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Fig. I.

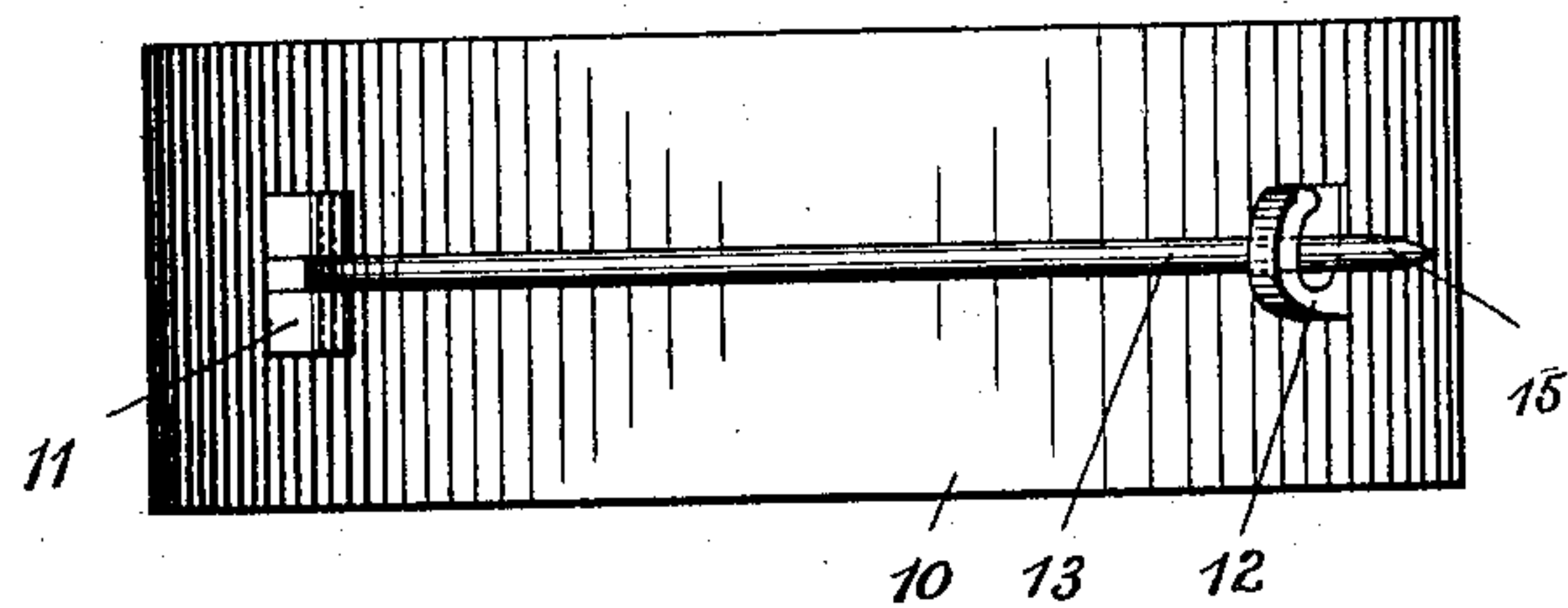


Fig. II.

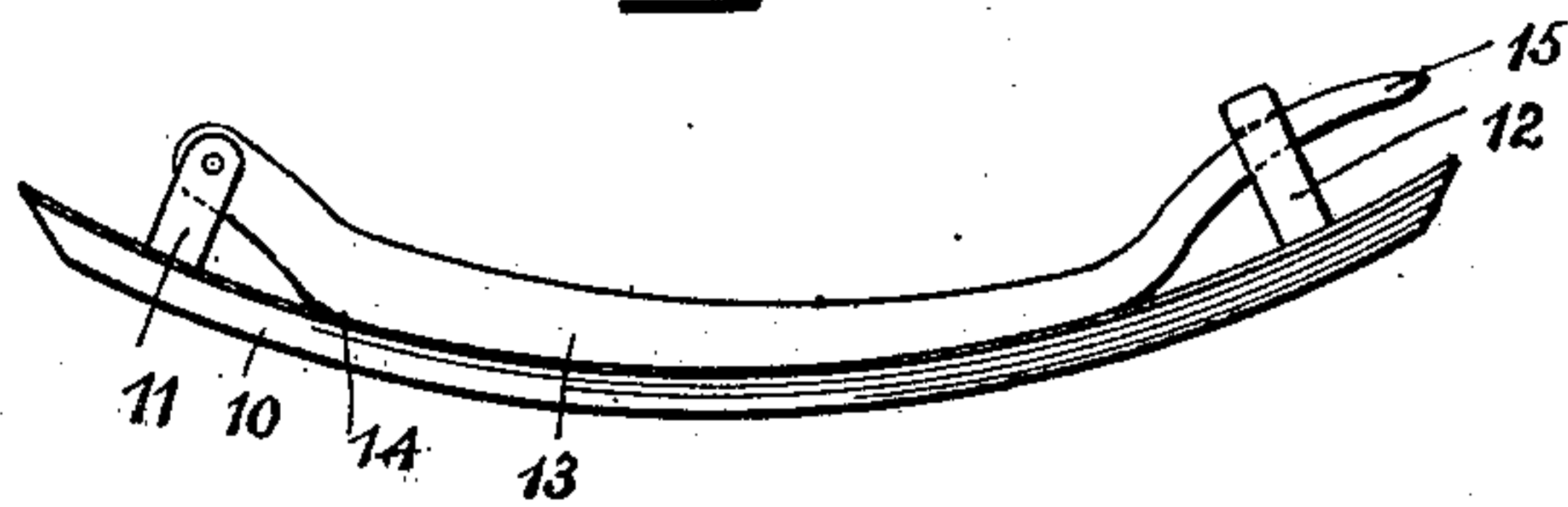
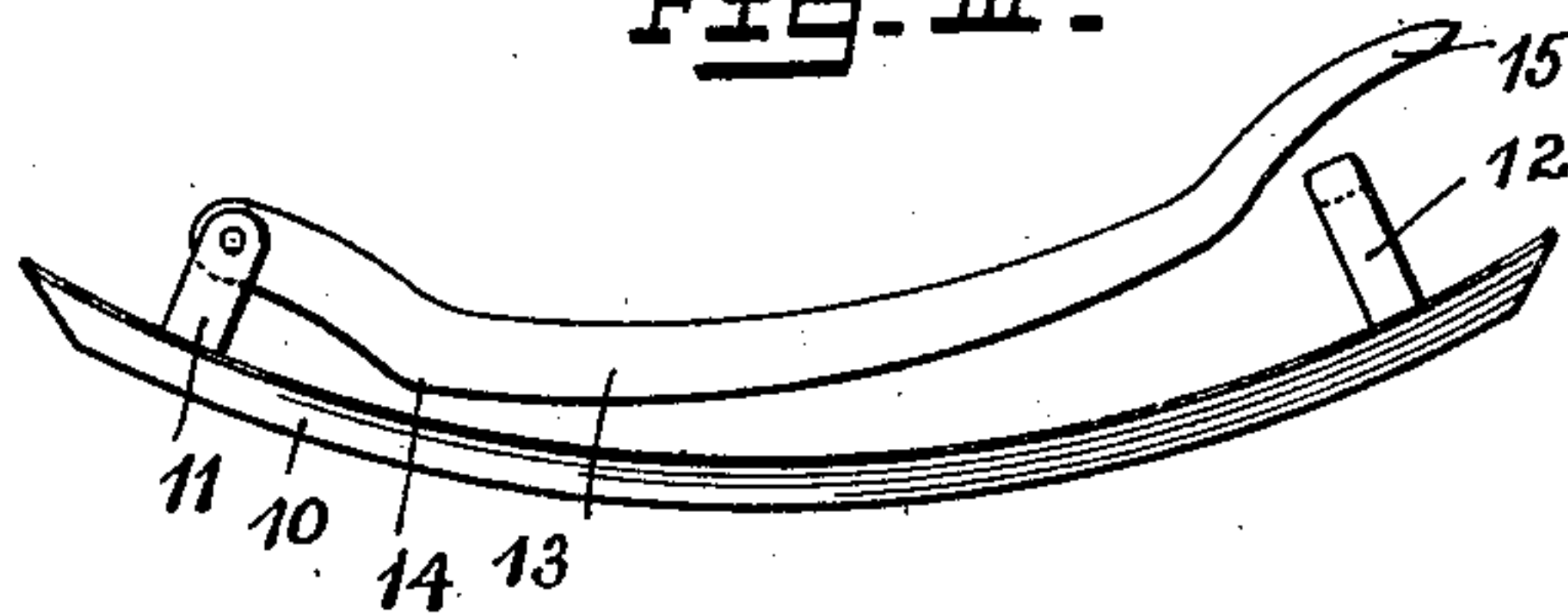


Fig. III.



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To all whom it may concern:

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

My invention relates to bar-pins, or barrettes, for keeping the hair tidy on a woman's head; and it has for its object a barrette which is extremely simple in its construction, and will keep the loose and stray hair away from the neck and can be securely held within the hair.

For this purpose my invention consists in certain novel features of construction shown in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a top view of the improved barrette. Figs. 2 and 3 are side elevations showing the tongue of the barrette in locked and unlocked position respectively.

Similar characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views.

Referring to the drawings, 10 indicates a frame of celluloid, tortoise shell or the like, forming the back or body portion of the barrette and is concave on its inner face. At one end of said frame 10 is provided a hinge piece 11, and at the other end a hook 12. A resilient tongue or pin 13 preferably narrow is pivotally connected to said back or body 10 as by pivoting it at one end to the hinge piece 11, its other end being arranged to enter into locking engagement with the hook 12. This narrow tongue is placed edgewise with respect to said back, as shown, and its lower edge in the free and unlocked position, Fig. 3, departs gradually for the greater part of its length from the concavity of said back or body 10. Only a small part of the lower edge, at some suitable point as at 14, approaches or comes into actual contact with the concave back 10 when the said tongue 13 is in the free or unlocked position shown in Fig. 3. The locking end 15 of said tongue is of reduced dimensions with respect to the rest of said tongue, thereby making the same relatively more flexible, for the purpose hereinafter set forth.

As the tongue 13 is depressed into a position for locking the same in hook 12 to hold the barrette within the hair, the part 14 will first come into contact with the back 10 or with the hair between it and the back, affording a fulcrum about which to bend the lower

edge into a position in which it conforms substantially to the concavity of the back 10, the tongue, 13 being then also under a tension, locked and held in hook 12. The tongue 13 in this position will then tightly lock the hair between it and the back 10, and the barrette is thereby itself securely held within the hair. To facilitate the unlocking of said tongue, I prefer to make the end 15 of reduced dimensions as set forth, it being necessary in order to unlock said tongue, only to press upon said more flexible end and snap the tongue out sidewise.

I claim:—

1. A barrette, or hair retainer, comprising: a relatively broad, concave back or body portion; a hook secured thereto at one end; a single, resilient, narrow tongue pivoted to the other end thereof and placed edgewise with respect to said back and having a curved lower edge, and being when locked in said hook under a tension and the intermediate portion of its lower edge conforming substantially to the concavity of the said back or body portion.

2. A barrette, or hair retainer, comprising: a relatively broad, concave back or body portion; a hook secured thereto at one end; a single, resilient, narrow tongue pivoted to the other end thereof and placed edgewise with respect to said back and its lower edge being curved, and when in free and unlocked position departing gradually for the greater part of its length from the concavity of said back or body portion, but when in locked position conforming substantially thereto throughout its intermediate portion.

3. A barrette, or hair retainer, comprising: a relatively broad, concave back or body portion; a hook secured thereto at one end; a single, resilient, narrow tongue pivoted to the other end thereof and placed edgewise with respect to said back and its lower edge being curved, and when in free and unlocked position departing for the greater part of its length from the concavity of said back or body portion, and its locking end for a short distance being of relatively reduced dimensions.

Signed at Newark in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey this 17th day of March A. D. 1908.

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