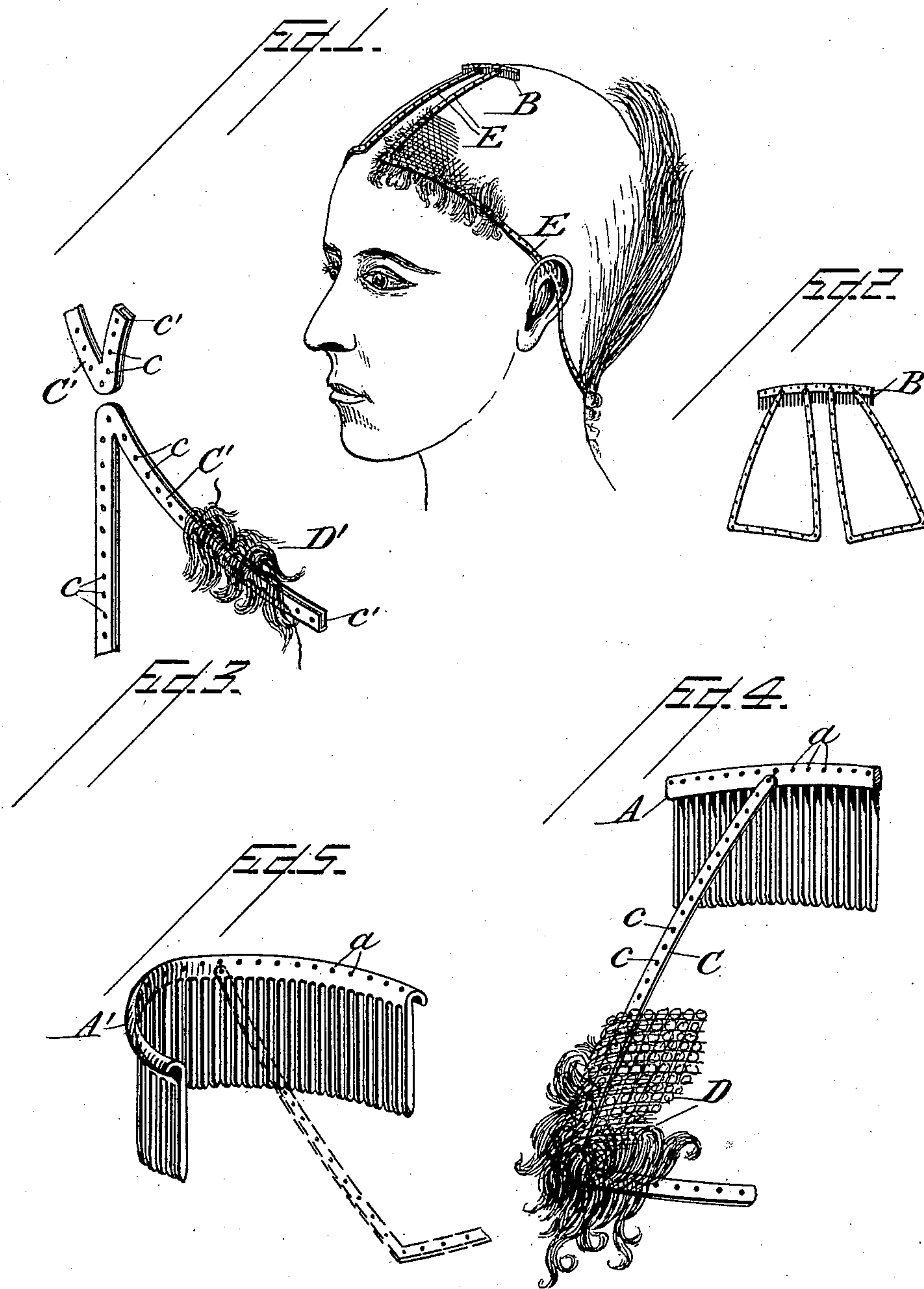


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRIET A. EMERY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Frames for Combs; 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.

This invention relates to an improvement in invisible comb-frames for use in hair-dressing, the object of the invention being to provide a comb with a frame of proper form, shape, and size to fit any head or face for which it may be made, on which frame the hair, wig, or other form of hair-dressing may be arranged, located, or built in such a manner as that bald spots may be effectually concealed and the head neatly dressed with hair; and the invention consists, essentially, in the combination, with a comb, of a frame shaped suitably to conform to the shape of the head or face; and, further, it comprises certain details in the construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, substantially as will be hereinafter described and claimed.

In the annexed drawings, illustrating my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a head with one form of the frame for the comb arranged thereon in combination with a comb, said form of the frame extending from near the central upper part of the head, where the comb is located, down toward the forehead, and then along down on each side behind the ear toward the neck. Fig. 2 is a detail view of a comb with a slightly-different form of frame connected thereto. Fig. 3 is an enlarged detail view of a form of frame, showing the same provided with its perforations and grooves, together with portions of hair-work connected thereto. Fig. 4 is a partial view of a comb with one form of the frame connected thereto by stitching. Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a curved form of comb provided with a curved flange and perforations, together with the same form of frame connected thereto as is shown in Fig. 4.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in the several figures of the drawings.

The essential point of the present inven-

tion consists in the combination, with a comb of any suitable form and structure, of a frame, which frame is designed and adapted to sustain and support the hair-work, which may be of any form, either that for dressing the head or for dressing the face, either what is commonly known as "false hair" or "false wigs" for beards. The invention therefore may be said to comprise the combination, with the comb, of any kind of a wig or hair supporting frame adapted to be removably connected thereto at different points along the length of the comb for the purpose of sustaining the hair in the manner as hereinafter described and claimed. This frame will of course be shaped correspondingly with the head or face to which it is to be applied or upon which it is to be located, and therefore it will partake of a diversity of forms, and those shown in the drawings are indicated by way of example only.

Referring to Fig. 4, I have shown one form of comb A, having its bar provided with a series of perforations *a*. In Fig. 5 I have represented a curved form of comb A', whose bar is likewise provided with a series of perforations *a*. In Figs. 1 and 2 I have shown straight combs B, having perforated bars. In Fig. 4 there appears one form of the frame C, on which the hair-work D is arranged and connected, said frame C being connected by stitching to the perforated bar of the comb A, while the hair-work D is connected to the frame C by having it stitched through the perforations *c* formed in the body of the frame C. In Fig. 3 the frame is shown in angular form C', having the perforations *c c* formed in a series therein and provided on its edges with grooves *c'*. D' in Fig. 3 represents a certain amount of hair-work connected to the frame C' by entering the groove *c'* and being stitched to the perforation *c*. In Fig. 1 the comb B has connected to it the angular frames E E, which have parallel portions running from the comb B, which is placed centrally on the top of the head, down toward the forehead, and then turning at right angles and passing down back of the ear to the neck. The angular frames E E are constructed similarly to the frame C and its modification C', said frame being provided with the series of perforations, and also, when



necessary, with grooves, said perforations and grooves being arranged so that the hair-work, of whatever sort it may be, may be readily secured thereto. It will be noted that these frames, whether they be of the form C or C' or E, are to be shaped so that they may cover the bald places on the head and permit the hair to be suitably arranged, and also when the frame E is employed parallel portions thereof on the top of the head permit the hair to be so arranged that the parting in the central line may be exposed to view in the usual manner.

In another pending application of mine for a patent upon an invisible comb for hair-dressing, filed June 16, 1890, Serial No. 355,663, I have claimed a removable longitudinally-grooved cap, which is adapted to be seated upon the edge of the comb-bar, said cap being adapted to support the hair in any desired manner. Said case, however, is clearly distinguished from the present specification, inasmuch as in this case I aim to provide a frame of proper form, shape, and size to conform to and fit the head or face or any part thereof, so as to permit the hair, wigs, or other forms of hair-dressing to be arranged or located upon said frame in any desired manner so as to dress the hair neatly, cover bald spots, &c., said frame being combined with a comb.

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

1. The herein-described invisible comb-frame, consisting in the combination, with a comb having a perforated bar, of a suitable frame which is shaped, bent, or curved in order to adapt it to conform to the shape, outline, or contour of the head, face, or any part thereof for which it may be made, said frame being capable of adjustment relatively to the comb by attachment at any point desired upon said bar, and being adapted to permit hair, wigs, or other forms of hair-dressing to be arranged, located, or built thereon, so as to effectually conceal bald spots and neatly dress the hair, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a comb having its bar provided with a series of perforations *a*, of the frame bent at a suitable angle or angles and shaped to conform to the shape, outline, or contour of the head, face, or any part thereof for which it may be made, said frame being capable of adjustment relatively to the comb by attachment at any point desired upon said bar, and said frame being provided with perforations *c* and grooves *c'*, so that hair, wigs, or other forms of hair-dressing may be connected thereto, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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

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