

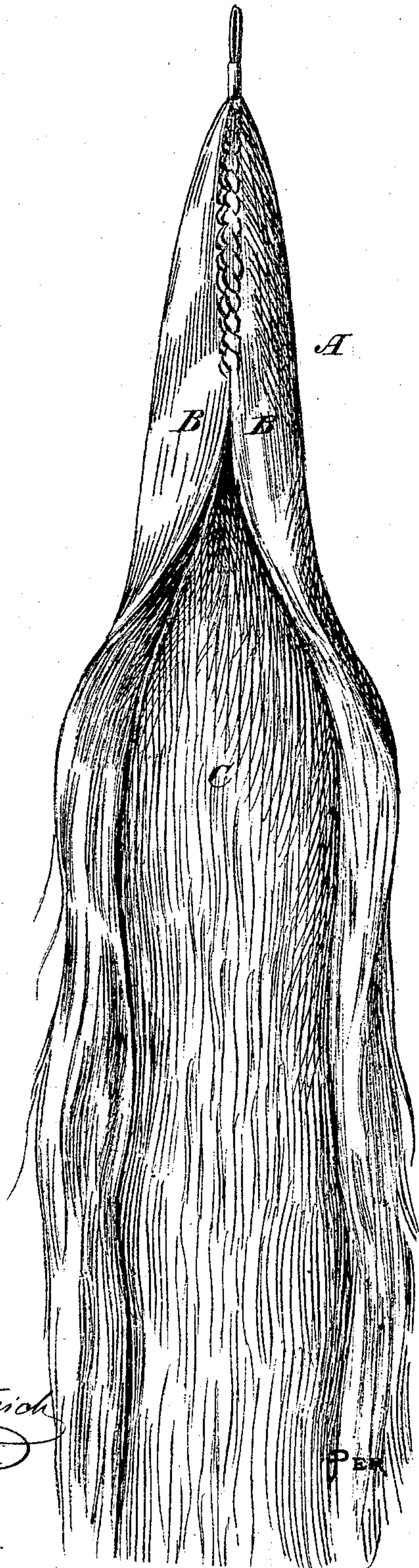
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## IMPROVEMENT IN HAIR-SWITCHES.

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Specification describing certain Improvements in Artificial Switches, invented by BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BURGESS, Jr., of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts.

The object of this invention is to furnish a cheap and durable switch for female wear, and consists in combining in a switch human hair and silk or other thread or material, the latter being a good imitation of human hair, the construction being as hereinafter more fully described.

The accompanying drawing illustrates our invention.

A is the switch, which is made so as to be divided into three strands for braiding, composed partly of human hair, B, and partly of thread or silk or other suitable material, marked in the drawing C. This thread portion C is surrounded by the human hair B, or forms the central portion of the switch, as seen in the drawing.

The "switch," as distinguished from the "chignon," is a distinct and well known article. In France it is called a "bandeaux." In England it is frequently called a "tail." Here it is called a "switch," and is braided and arranged upon

the head to suit the taste of the wearer, the arrangement being such that the human hair alone shows, and being such the natural hair of the wearer can be perfectly matched, which cannot be done with any dyed material.

A switch made according to our invention will not get rusty like other artificial switches. They can be combed and braided the same as human hair, and being composed of human hair and fine thread they keep perfectly clean and are entirely unobjectionable for ladies' wear.

We do not confine ourselves to any particular proportion between the human hair and the thread, nor to any particular material or kind of thread, as it may be varied in many ways without departing from our invention.

Having thus described our invention, we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

As a new article of manufacture a "switch" composed partly of human hair and partly of thread, substantially as shown and described.

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