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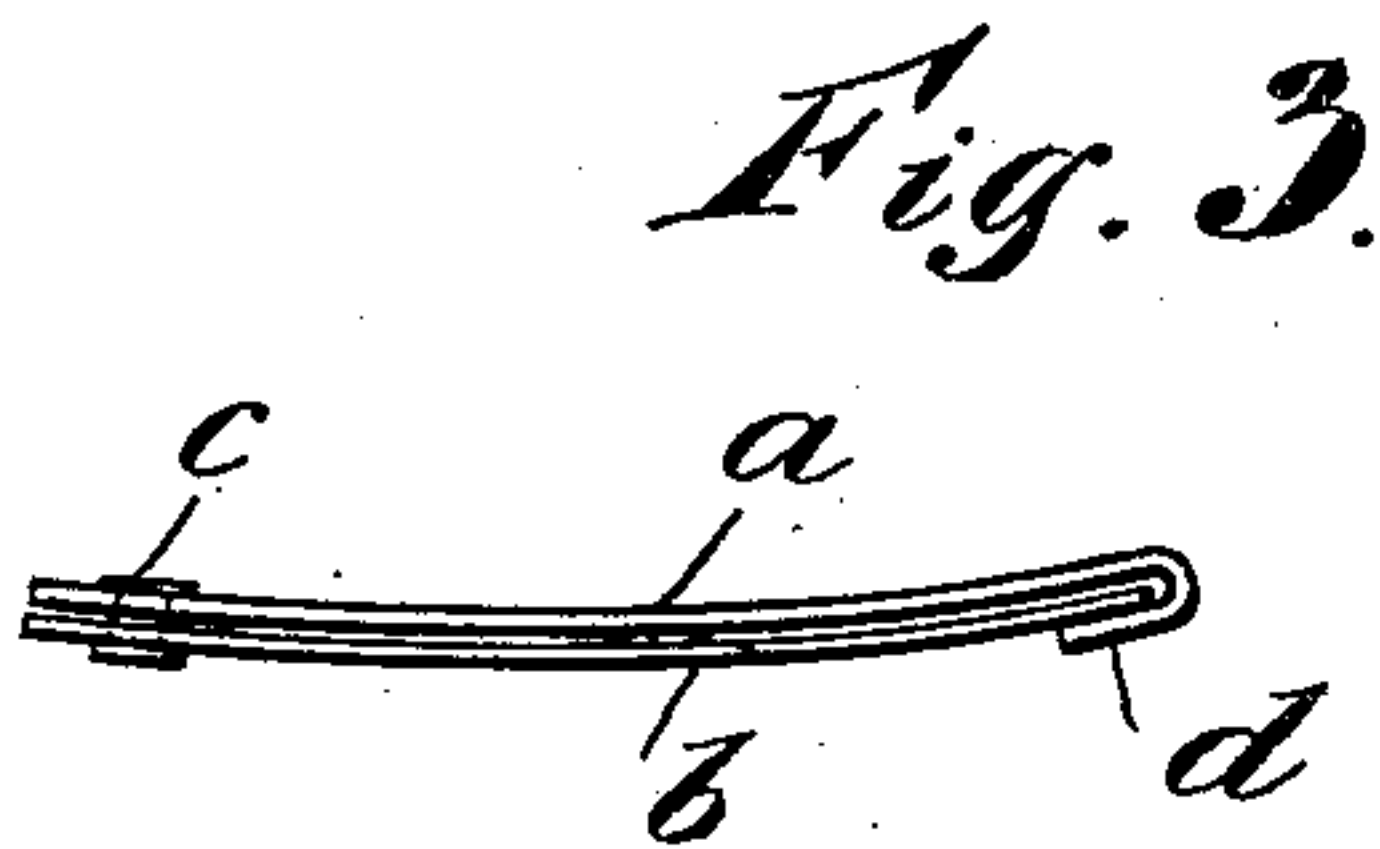
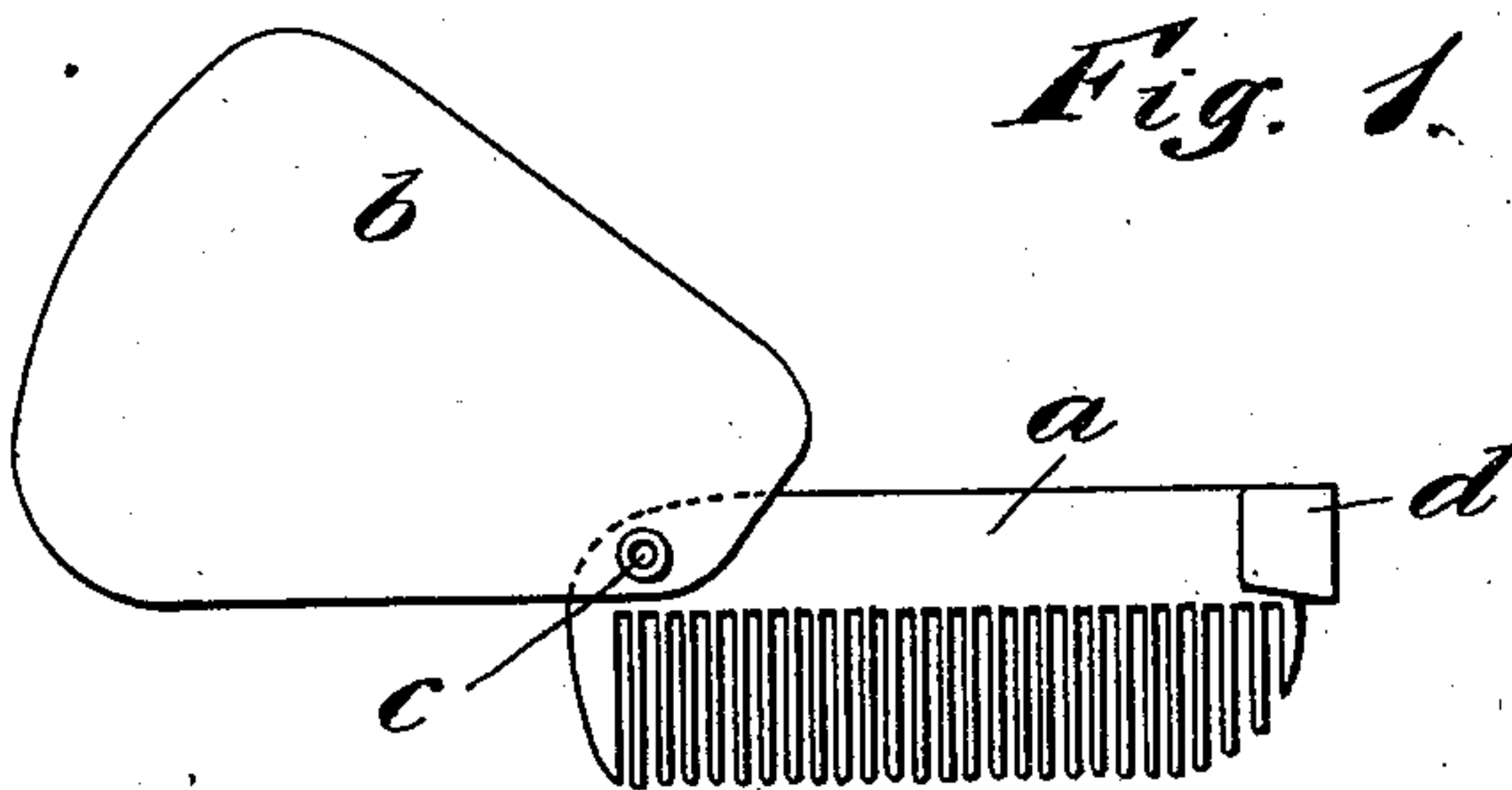
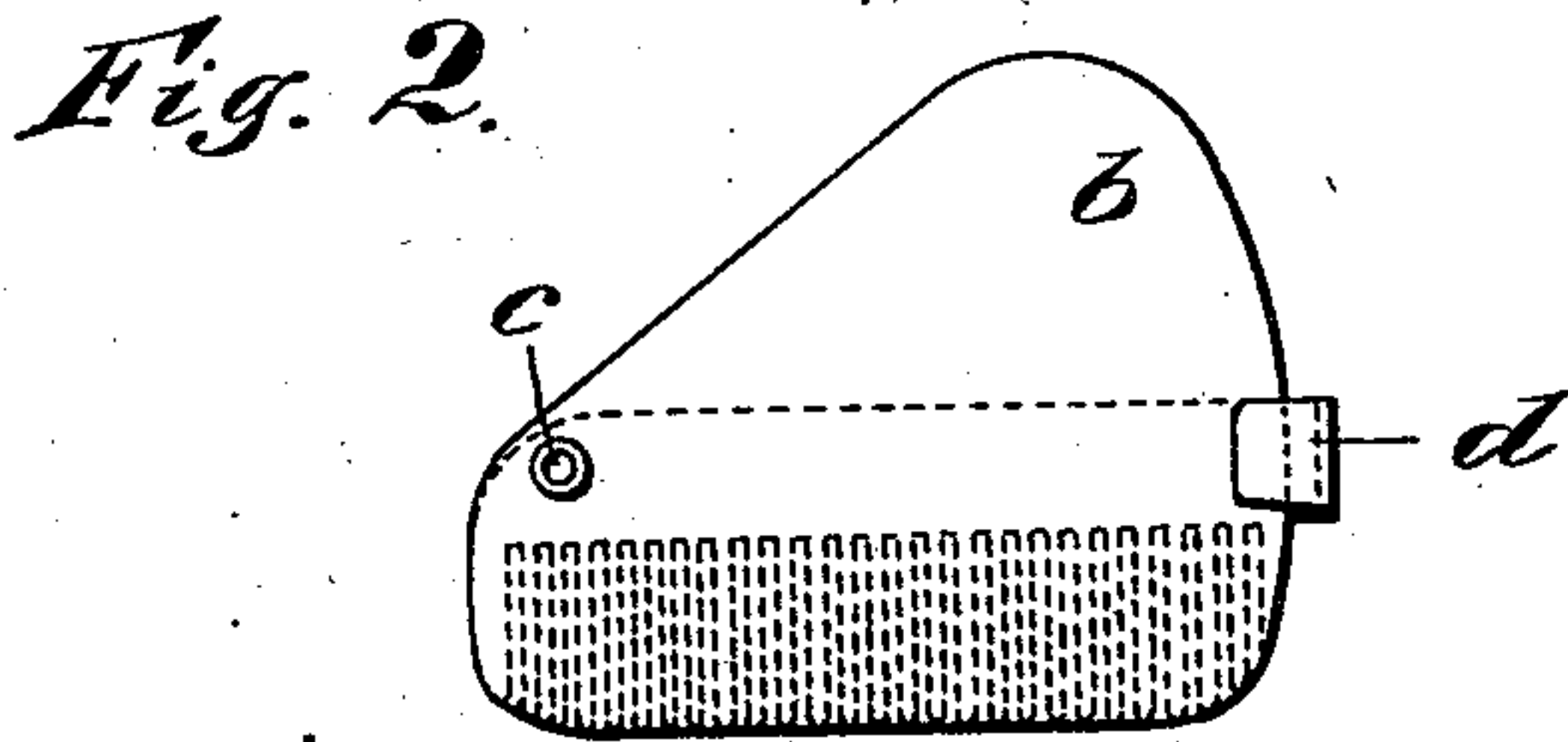
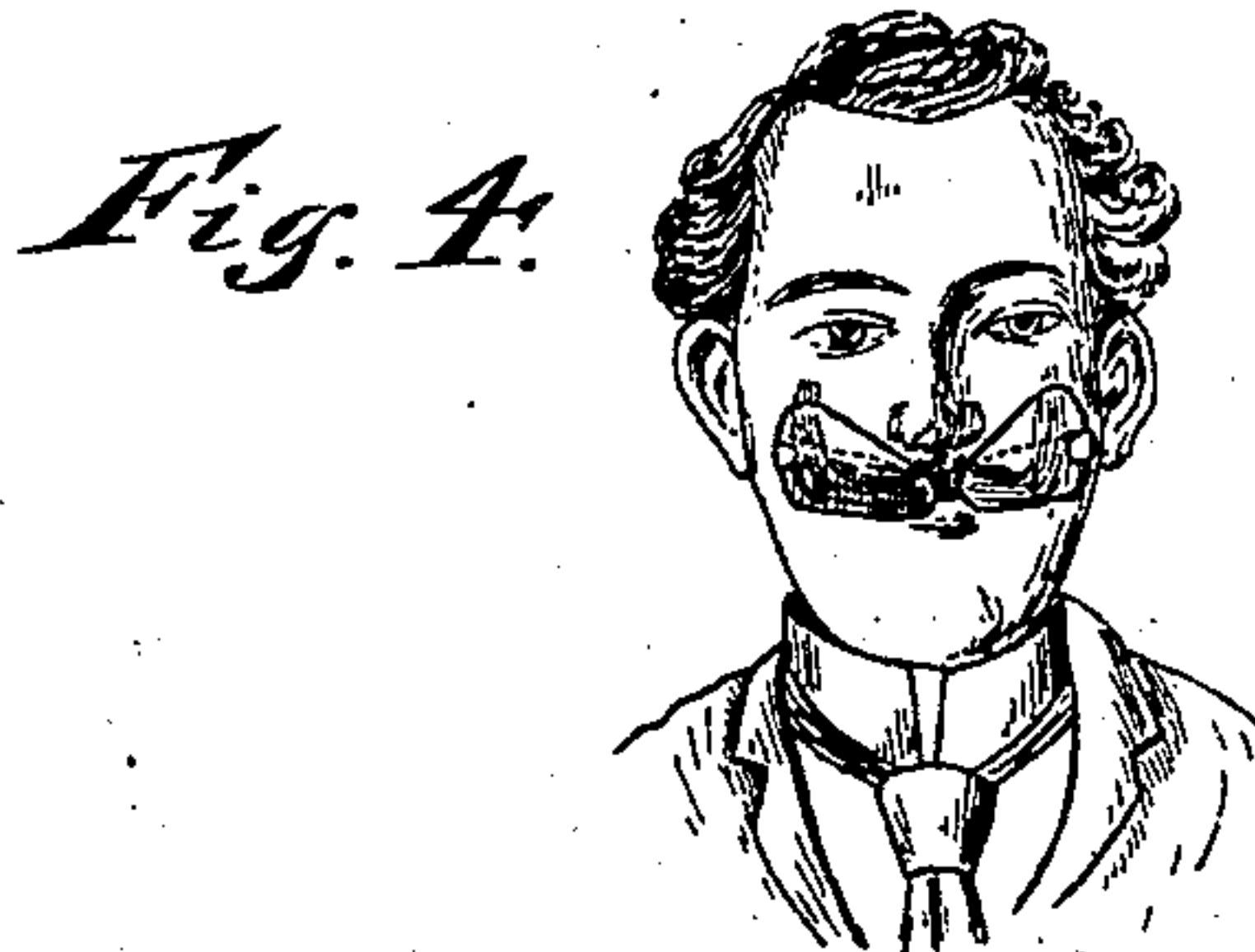
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MUSTACHE-TRAINER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JAMES GEORGE STEPHENS, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at London, England, and GUSTAV ADOLF OESTERREICH, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing at Berlin, Germany, have invented a certain new or Improved Mustache-Trainer; and we 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 a device for training or guiding the ends of the mustache so that they assume and maintain certain desired positions or directions in order to conform to a particular fashion or to a particular fancy of the wearer.

The said device consists of a comb having hinged to it or otherwise suitably connected with it a plate or blade adapted to confine and hold the hair of the mustache between itself and the comb in such manner that the said hairs shall have imparted to them a tendency to take and maintain the required shape.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of the device in its opened position ready for application to the left side of the mustache. Fig. 2 is an elevation of the same device closed up as it would be when applied to the mustache. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the device corresponding to Fig. 2; and Fig. 4 shows the device applied to a mustache so as to train the ends thereof in an upward direction, it being understood that the device applied to the right side of the mustache is shaped and arranged the exact reverse of Figs. 1, 2, and 3, as shown clearly in Fig. 4.

a represents the comb, and *b* the plate or blade pivoted or hinged to the comb at *c* and retained in its closed position, as in Fig. 2, by the clip or catch *d*.

The device is employed in the following manner: The teeth of the comb *a* are pressed downward quite close to the skin into the mustache, the plate or blade *b* being at that time turned back, as shown in Fig. 1. The hairs of the mustache are then pressed upward or sidewise, as may be desired, over the comb, and the retaining plate or blade *b* is then turned upward on its hinge or pivot *c* into the position shown in Fig. 2 outside of

the said hairs and is fastened by the clip or catch *d* of the comb, so as to press the hairs between itself and the comb and hold them for a sufficient time to give them a bias or tendency to remain in the desired position or shape, after which the training device is removed by being drawn bodily upward out of engagement with the mustache.

As above stated, the device is made in two parts, one adapted for application to the right side and the other to the left side of the mustache. The retaining plate or blade *b* is preferably hinged or pivoted to the comb *a*, so as to turn in a plane parallel to the latter, as shown in the drawings; but it may be hinged or jointed to the comb, so as to open and close at right angles thereto, or the said plate or blade may be kept separate from the comb when the device is not in use and be applied and fixed thereto by clips, catches, or other suitable means when the device is being used, or, again, instead of being quite separate from the comb the plate or blade may be attached thereto by a chain or cord, so as to keep the two together when not in use, suitable clips, catches, or other suitable means being provided for holding the two together when in use.

The training device may be made of any suitable material, such as celluloid, tortoiseshell, horn, vulcanite, or metal, for example; but I prefer to make the retaining plate or blade of more or less transparent material to enable the correct position of the hair of the mustache to be verified through it when the device is in place.

We claim—

A mustache-training device which consists of a comb having downwardly-directed teeth, a retaining plate or blade made deeper at the end where the point of the mustache is to be supported than at the other end, and means for holding the two together, the whole adapted and arranged so as to confine and hold the hair of the mustache between the comb and retaining-plate, substantially as described.

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands in presence of two witnesses.

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