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Metal Comb.

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Fig. 1.

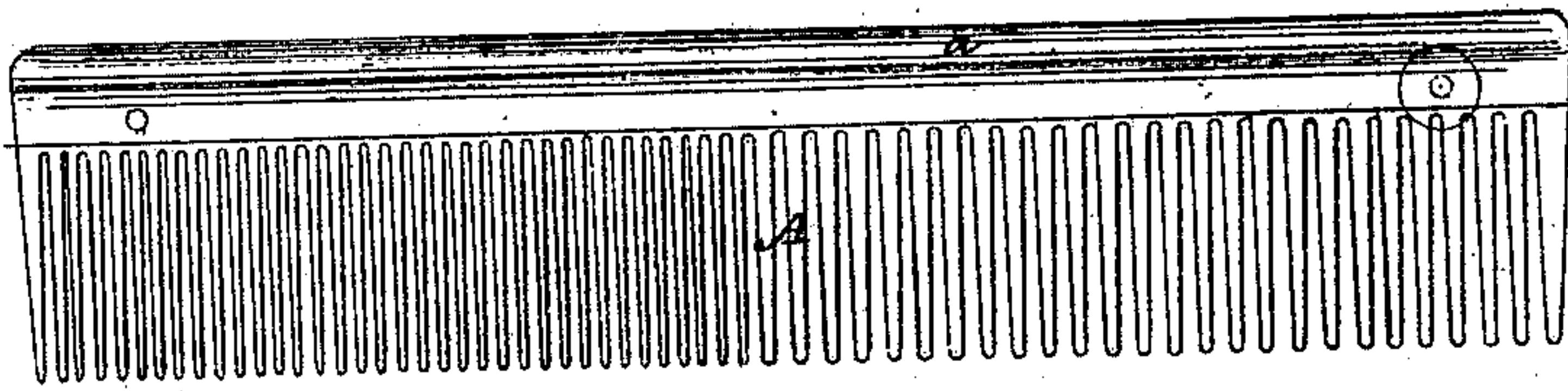
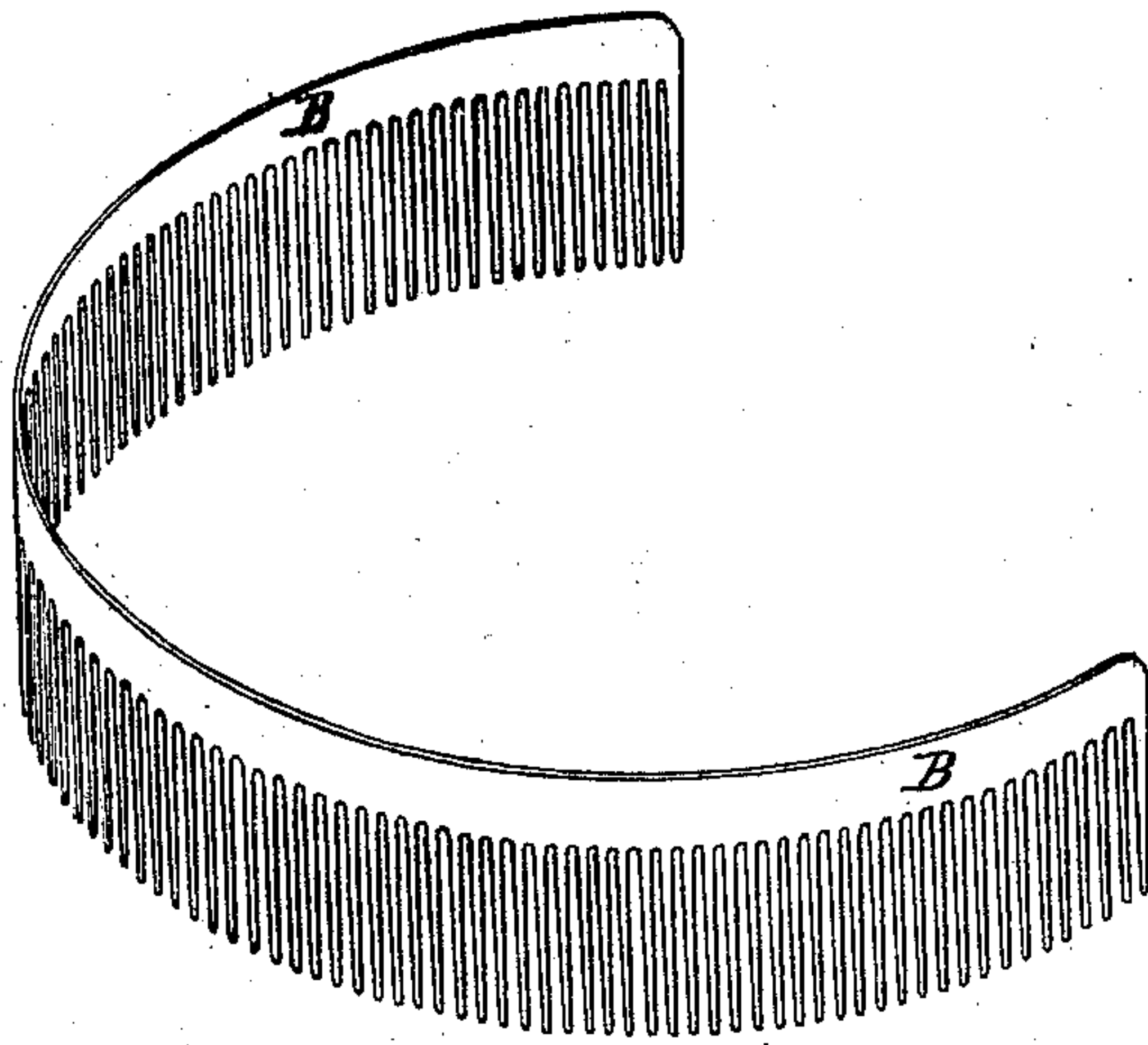


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ENAMELLED METAL COMBS.

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, CALEB FOSTER, of Wappinger's Falls, in the county of Dutchess, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Enamelled Metal Combs, as a new article of manufacture; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of my specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a straight comb, and

Figure 2 represents a round or curved comb.

Letters Patent of the United States have heretofore been granted for enamelled steel combs, which was my invention; but the requirements of the trade demand that a cheaper article should be made, which, though not so serviceable, still answers a purpose of commerce.

And my present invention consists in the production of a metal enamelled comb, the base of which shall be of metal of any known kind, (other than steel,) and enamelled to represent or imitate a material of which it is not composed.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe the same with reference to the drawings.

If the comb be straight, as shown at A, fig. 1, then it should have a back, strip, or saddle, *a*, upon it, to give it sufficient rigidity and strength. If round, as at B, fig. 2, it need not be backed.

I take sheet brass, iron, tin, or any other rolled metal, and having punched the teeth therein, and backed it, if straight, or curved or bent it, if a round comb, and rolled or smoothed it, if found necessary, and formed it into a comb, it is then enamelled all over, in the usual way of enamelling, and so that it shall represent or imitate a material of which the comb is not made.

I am aware that portions of a metal comb have been engraved or chased; and enamelled in the so sunken portions; but such combs still look like what they really are, viz, a metal comb, and I lay no claim to any such. I enamel my combs all over, so as to conceal the material of which they are made, and represent or imitate something entirely different from that of which they are made; as, for instance, in imitation of hard rubber, horn, ivory, bone, or any other of the materials of which combs are made.

The combs, after the enamelling, or in the process of enamelling, may be ornamented in any of the usual ways of ornamenting on or in enamelled surfaces.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, as a new article of manufacture, is—

A comb of any other sheet metal than steel, and enamelled all over so as to represent or imitate a material of which it is not made, but of which combs generally are made, as herein described and represented.

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