

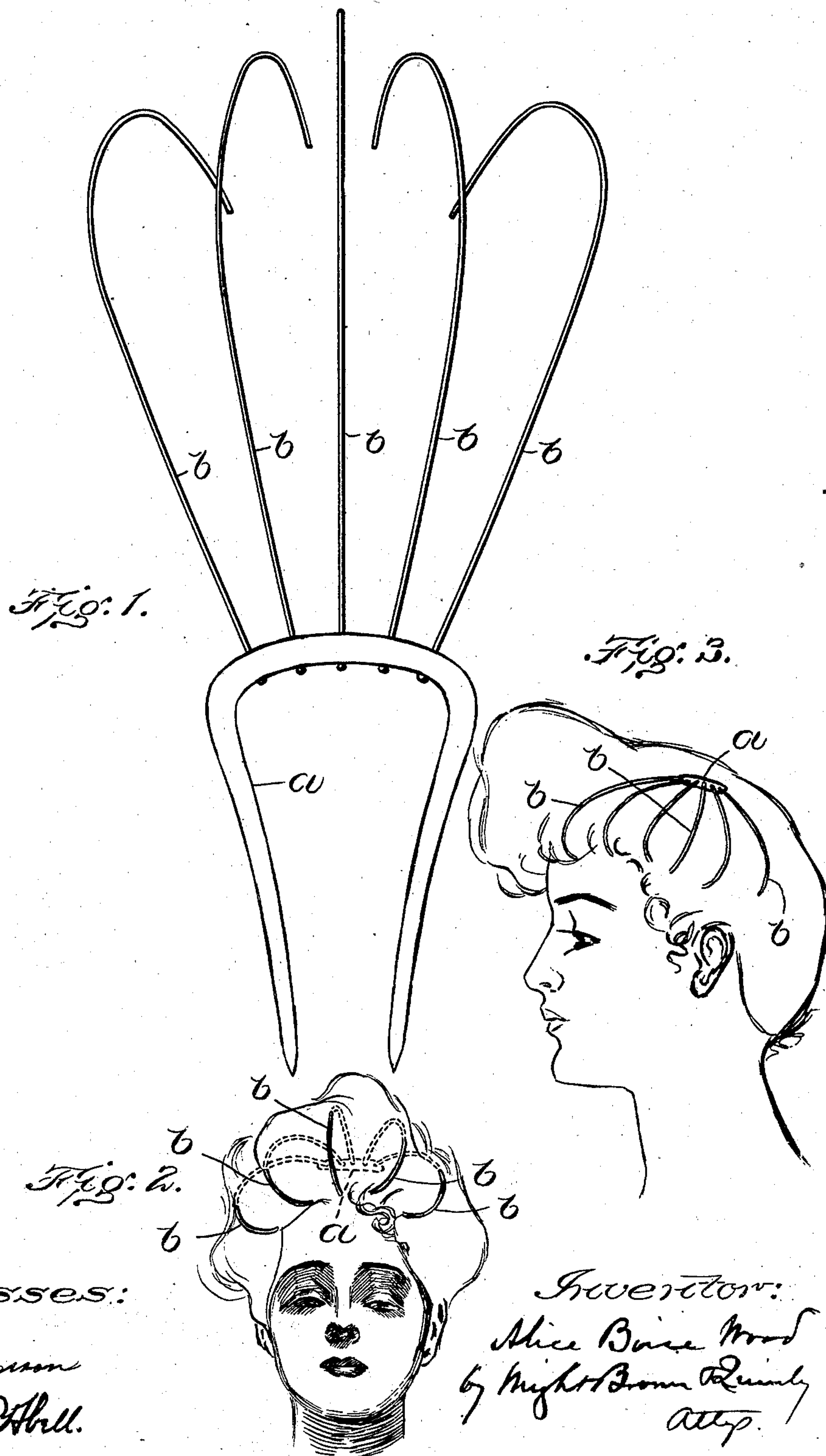
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALICE BOISE WOOD, of Newton, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hair-Confiners, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has for its object to provide a convenient device for holding portions of the hair in place at desired points; and it consists in the improvements hereinafter described and claimed.

Of the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a hair-confiner embodying my invention. Fig. 2 represents a front elevation showing the device in use. Fig. 3 represents a side elevation showing the device in use in another position.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the figures.

In the drawings, *a* represents the base member, which, as here shown, is a well-known form of hair-pin, although the invention is not limited to this form of base member, as any comb, pin, or other like device, preferably of relatively inflexible construction and adapted to be securely engaged with the hair, may be employed.

b b represent a series of flexible members, which may be called "fingers" or "tentacles," rigidly fixed at their inner ends to the member *a*, as shown in Fig. 1, the outer ends of the members *b* being free and the flexibility of the members being such that they can be bent and caused to assume and retain a great variety of positions. The members *b* are preferably made of slender wire, and they may be covered by windings of silk or otherwise, the coverings being preferably colored to match the hair of the wearer.

My invention, as illustrated in Fig. 3, is embodied in a device for use in confining the front hair at the side and front of the head. When the device is to be used in this position, the base member *a* is preferably in the form of an ordinary side comb instead of the pin shown in Fig. 1.

In using the device the comb or base member *a* is inserted in the hair, the teeth of the comb preferably pointing downward and backward. The flexible members *b* are then separately bent in such manner that they rest lightly upon the hair above and in front of the comb member and serve to slightly compress

the hair and hold it in place. I prefer to employ a suitable number of the fingers, so that when bent to position they will collectively form a confiner which is sufficient to hold practically all the front hair of the wearer or all upon one side of the head in place, serving the same purpose as a light veil or net which has often been worn.

The invention may be embodied in a device having for its base member a pin or comb of different shape and intended for use in other parts of the hair—for instance, to confine the short hair at the back of the neck—or it may be adapted for use in connection with a pompadour roll or puff at the top and front of the head, as shown in Fig. 2, or in any position where it may be considered desirable by the wearer.

The flexible members when covered with silk of a shade to match the hair are practically invisible when in place, and thus afford the desired support for the hair without presenting an untidy appearance. They are also exceedingly light and free from any objection of undue weight.

It will frequently be found practicable after the wires have once been bent to position to use the device repeatedly without change in the form into which the fingers *b* have been bent, and, if desired, the whole device may be constructed of relatively rigid material, such as shell or celluloid, the fingers *b* being either rigidly affixed to or integral with the base portion *a*.

I claim—

1. A hair-confiner comprising a hair-engaging base member, and flexible hair-confining members rigidly fixed thereto, said members being capable of being bent to change their position.

2. A hair-confiner comprising a base member adapted to enter the hair, and tentacles or fingers rigidly fixed at one end to the base member and free at their other ends, said tentacles being capable of being bent to change their positions and adapted to exert a restraining pressure upon the hair at portions intermediate of their ends.

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

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