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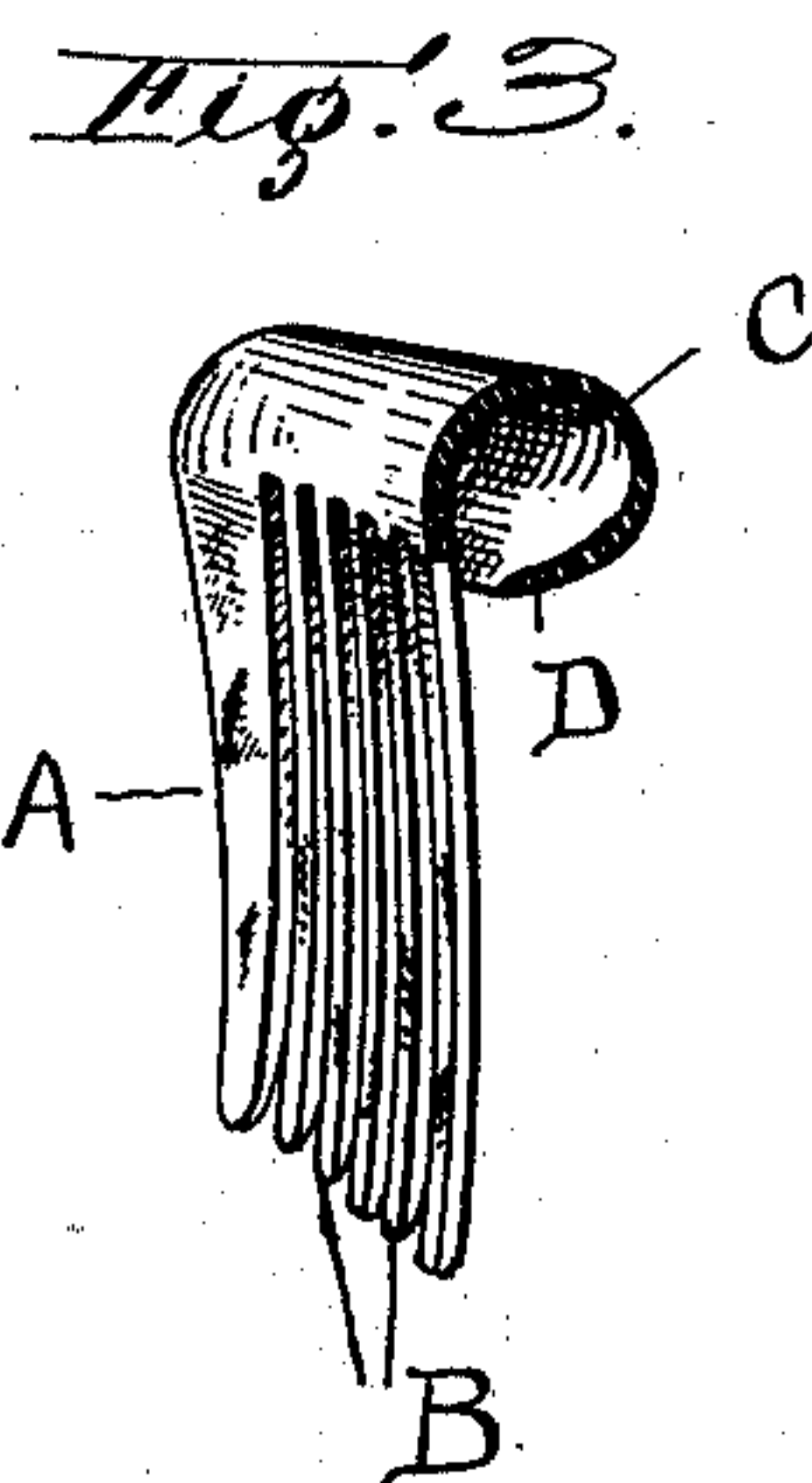
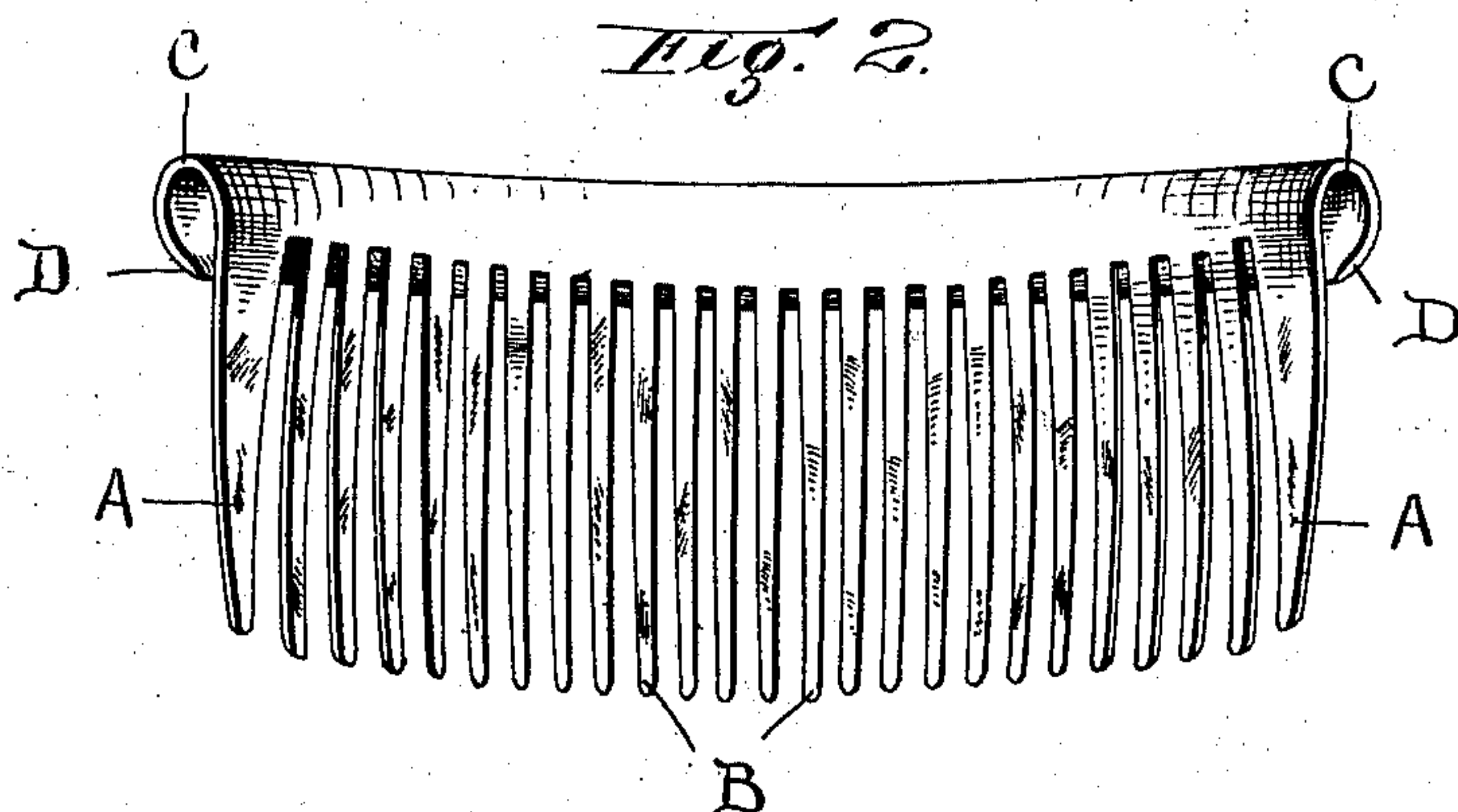
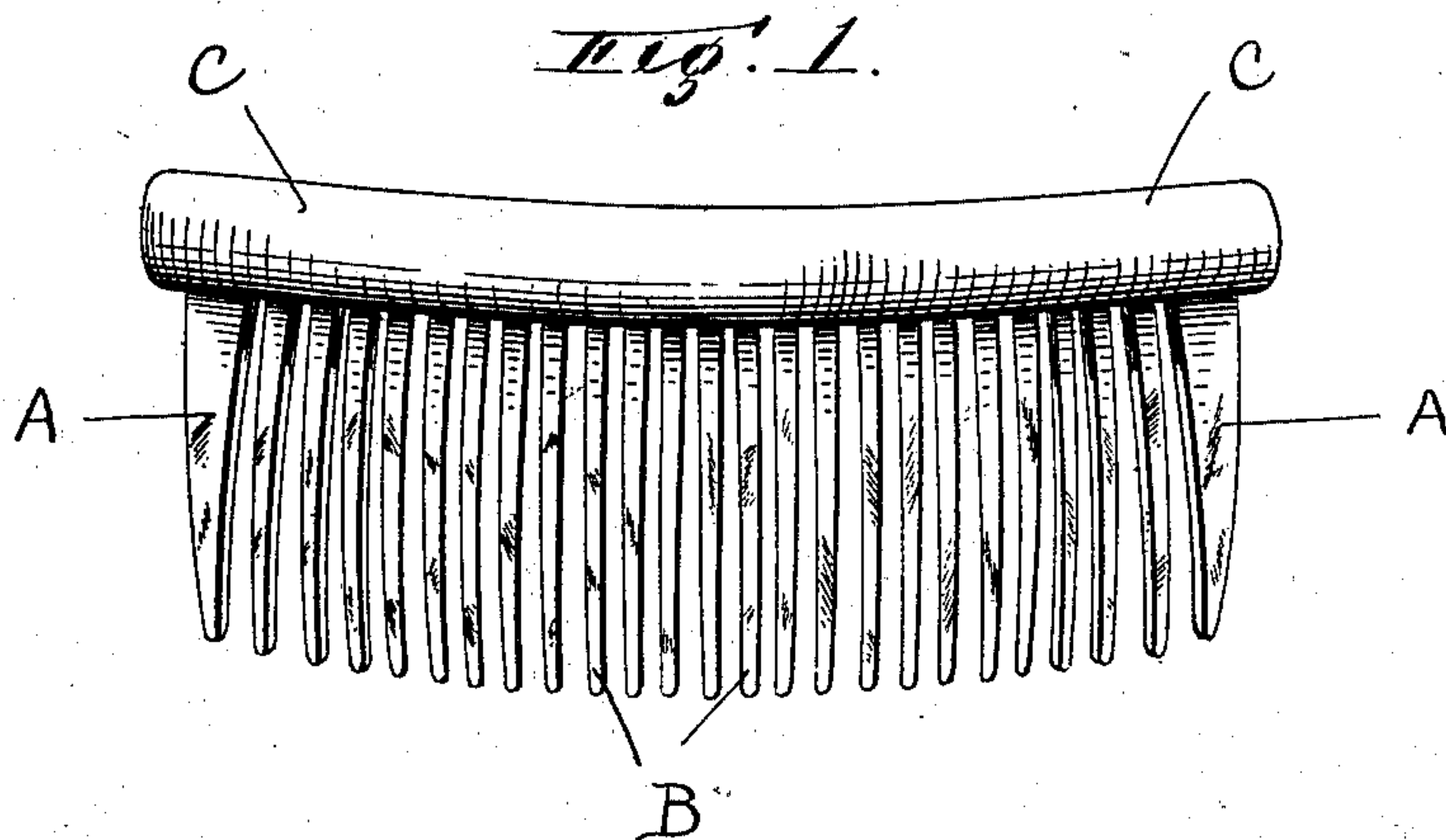
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## COMB.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD B. KINGMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Leominster, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Roll-Topped Comb, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a comb which has been especially designed to be stronger and more permanent in its shape than combs now ordinarily employed and which is so shaped that it will more efficiently retain the hair in shape than other forms of combs with which I am familiar.

To these ends this invention consists of the comb as an article of manufacture and of the combinations of parts therein, as hereinafter described, and more particularly pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a rear view of a comb constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a front view of a comb constructed according to my invention, and Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view of the same.

The ordinary forms of combs employed by ladies for ornamental hair-dressing purposes have been found to be objectionable for several reasons. Ordinary shell, celluloid, or other similar combs are usually comparatively brittle and are easily broken. The cheaper grades of combs, furthermore, are extremely liable to warp and change their shape under the influence of the heat of the head of the wearer, while plain combs of ordinary patterns do not efficiently fasten the hair in the desired shape, the comb frequently working out of place and losing its hold on the shorter hairs.

The especial object of my present invention is therefore to provide a comb of a much stronger construction than heretofore employed which will be of a permanent shape and not liable to become warped or twisted and which is so constructed that it will lock itself into place in the hair, so as to efficiently hold the hair of the user in place. To accomplish these results, a comb constructed according to my invention comprises a body portion having ordinary teeth on one edge

and a substantially tubular roll along its other edge, formed by rolling the material around and back upon itself, so that the free edge of the roll is substantially perpendicular to the outer face of the comb along a line intermediate the ends of the teeth, leaving a narrow groove or slot, in which the hair of the user is gripped or fastened.

In practice I prefer to slightly sharpen the free edge of the roll, so as to more efficiently engage the hair of the wearer, and in practice combs constructed according to my invention have been employed for back combs, side combs, and of other configurations for use in different styles of hair-dressing.

Referring to the accompanying drawings and in detail, a comb constructed according to my invention, as herein illustrated, comprises a curved body portion A, which is slotted along one edge to form the ordinary comb-teeth B. The upper edge of the body portion A is turned or rolled back upon itself to form a substantially tubular roll C, having the lower or free edge D of the roll substantially perpendicular to the body portion of the comb along a line intermediate the ends of the teeth, and the edge D being preferably sharpened or brought to an edge, a narrow slot being left between the body portion of the comb and the free edge D of the roll.

In the present instance I have illustrated a comb substantially of the form employed for a "back" comb, so called; but, as before explained, my invention is equally applicable to side combs or to combs used in other places upon the head of the wearer. I do not wish, therefore, to be limited to the construction I have herein shown and described; but

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

1. As an article of manufacture, a comb of the class described, comprising a body portion slotted to form teeth along one edge and having a tubular roll at its opposite edge, the free end of the roll approaching the body portion of the comb at a point intermediate the ends of the teeth, so as to cooperate therewith in gripping or locking the comb in place in the hair.

2. As an article of manufacture, a comb of



the class described, comprising a curved body  
portion A slotted to form comb-teeth B along  
one edge, and bent back along its opposite  
edge to form a substantially tubular roll C,  
5 the free edge of which is sharpened, as at D,  
and stands substantially perpendicular to the  
face of the comb on a line intermediate the  
ends of the teeth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand in the presence of two subscribing 10  
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