

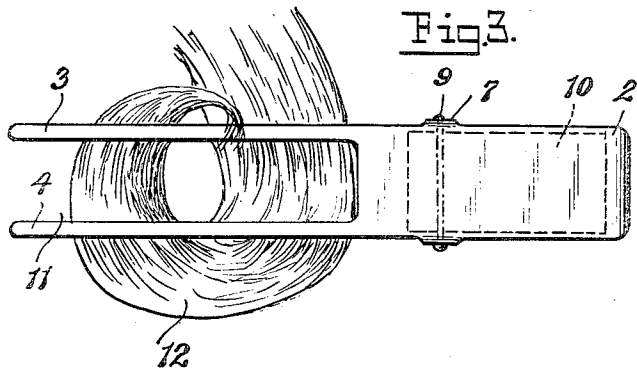
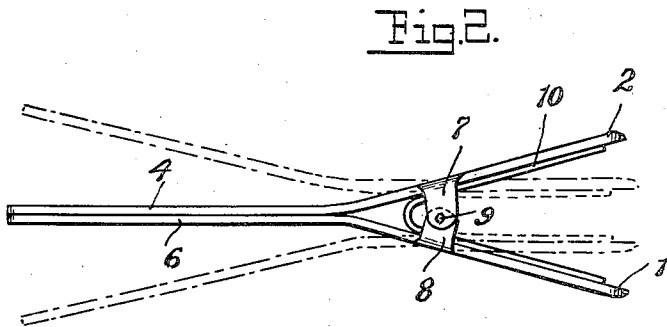
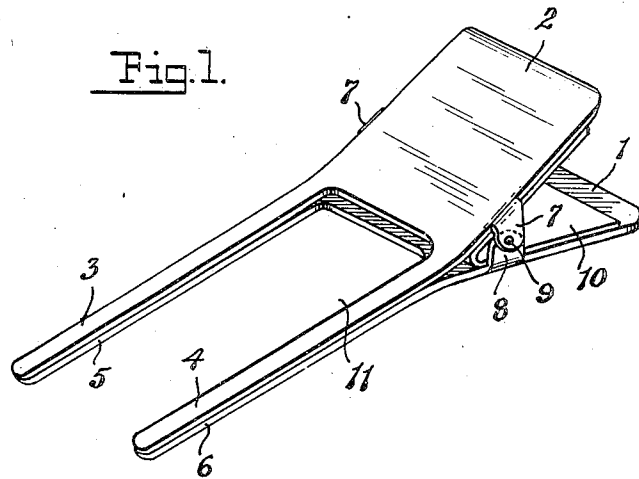
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This invention relates to a device for use in connection with the waving or curling of the hair and particularly adapted for the purpose of holding moist, formed curls in position to enable the same to dry or set after they have been formed. The object of the invention is to provide a simple, easily manufactured device, of relatively light weight, which can be worn by the user without inconvenience or discomfort and which will effectively hold the curls in shape and position in the hair while the hair is drying.

I am aware that at the present time various forms and styles of clips have been made for gripping curls or hair waves to hold the same in position while they are drying or setting. My device differs primarily from these prior devices by being so arranged that it not only serves as a curl-retaining clip, but also by reason of its shape, may be used as a hair pin and may thus be very easily inserted in the hair. The various prior devices in use usually serve to merely grip the curls of hair between relatively large, wide, flat, plate portions and consequently cannot be easily inserted and removed as compared with the relatively simple hair-pin-like device forming the subject matter of this invention.

More specifically, the invention consists of a device in the form of a pair of hingedly connected U-shaped plates, each provided with a pair of elongated spaced legs similar to those formed on a hair pin. The legs on one of the plates are spring-pressed in contact with those on the other so that the formed curls in the hair may be easily gripped between the faces of the abutting legs and held in shape, the clip being also capable of easy insertion in the hair in a manner similar to which a hair pin is used.

In the accompanying drawing, wherein the preferred embodiment of the invention is shown, Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a curl clip made in accordance with this invention; Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the clip, the dotted lines indicating how the two U-shaped parts or leg portions may be spread apart to engage a curl, and Fig. 3 shows the clip engaging the curl and holding it during drying or setting.

The device consists generally of two similar U-shaped jaws or plates having divergent finger-engaging parts 1 and 2. Each of the plates is formed with a pair of spaced elongated legs, the legs on the plate 1 being indicated at 5 and 6 and the similar legs on the plate 2 being shown at 3

and 4. The legs on each plate are so separated that the wide slot 11 is located between them. The plate 1 is provided with a pair of lugs 8 and similar lugs 7 are formed on the plate 2, the lugs on both plates being disposed in overlapping relationship so that a pivot pin 9 extends through them and holds the two jaws of the device in pivotal relationship. A bent flat spring 10 is disposed between the members 1 and 2 and presses said members outwardly to hold the legs on one of said jaws in resilient contact with those on the other jaw.

In use the device is shown in Fig. 3. It will be seen that by pressing the two finger-engaging members 1 and 2 toward one another, the leg portions on the two jaws may be spread apart as indicated in dotted lines in Fig. 2 and a curl or lock of hair 12 may easily enter between the jaws, and under the pressure of the spring 10, can be gripped thereby. Since the leg portions 3, 4, 5 and 6 are relatively narrow and act to cover but a small area of the curl 12 gripped between them, it will be apparent that air may have easy access to the drying curl and will facilitate the drying.

While these curl clips are particularly adapted to grip the formed curls between their U-shaped jaws, and hold them while drying, said clips being provided with spaced or independent leg portions, may also be used as hair pins in dressing the hair and holding parts of it temporarily during drying or waving processes. The elongated leg portions are wholly separated and the device may be therefore easily inserted between the strands or curls of hair in any way desired, to facilitate the hair dressing, curling or waving operations.

What I claim is:—

A hair curl clip comprising a pair of jaw members having divergent portions at one end thereof forming finger-engaging plates, a spring for spreading said portions apart, each of the jaw members having a lengthy bifurcated portion providing a pair of spaced, separate legs unconnected at their extremities, the legs on one plate being held by the spring in abutment with those on the other plate, the clip being adapted to embrace hair curls by gripping them between the jaws under the tension of the spring, or adapted for use as a hair pin by being thrust into the hair with hair strands entering into the bifurcations in the jaws.

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