

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

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, SALLIE ANN EARLY, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented a Hair-Curler; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention consists of a curved bar, of wood or other light material, and a retaining-wire, hinged to one end of the bar, and having a bent end fitted to a slot in the opposite end of the same, all substantially as described hereafter, the whole forming a cheap, simple, and light hair-curler, which accommodates itself to the wearer's head, and which is less prominent and much more comfortable than an ordinary curl-paper.

In order to enable others to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe the mode of constructing and using the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, which forms a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved hair-curler.

Figure 2, the same, partly in section, with the retaining-wire closed.

Figure 3, an edge view; and

Figure 4, a transverse section.

A is a curved bar of wood or other light material, and is rounded at the four corners, as illustrated in the transverse section, fig. 4. To one end of this curved bar is hinged a wire, B, the bent-end *b* of which is arranged to fit snugly and somewhat tightly in, but so as to be withdrawn by a slight effort from a slot, *f*, in the opposite end of the bar A.

In using the implement the retaining-wire B is first moved back to the position seen in fig. 1, when a lock of hair, D, is twisted round the bar by turning the latter between the fingers and thumbs of both hands. When the lock of hair has been coiled to the desired extent round the bar the retaining-wire B is moved to the position shown in fig. 2, the body of the wire bearing against the coil, and its bent end being pressed into the slot at the outer end of the bar, thereby confining the coil.

The object of curving the bar is that there may be between its concave edge and the straight or slightly bent retaining-wire an opening sufficient to admit the coil of hair, and the size of this opening may be increased or diminished at pleasure by bending the body of the wire inwards or outwards.

One of the advantages of the implement is that while it effectually retains the hair in its coiled condition it accommodates itself to the wearer's head, and is less prominent and much less unsightly than an ordinary curl-paper. Another advantage is that the coil of hair can be released from the instrument by simply throwing back the wire and turning the bar, or permitting the hair to uncoil itself.

I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The within-described hair-curler, composed of the curved bar A, of wood or other light material, and the retaining-wire B, hinged to one end of the said bar, and having a bent end fitted to a slot in the opposite end of the bar, all substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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