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Wigs.

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Fig. 1.

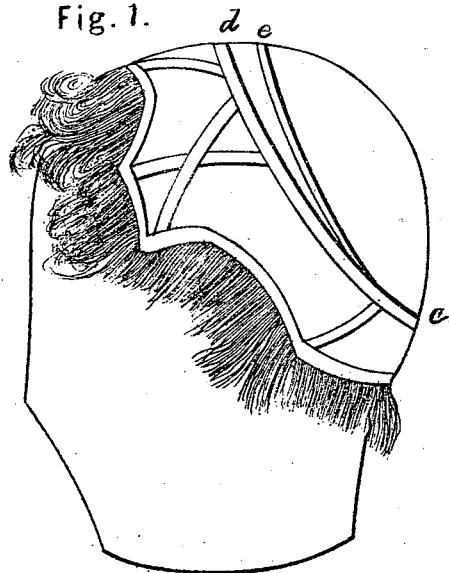


Fig. 2.

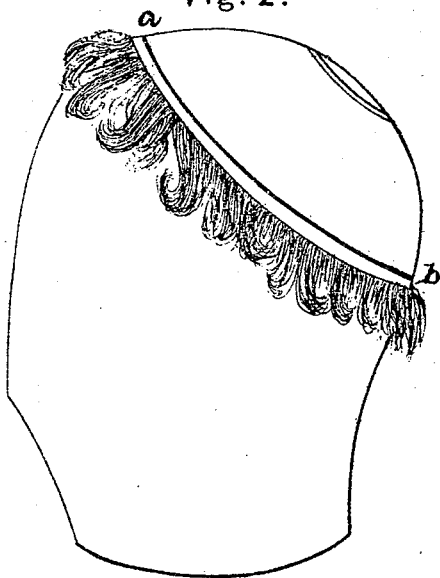
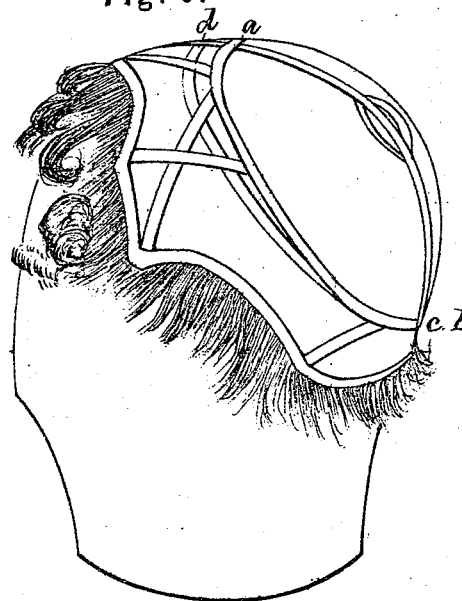


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM DOWELL, of the city of Philadelphia, county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have
5 invented a new and useful improvement in the art of making and constructing wigs, called "the improvement for the enlargement of wigs after shrinking," of which the following is a full and exact description,
10 viz:

The wig, which has heretofore been made in one piece, is under this invention made in two pieces, namely, the one consists of the scalp, intended to cover the top of the head;
15 the other of the rim, intended to encircle it; and is thus constructed, reference being had to the annexed drawings; viz: the scalp, which is represented with the inside out in Figure No. 2, and marked *a, b*, is made
20 separate and apart. The rim, which is likewise represented in Fig. No. 1, with the inside out, and marked *d, e, c*, is also made separate; the distance, or that part of the wig between *d, c* and *e, c*, representing the
25 portion to be let out, or used in the enlargement after shrinking. When the wig is first made up, the rim of the scalp *a, b*, is attached to the rim *d, c*, and sewed fast. When the wig has shrunk, as it does al-

ways with the heat of the head, and the enlargement becomes necessary, the scalp *a, b*, is then loosened from the rim *d, c*, and attached to rim *e, c*, as in Figs. 1, 2, in said drawings exhibited, and marked *e, a, c, b*, being the two extremities of the two rims
35 of the scalp and the rim.

This improvement being only for the construction of the parts of the wig, and not for any new material for wigs.

What I claim as my invention and desire
40 to secure by Letters Patent is—

The making of the wig in two separate parts which when permanently secured behind allow the scalp to be brought over the rim in front two or three inches, where those
45 parts are fastened together and admit of being extended, after shrinking as herein described at the pleasure of the wearer.

In testimony whereof I, the said WILLIAM DOWELL have hereto subscribed my name in
50 the presence of the witnesses whose names are hereto subscribed, on this twenty first day of November, A. D. 1842.

W. DOWELL.

In our presence:

THEO. CUYLER,

JNO. T. S. SULLIVAN.