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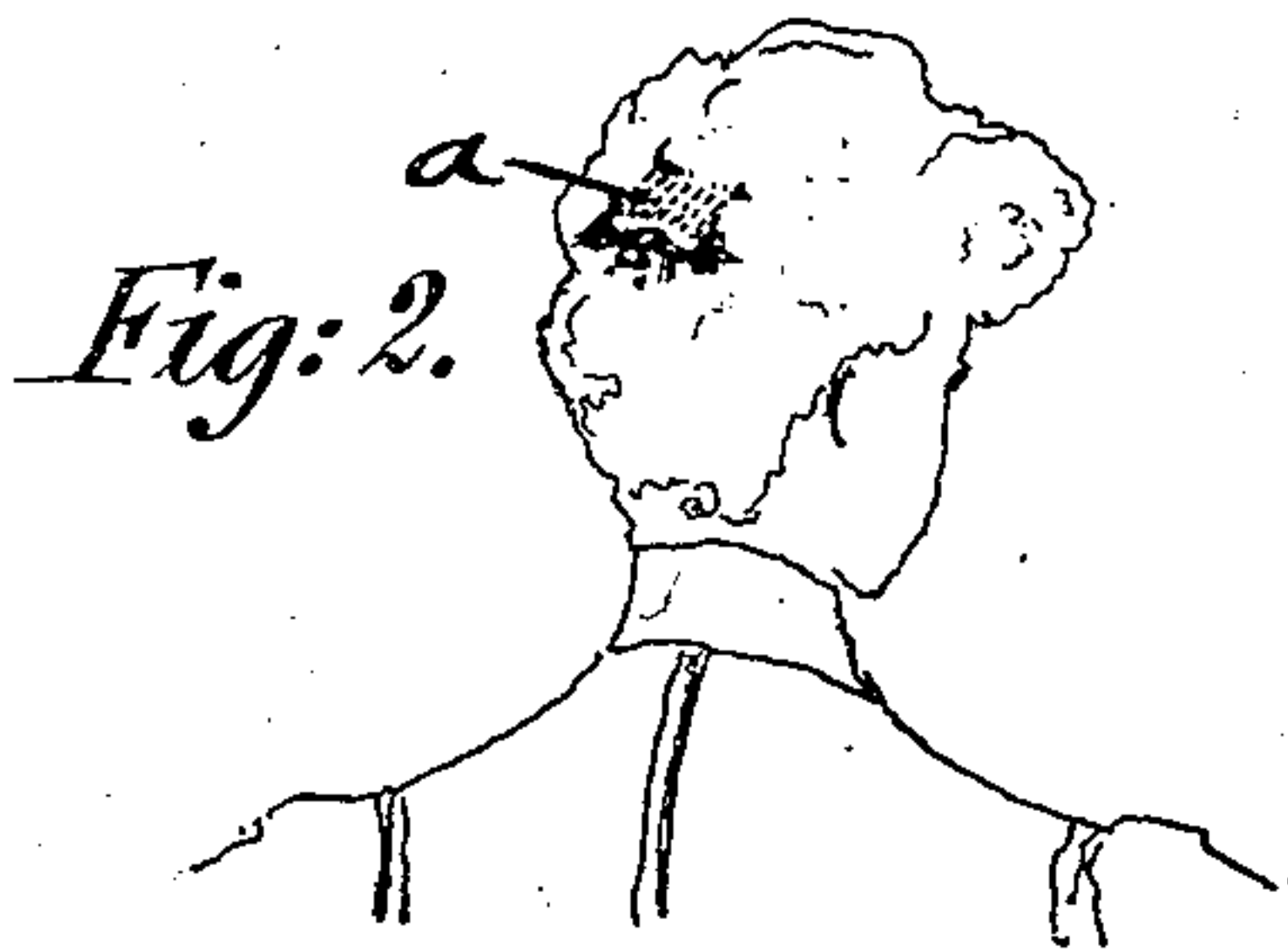


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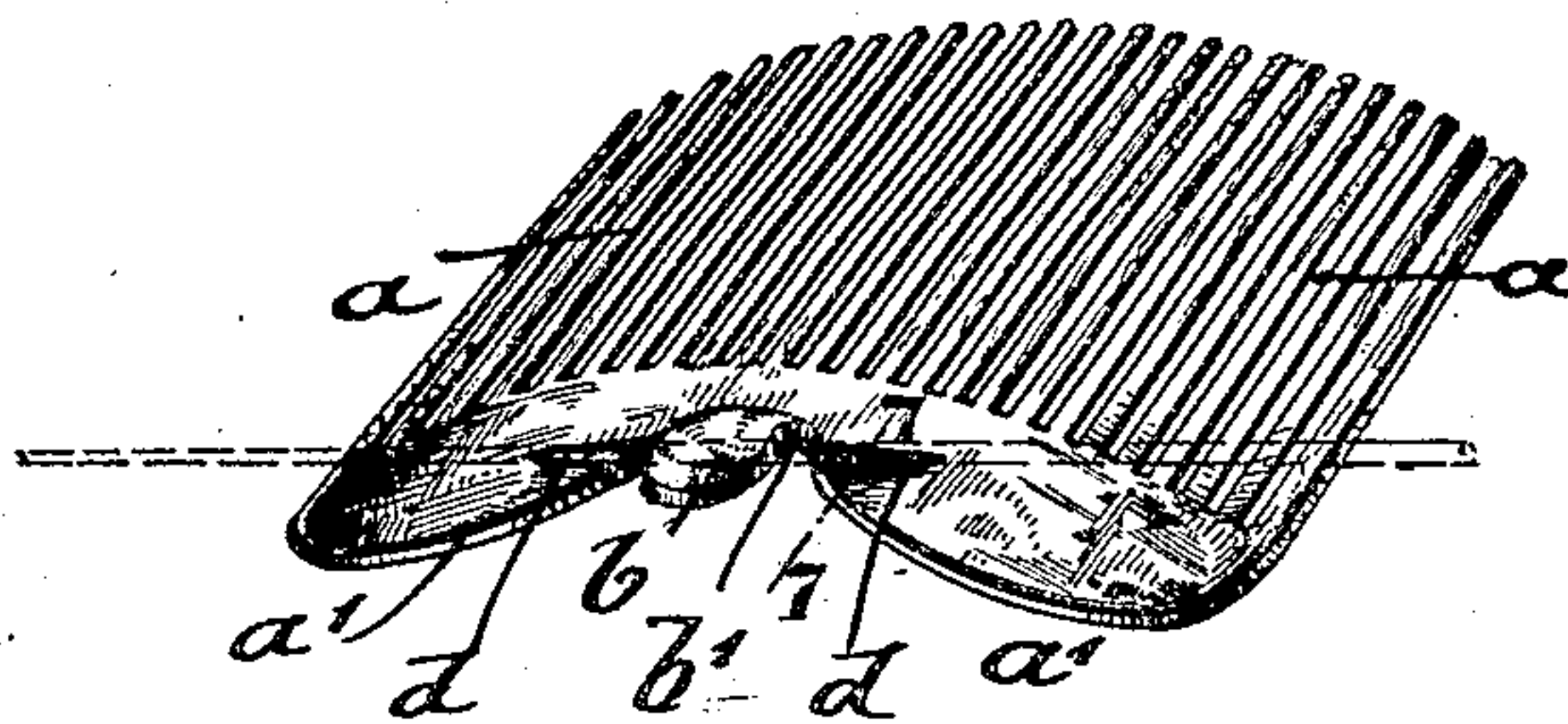


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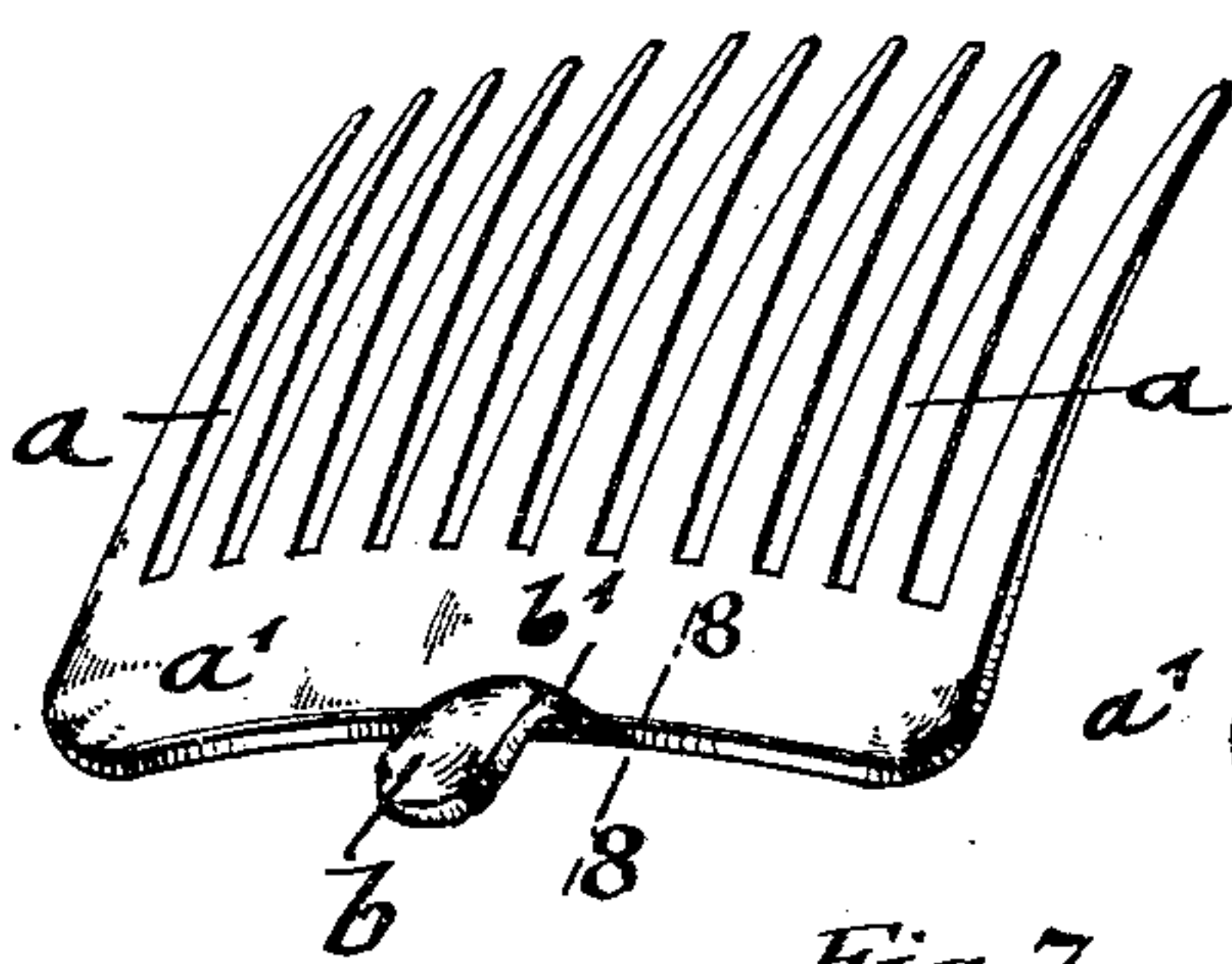


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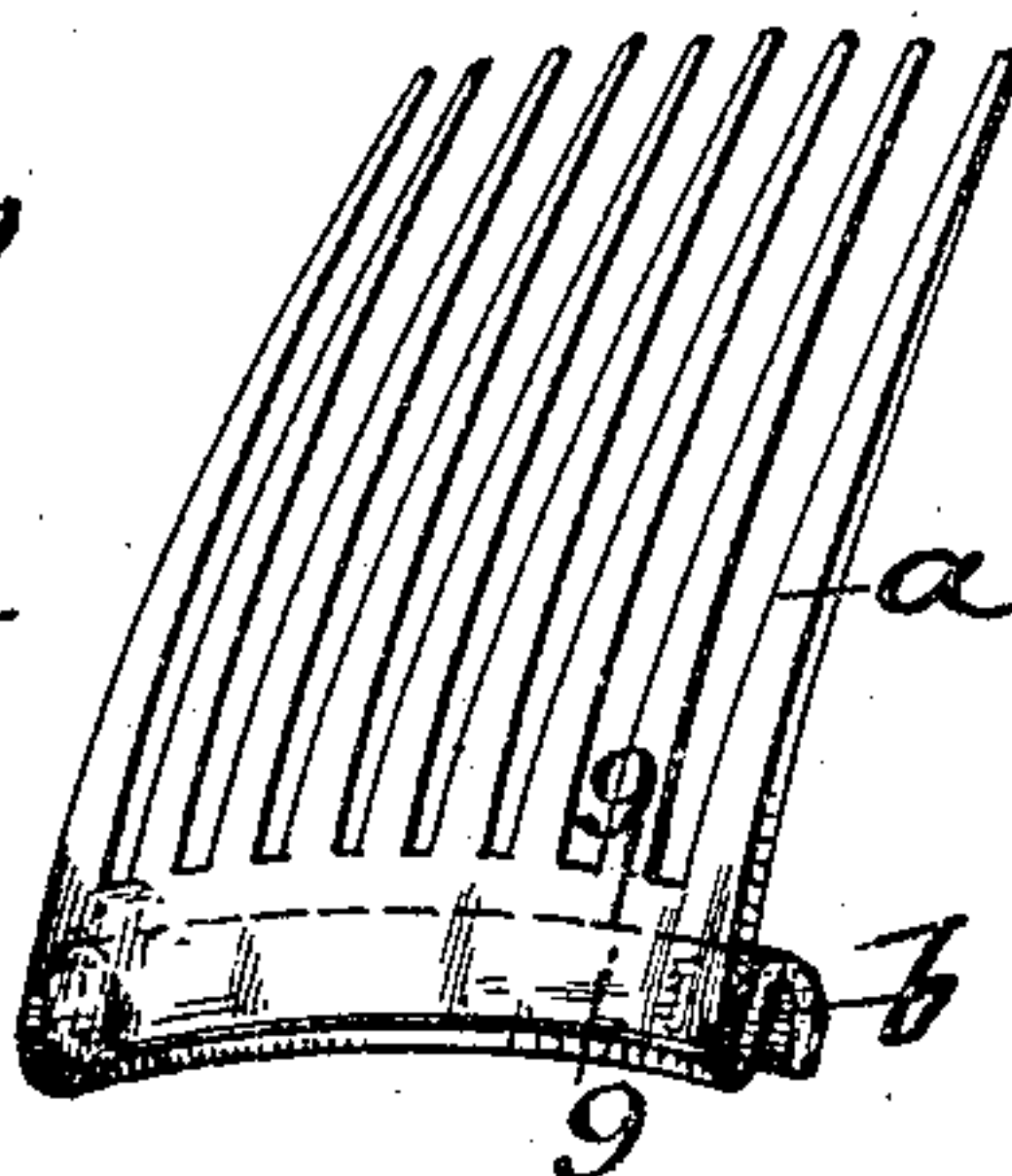


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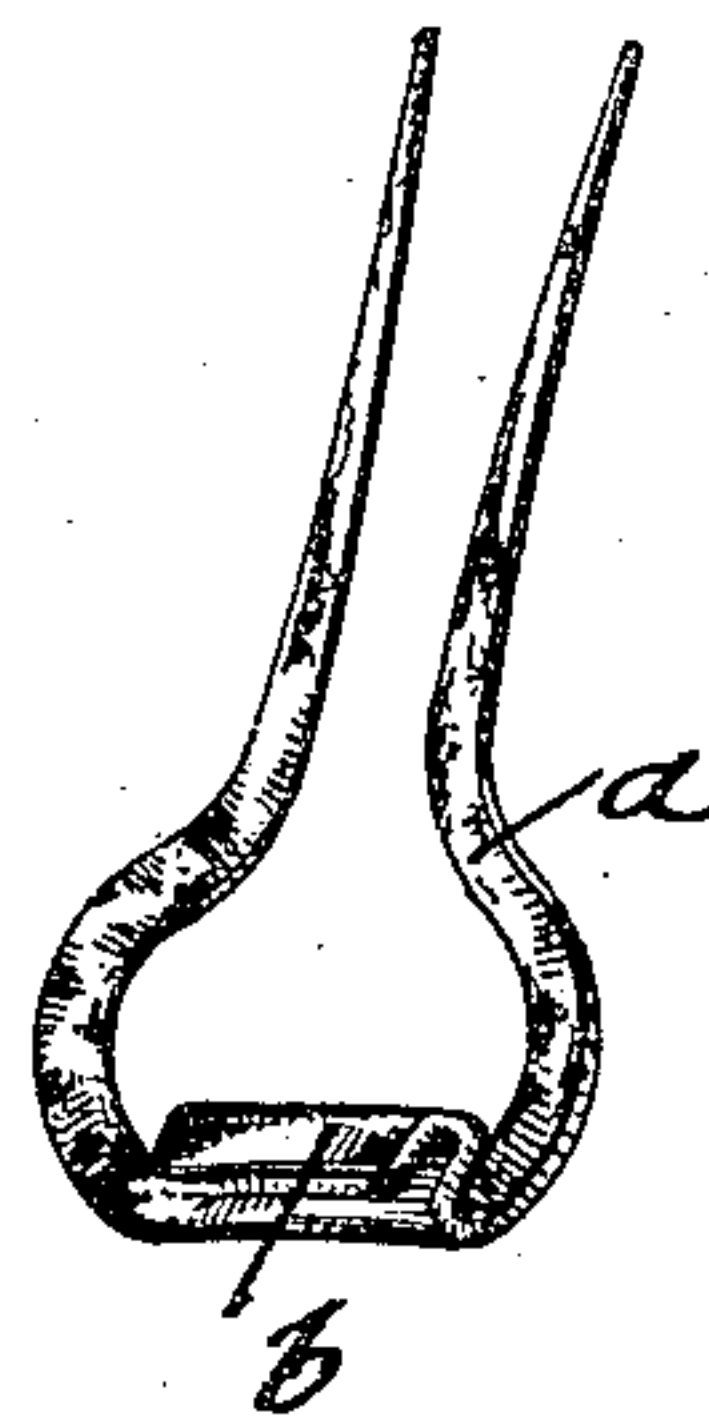


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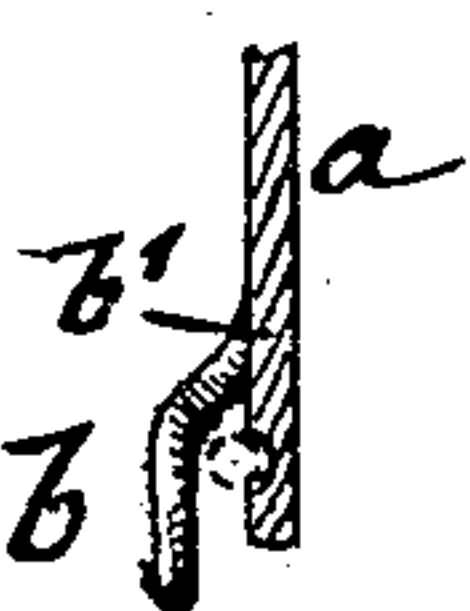


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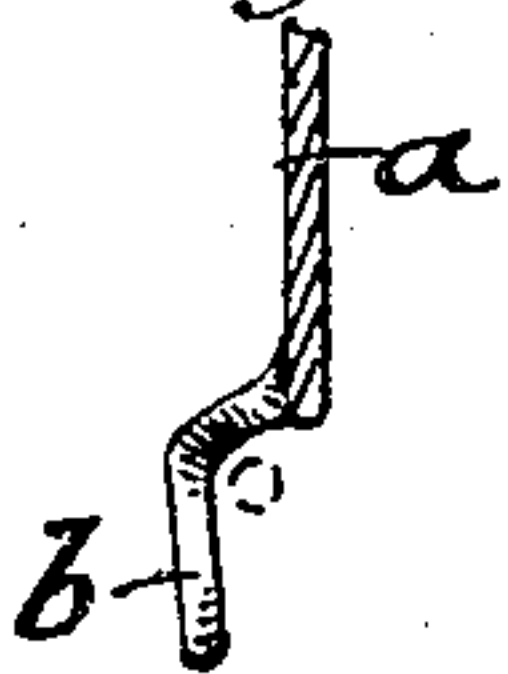


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HAIR-RETAINING COMB.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY P. CARPENTER HOOPER, a citizen of the United States, residing in New York, borough of Manhattan, in the State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hair-Retaining Combs, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to hair-retaining combs, and has for its object the provision of such a comb which in addition to performing its usual function of retaining the hair is adapted to position and retain a hat-pin in order to effectively maintain the hat in proper position upon the head of the wearer.

The invention also aims to provide an improved comb upon which the strain of the hat-pin when in use is so directed that said comb is firmly retained in position in the hair, while the hat-pin is maintained against dislocation by means of the comb, the retaining action of the comb and hat-pin thus being mutual, so that the accidental displacement of either and of the hat is thereby obviated.

With these and other advantages in view the invention consists in the novel features and combinations of parts, to be hereinafter described and finally recited in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, illustrative of one embodiment of the invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a hat attached by a hat-pin to my improved hair-retaining comb. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of my hair-retaining comb, showing the same in position in the hair and with the hat removed from the head of the wearer. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the hair-retaining comb, drawn on a larger scale. Figs. 4 and 5 are perspective views of modified constructions of the same. Fig. 6 is a perspective rear view of a hair-pin provided with my improved hat-retaining device and turned over, so as to show the same; and Figs. 7, 8, and 9 are vertical transverse sections, respectively, on lines 7-7, Fig. 3, 8-8, Fig. 4, and 9-9, Fig. 5.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, *a* designates a hair-retaining comb of that type which is adapted to be inserted with the teeth upward

into the hair at the back or other part of the head, so as to hold the hair in position, said comb being preferably of concavo-convex form, as shown. When the hair-retaining comb is used in this manner, the back *a'* of the comb is lowermost, as shown in Fig. 2.

The back *a'* is provided with a retaining device *b* for the hat-pin, which retaining device is either made integral with the back of the comb or made in a separate piece and attached thereto, as shown, respectively, in Figs. 4 and 5. In the latter case the retaining device *b* is cemented or otherwise attached to the back of the comb. The retaining device *b* is preferably arranged at the middle portion of the back, at the rear edge thereof, and made in the form of a hook that projects outwardly from the convex face of the comb into a plane approximately parallel to the transverse plane of the latter, so as to conveniently engage a hat-pin which is passed through the rear or other part of the hat, said hat-pin being slipped under the projecting retaining device *b* when the hat is placed in position on the head of the wearer. For the purpose of retaining the hat-pin more securely on the hair-retaining comb the back *b* is preferably provided with grooves *c* adjacent and approximately parallel to the shoulder *b'* formed by the retaining device *b*, as shown in Fig. 3, said grooves being disposed at either side of said device and serving to receive the hat-pin, and thereby cooperate with said retaining device in maintaining the same against displacement. The hat-pin can also be used in connection with hair-pins that are used for retaining the hair, in which case the retaining device *b* is arranged at the back of the pin *a*, as shown clearly in Fig. 6.

My improved hair-retaining comb has the advantage that the putting on of the hat is greatly facilitated, for the reason that the hat-pin can be readily placed in engagement with the retaining device on the back of the comb.

A further advantage of the improved comb is that when the same is in use the hat-pin and comb mutually retain each other in proper position, the hat-pin by reason of the strain upon the same due to the hat acting to force the teeth of the comb into the hair and to

maintain the comb in that position, while the comb in turn prevents the displacement of the hat-pin, and thereby of the hat.

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

1. A concavo-convex hair-retaining comb provided at the rear edge of the back with a shouldered hat-pin-retaining device projecting outwardly from the convex face of the
10 back of the comb and approximately parallel therewith.

2. A concavo-convex hair-retaining comb provided at the back with a hook-shaped hat-pin-retaining device projecting outwardly
15 from the convex face of the comb and extending approximately parallel with said face.

3. A hair-retaining comb having a hook-shaped retaining device at the back thereof, and a groove adapted to coöperate with said
20 device in retaining a hat-pin.

4. A hair-retaining comb provided on its

back with a shouldered retaining device, and with grooves adjacent thereto.

5. A hair-retaining comb provided at the back with a hook-shaped hat-pin-retaining device, and with grooves adjacent said device at
25 either side thereof.

6. A concavo-convex hair-retaining comb provided with a hook-shaped retaining device disposed at the rear edge of the back thereof
30 and projecting outwardly from the convex face of the comb, and with grooves in said back adapted to coöperate with said retaining device in retaining a hat-pin.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as
35 my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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