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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.

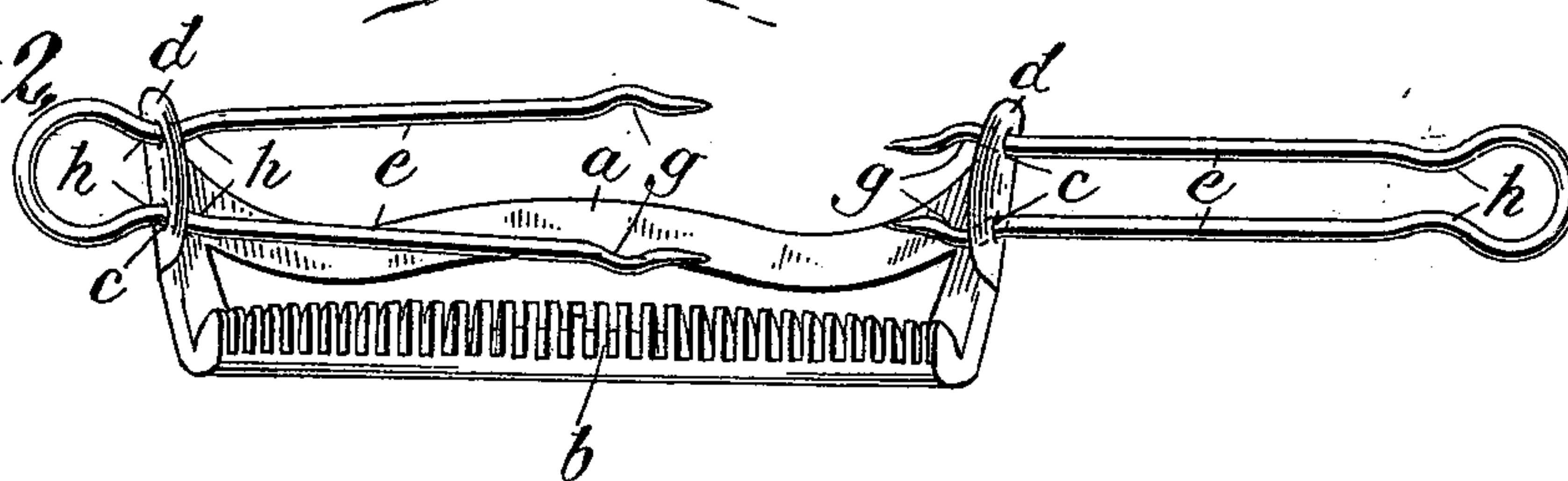


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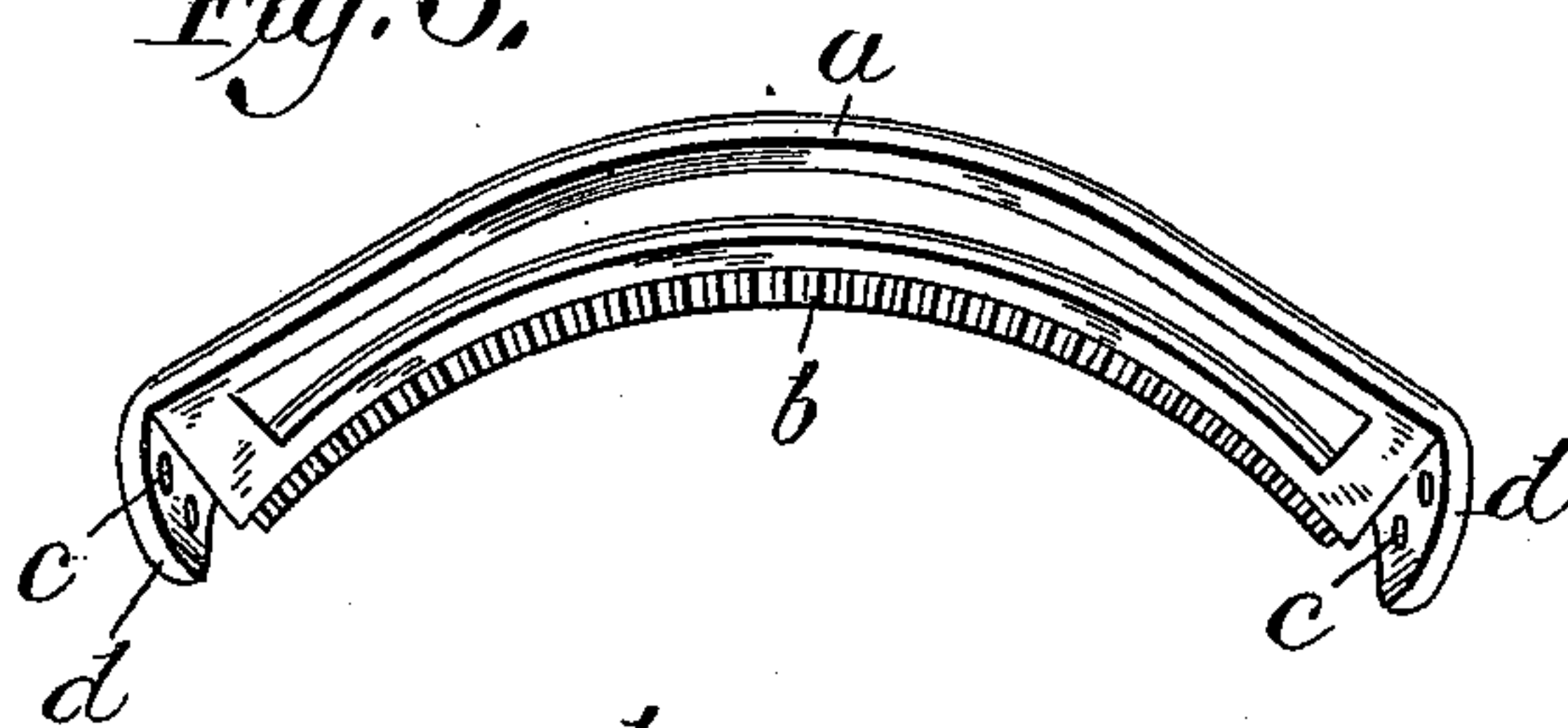


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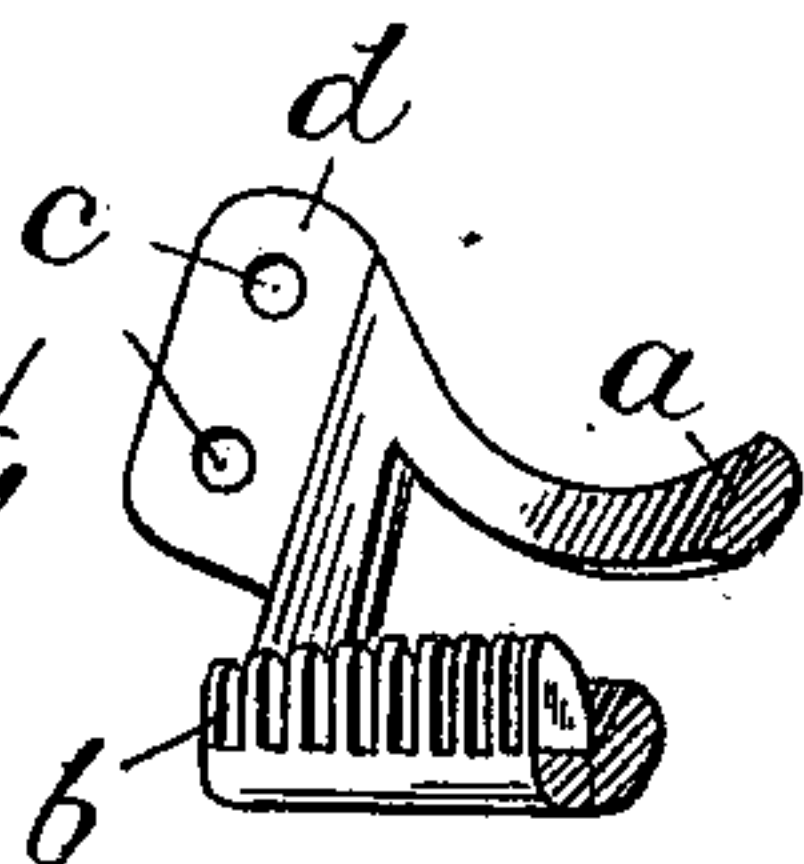
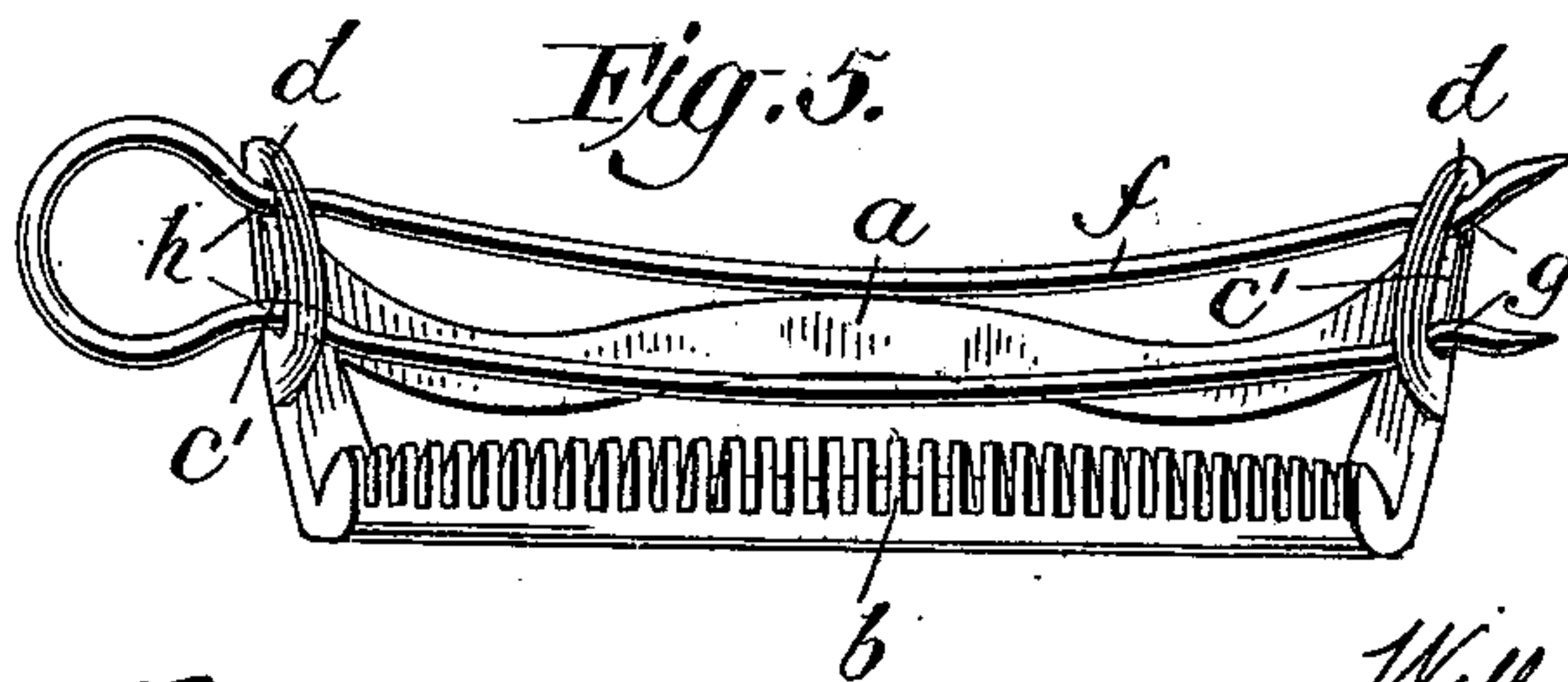


Fig. 5.



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## HAIR-RETAINER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM SIMON BECHTOLD, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Newark, county of Essex, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hair-Retainers, of which the following is a specification.

The hair-retaining device forming the subject of this invention is designed for use as a neck-comb to hold the neck-hairs and loose locks in position to impart a neat appearance to the wearer of the article.

The invention comprises a main member or body portion of suitable ornamental design curved to fit the back of the head or neck and having at its lower edge inwardly and upwardly extending teeth at such an angle to the plane of the body portion as to readily engage the straggling back hairs and loose locks by an upward movement of the comb against the neck without scratching the neck or otherwise inconveniencing the user, and a fastening device or devices, which may partake of the form of a two-pronged pin, fitted to slide through holes in the ends of the body portion, so as to be passed into the bunch of hair engaged by the retainer and preferably formed to be locked in both their outer and inner positions.

In the accompanying drawings, to which I will now refer to more fully describe my invention, Figure 1 represents my improved hair-retainer as applied in use. Fig. 2 is an inside elevation of the device. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the body portion. Fig. 4 is a transverse central section of the body portion; and Fig. 5 is an inside elevation of the device, showing a modification of the retaining-pin.

The main member or body portion *a* of the hair-retainer has, as shown, a curvilinear form to approximately fit the neck or back of the head of the wearer. Its lower edge is provided with a series of comb-teeth *b*, which extend therefrom in an inwardly and upwardly direction—that is, at an angle to the curved plane of the body of the comb, as shown. The teeth *b* are made only sufficiently long to properly engage with and retain the loose neck-hairs, their formation and arrangement being such that the loose neck-hairs will be engaged by them as the comb is moved

in an upwardly direction over the neck without any discomfort to the user. A suitable construction constituting the means for holding the device in position after the loose hairs of the neck have been engaged by the teeth *b* and one well adapted to insure its positive retention on the hair may be as follows:

Through holes *c c* in the ears *d d*, extending inwardly from the ends of the body portion *a*, the pins, which are curved correspondingly to the body portion, are passed so as to enter into the batch of hair engaged by the body portion, and thus hold the body securely in place. Two of such pins, as *e e*, (shown at Fig. 2,) may be used, one passing from each side of the device into the hair, or a single pin, as *f*, (shown at Fig. 5,) may be used, sufficiently long to be passed through the ear opposite the one through which it is entered after being passed through the batch of hair.

To prevent the detachment of the retaining-pins from the body portion *a*, said pins being preferably made double or two-pronged and spring-acting, they are provided with offsets or crimped near their points, as at *g g*, so that they cannot be withdrawn entirely out of the holes *c c*, as shown at the right-hand end of Fig. 2; and they are provided with offsets or crimped near their bends, which constitutes their manipulating-handles, as at *h h*, which offsets engage with the holes *c c* and so lock the pins in operative position, as shown at the left-hand end of Fig. 2. When one forked pin is used, the offsets *g g* may be caused to engage with the slot *c'* when the pin is in its hair-retaining position and so provide a double lock to prevent its displacement when in use, as shown at Fig. 5.

The device is neat in appearance, readily applied, and securely held in position when applied to the back hair, as described, and may exteriorly have any desired shape and be ornamented in any desired manner.

I claim as my invention—

1. In a back-hair retainer, the combination with a curvilinear one-piece frame having short comb-teeth extending inwardly and upwardly from its lower curved edge adapted solely to retain the loose neck-hairs engaged by them; of a holding device applied to the

frame for securing it in position on the hair, adapted to be passed into the bunch of hair embraced by the frame.

2. In a back-hair retainer, the combination  
5 with a main or a body portion having comb-teeth projecting inwardly from its lower edge and upwardly at an acute angle to the plane of the body portion, of two-pronged spring-acting fastening-pins located in holes formed  
10 in the ends of the body portion and having offsets formed at their inner and outer ends for engagement with the sides of the holes in which they are located.

3. In a back-hair retainer, the combination  
15 with a curvilinear main or body portion having short comb-teeth projecting inwardly from

its lower edge and upwardly at an acute angle to the curvilinear plane of the body portion and adapted solely to retain loose hair, of fastening-pins formed to slide through  
20 holes in the ends of the body portion to be passed into the bunch of hair engaged by the body portion and to be locked in their inner and outer positions relative to the body portion.  
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In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 18th day of September, 1900.

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