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Fig. 1.

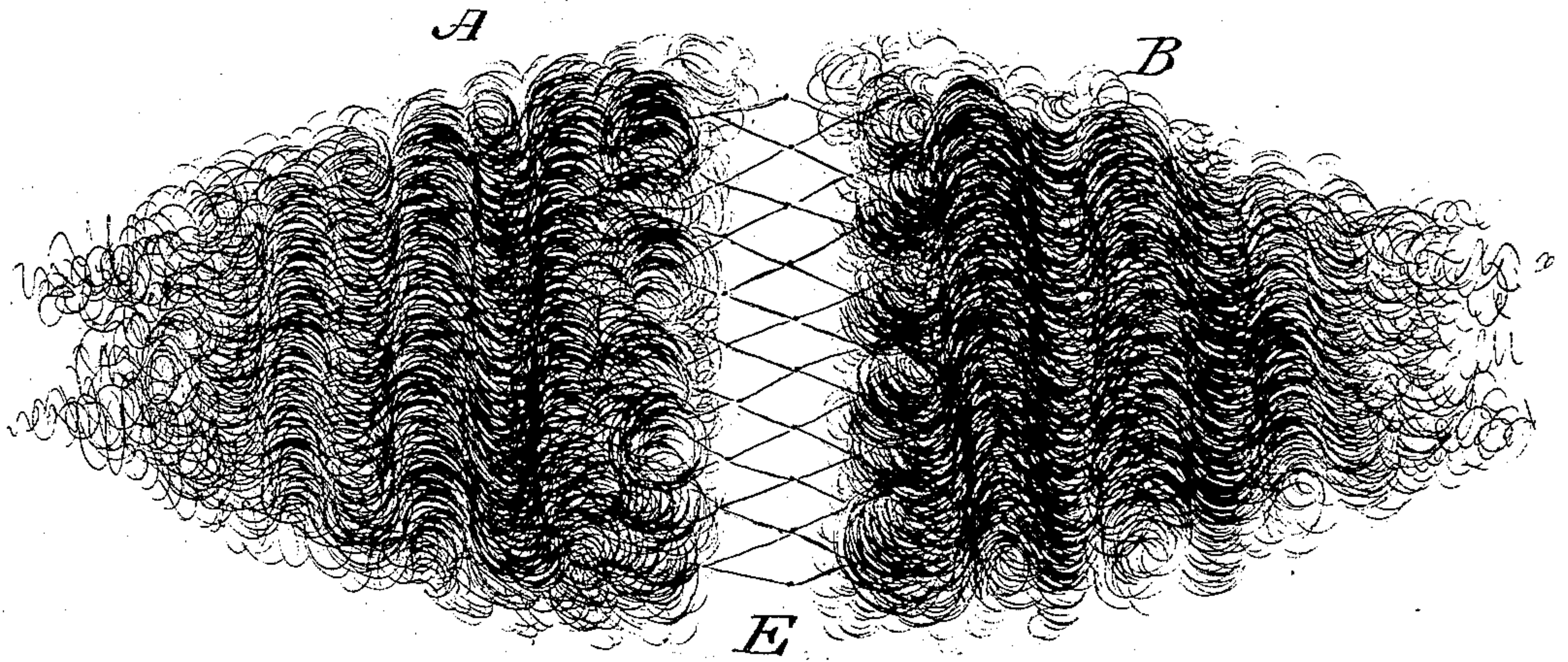
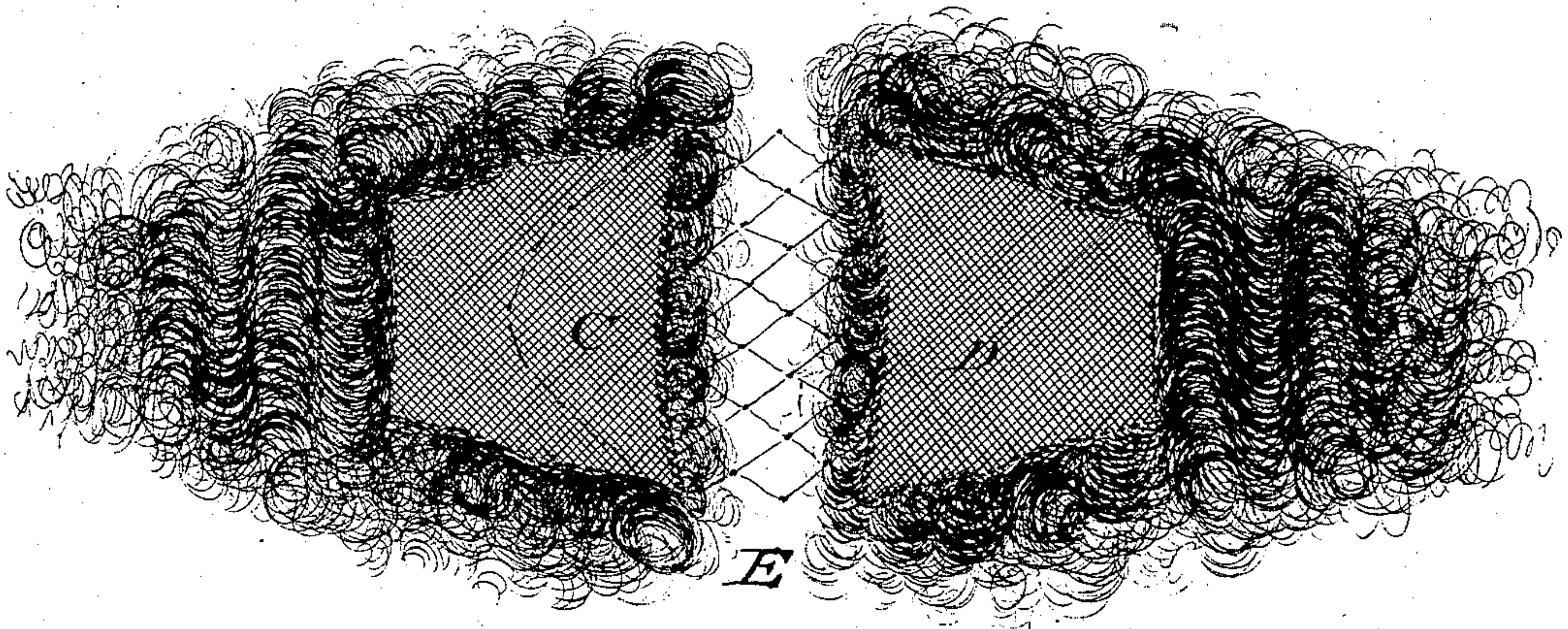


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NELLIE S. STOWELL, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ladies' Head-Dresses; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to an improved construction of hair fronts or waves composed of two parts, and the special manner of making the same. Heretofore the hair sections forming the front have been held together by means of fine netting, either white or black, and of the kind generally employed in the manufacture of wigs; or sections have been united either with or without the netting by metal clamps or springs. All such constructions, however, I have found cumbersome and expensive, and having, moreover, the disadvantage of invariably indicating the artificial nature of the front on account of the joining material at the line of parting not being practically invisible.

The object of my improvement accordingly is to so construct and arrange the hair sections forming the front or wave as that the natural scalp of the wearer will at all times show the entire length of the parting-line, as usual, and at the same time be held together and united at various points from front to rear at their inner edges, thus securing the several advantages of strength, lightness, and cheapness in manufacture, and especially, through the practical invisibility of the connecting-material employed, the natural appearance of the wave when in use.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a plan top view of the device, showing the arrangement of the hair sections, and the large-mesh netting uniting the same. Fig. 2 represents a bottom view of the same, showing, in addition to the above, strengthening or foundation pieces of ordinary net material.

In the manufacture of my improvement, I use natural or artificial hair, crimped, curled, woven, ventilated, or otherwise prepared by well-known methods or processes.

The wave made in accordance with my invention consists of hair sections A and B, Fig. 1, provided with foundation-pieces C D, (shown in Fig. 2,) the same being connected at various points from front to rear at their inner edges by means of a netting, E, of hair, silk, or other suitable material of a large mesh, and known to the trade as "invisible netting," the wave-sections being separated from each other to the extent of an inch or so, so as to allow the natural hair of the wearer to show through the meshes of the netting, and exhibit the scalp and natural parting of said hair, and, moreover, by the facility afforded through the medium of the wide parting of the wave-sections of the natural hair commingling with the false at their respective edges, and thus losing its identity, as it were, whereby the imitation or illusion is greatly enhanced.

Having thus described my invention and the manner of constructing the same, I would have it understood that I am aware of the several constructions shown in the patents numbered, respectively, 187,198, 253,412, 263,665, and 276,306, and to such, or any part of such, I make no claim, broadly; but

What I do claim as new and of my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. A hair front or wave composed of sections A B, foundation-pieces C D, and large-mesh invisible-netting connecting-piece E, all constructed and arranged substantially as described and shown.

2. In a hair front or wave composed, essentially, of two sections, the large-mesh netting E, constructed and arranged as shown, for the purpose of connecting said sections at various points along the entire length of their inner edges by a comparatively invisible joining, and allowing at the same time of their separation to form a parting wider than the natural parting of the hair of the wearer, substantially in the manner described, and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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