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Fig. 1.

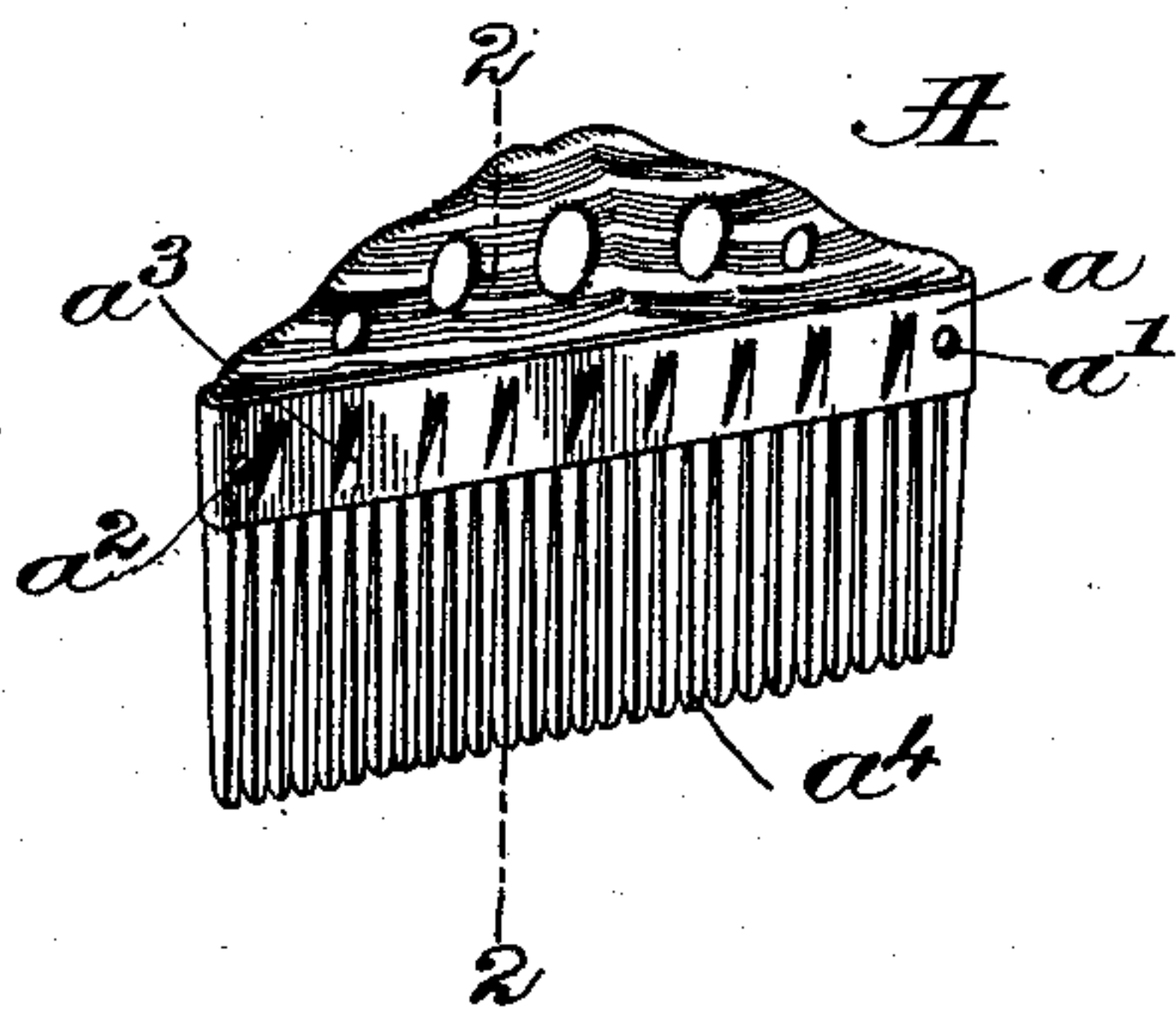
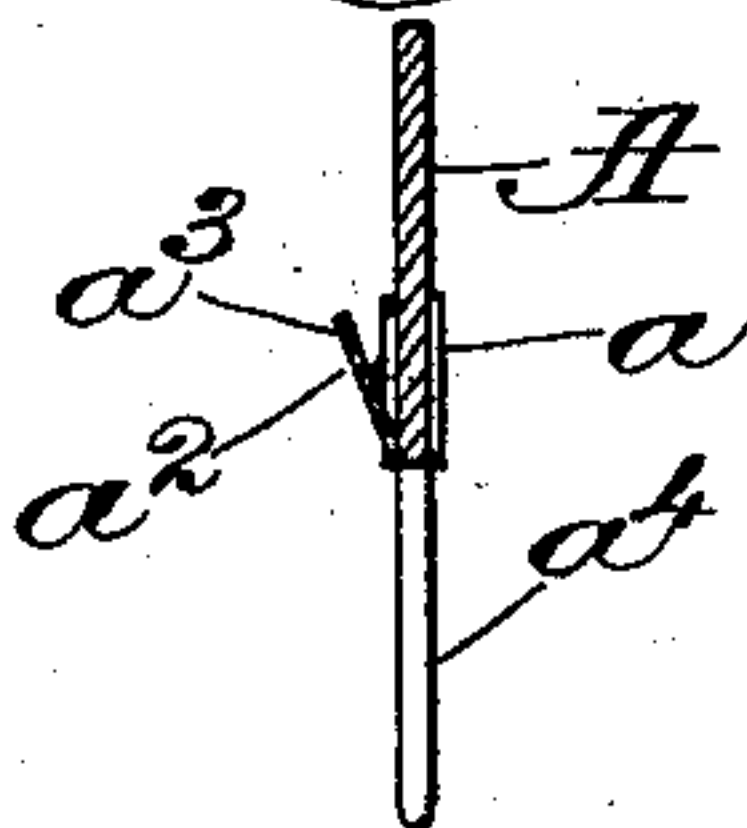


Fig. 3.



Fig. 2.



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HAT-FASTENER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM N. MURDOCK, of Boston, county of Suffolk, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Hat-Fasteners, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

My invention is a device for enabling ladies to secure their hats in position and for enabling them readily to remove their hats when desired, my invention being herein shown as applied to a usual side comb, such as is commonly worn by ladies in their hair.

Various appliances have heretofore been provided and suggested for the ready attachment of hats to the head; but these inventions, so far as known to me, have either been cumbersome or awkward or have disfigured or injured the hat either by being inserted therethrough or by being secured thereto.

My invention is intended merely to catch and hold the hat on the inside thereof without in any way seriously injuring the hat and without inconveniencing the wearer.

The details of my invention will be more fully apprehended in the course of the following description and claim, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, illustrative of the preferred embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention applied to an ordinary side comb. Fig. 2 is a vertical section thereof on the line 2 2. Fig. 3 is a front elevation, partially broken away, illustrating the manner of using my invention.

I have herein shown my invention as applied to a usual or preferred comb, preferably a side comb A. About the side comb I have secured a metal strip a , having its ends bent around the edges of the comb and riveted thereto at a' a^2 and provided along its length with transverse teeth a^3 , herein shown as stamped or struck up from the metal, these teeth being preferably slender and sharp-pointed and deflected from the plane of the comb at a sufficient angle to enable them to

catch readily in the hat of the wearer, the teeth a^3 projecting in an opposite direction from the teeth a^4 of the comb proper.

While I have herein shown the teeth a^3 as provided along the metal strip, it will be understood that my invention is not restricted in this particular, but that the teeth may be provided in any other manner desired or convenient.

In operation the combs A will be inserted in the hair as usual, (see Fig. 3,) one on each side of the head, the teeth a^4 entering the hair in the well-known manner, and thereby leaving the teeth a^3 projecting outwardly on the upper side, so that when the user's hat is fitted to the head the lining or lower edge of the crown will be caught by the teeth a^3 and will catch and hold the hat securely in position.

When the wearer wishes to remove the hat, all that is necessary is to press the combs—one or both of them—slightly inwardly, thereby removing the teeth a^3 from engagement with the hat and leaving the latter free to be removed.

I do not intend to restrict my invention otherwise than as defined in the claim.

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

As an article of manufacture, a hat-fastener, comprising a comb having a band to embrace the comb above and transversely of the teeth of the comb, said band having slender, sharp-pointed teeth punched therefrom in a series along the middle of the band and from end to end of the comb, said teeth being integral at their bases with the band, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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