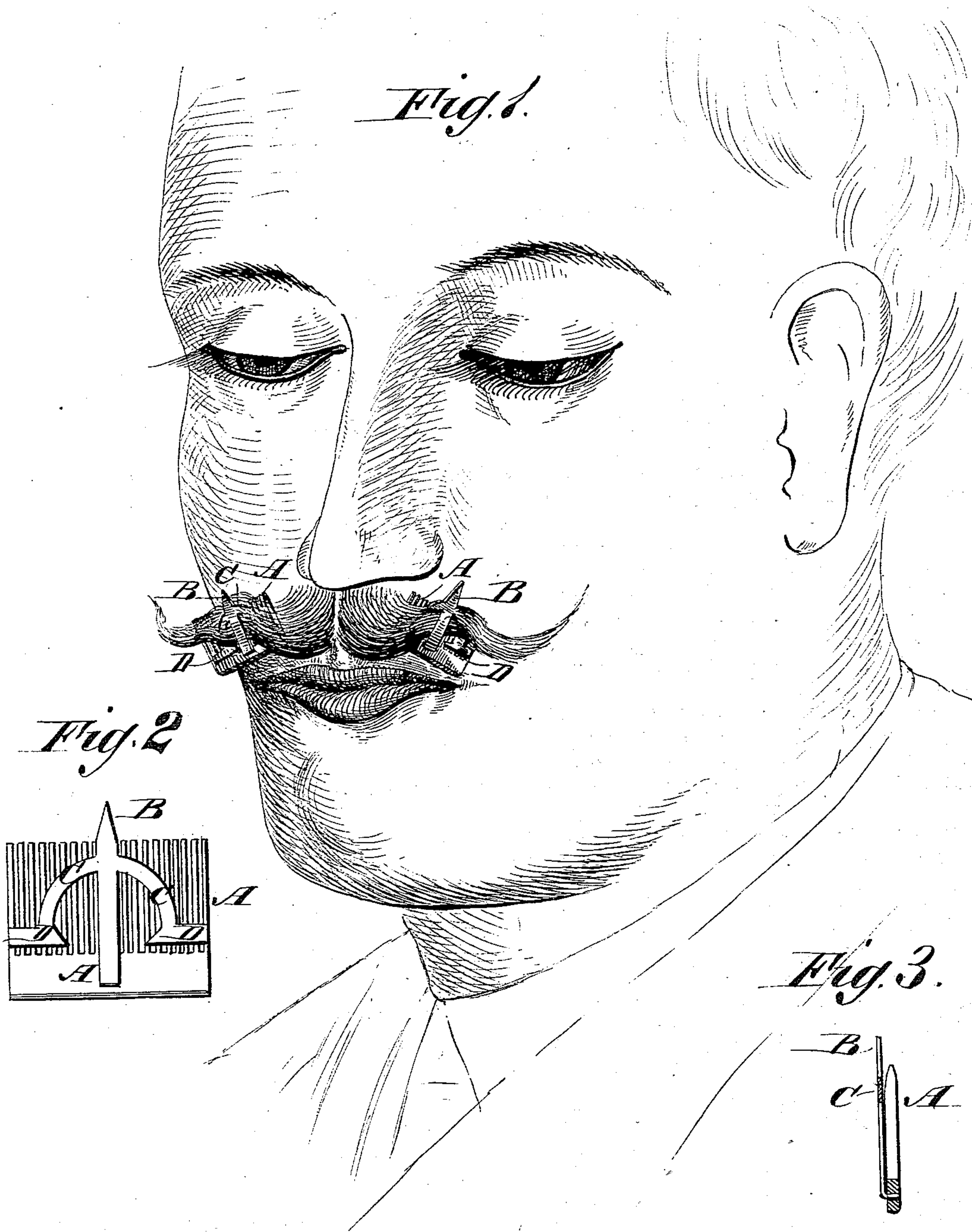


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN ALBERT MOORE, of Cambridgeport, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented
5 a new and Improved Mustache-Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved device for holding the mustache raised while eating, so that the mustache cannot come in contact with the food that is being passed into the mouth.

The invention consists in a mustache-holder formed of a comb, to one side of which a spring-frame, having curved arms, is attached, which
15 is raised, and then the comb is passed through the mustache and the spring-frame released, so that the mustache will be held between the comb and the spring-frame, whereby the mustache will be held raised, so that it cannot come
20 in contact with the food being passed into the mouth.

The invention also consists in details of construction, as will be fully described herein-
25 after.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

30 Figure 1 shows the manner of applying and using my improved mustache-holder. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal elevation of my improved mustache-holder. Fig. 3 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same.

35 To a small piece of comb, A, made of some suitable material, a spring-prong, B, is attached at the back—that is, at the base of the teeth—in such a manner that the free end of the prong projects a short distance above the free ends or

points of the teeth of the comb. The prong 40 B is provided, near its upper end, with two downwardly-projecting curved arms, C, which are provided, at the lower free ends, with cross-pieces D, parallel with the plane of the comb and the longitudinal edges of the same. The 45 prong B, the curved arms C, and the cross-pieces D rest flat against one side of the comb and are pressed against the same by the spring of the prong B.

To fasten the holder on the mustache, the 50 free end of the prong B is drawn from the comb, and the latter is passed through the mustache, whereupon the spring-prong is released and the mustache will be pressed between the comb and the spring-frame, and will thus be pre- 55 vented from dropping over the lips. The mustache will thus be out of the way while eating and cannot come in contact with the food that is being passed into the mouth. One holder is used for each end of the mustache. 60

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

1. In a mustache-holder, the combination, with the comb A, of the spring-prong B, at- 65 tached to the same and provided with curved arms C, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a mustache-holder, the combination, with the comb A, of the spring-prong B, at- 70 tached to the same and provided with curved arms C, having cross-pieces D at the ends, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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