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Fig. 1.

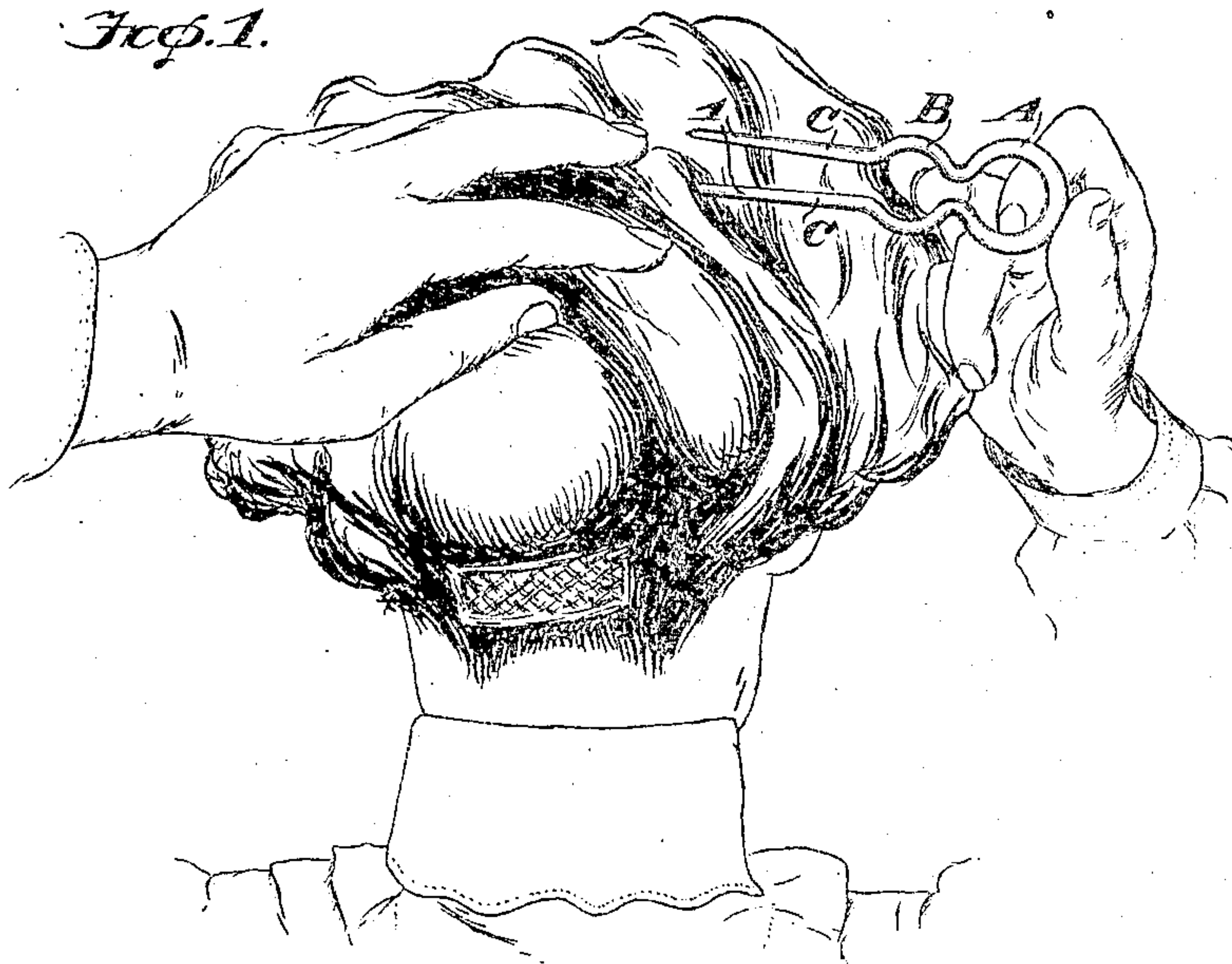


Fig. 2.

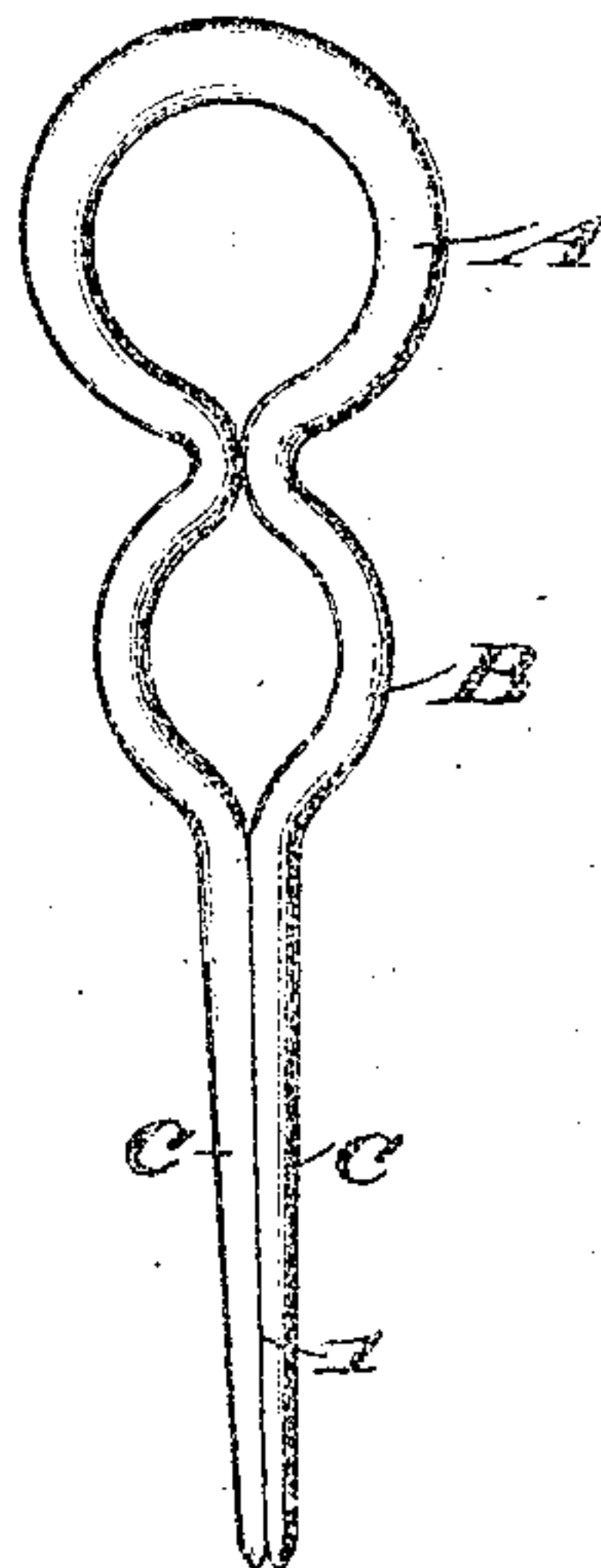


Fig. 3.

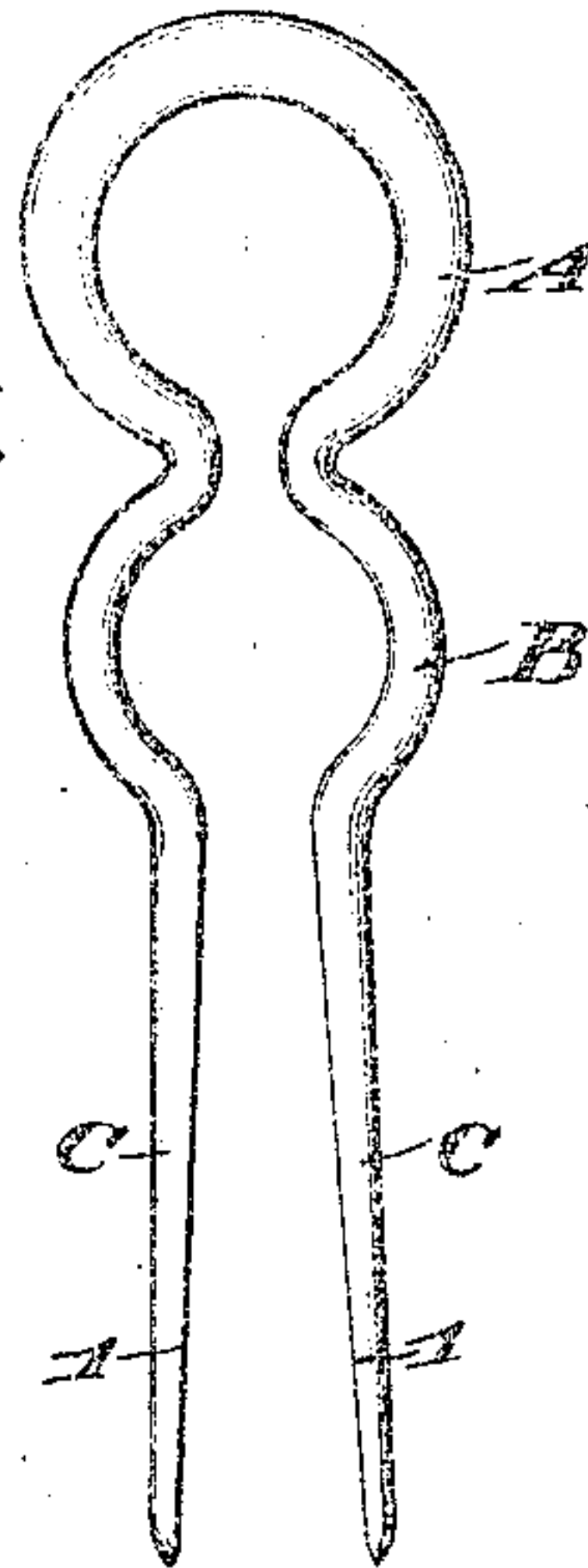


Fig. 4.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BESSIE LEACH SCOTT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Scranton, in the county of Lackawanna and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hair-Pins, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in hair pins, and the object is to provide what may be termed a self-clasping hair pin, due to the shape of the pin and the elasticity of the material composing it.

A further object is to provide a pin which may be easily inserted or removed from the hair, and hold the hair in place and retain its own position.

Still another object is to provide a pin, which is useful in wearing false hair and particularly puffs made of one's own hair, as it is adapted to hold throughout its entire length as contradistinguished from pins which hold only at the points or for a limited space at the middle of the pin.

With these objects in view, I would state that I am not unmindful that hair pins have hitherto been made with parallel ends coming together, and with out-turned pointed terminals forming a locking throat, but my present invention differs therefrom and contains two loops of different sizes and two straight parallel legs, having flattened inner edges, which are in contact with each other throughout their length when in repose, whereby the pin is effective to hold the hair in place while the pin itself retains its own position.

My invention further consists in certain novel features of construction and combinations of parts which will be hereinafter described and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a view in perspective showing the position of the pin in the act of inserting it in the hair; Fig. 2 is a view of the pin in its normal condition; Fig. 3 shows it spread or open; and Fig. 4 is a section looking into the pin.

A represents the head of the pin. This is preferably circular in form and flattened and reinforced as shown and B is an intermediate loop smaller than the head but large enough for the insertion of the finger

tip as illustrated in Fig. 1; and C, C are the legs, which are straight throughout and flattened on their inner edges as shown at 1, 1 and normally in contact throughout their lengths, whereby when the pin is in its normal condition of repose the two legs form a general taper throughout their length with more or less pointed extremities as shown in Fig. 2, to facilitate applying the pin to the hair.

In inserting the pin it is opened by the pressure of the fore finger in the intermediate loop B and the thumb at the top of the head as shown in Fig. 1, and when ready to insert it appears as shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings. When inserted and released it resumes its normal position, the legs either coming together or as close in contact as the hair between the members will permit. When the finger is removed after placing the pin in the hair, the natural inclination of the pin to clasp around the hair will hold the pin in place and it cannot be removed again until opened by the insertion of the finger as previously described.

These pins may be made of any suitable material, such as metal, celluloid, bone, tortoise shell, or the like.

A pin constructed in this manner is self-clasping or closing and will not drop from the hair and the hair is held by the pin until the wearer desires to remove it from the hair.

Having fully described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

As an article of manufacture, a hair pin containing two loops opening into each other with an unobstructed passage from one to the other and terminating in two legs having parallel flattened inner edges, which lie in contact with each other throughout their length when the pin is in its normal position of repose whereby the pin is self-closing and prevented from accidental displacement when inserted in the hair.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in the presence of two witnesses.

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