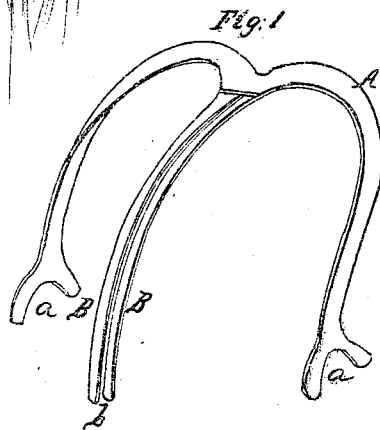
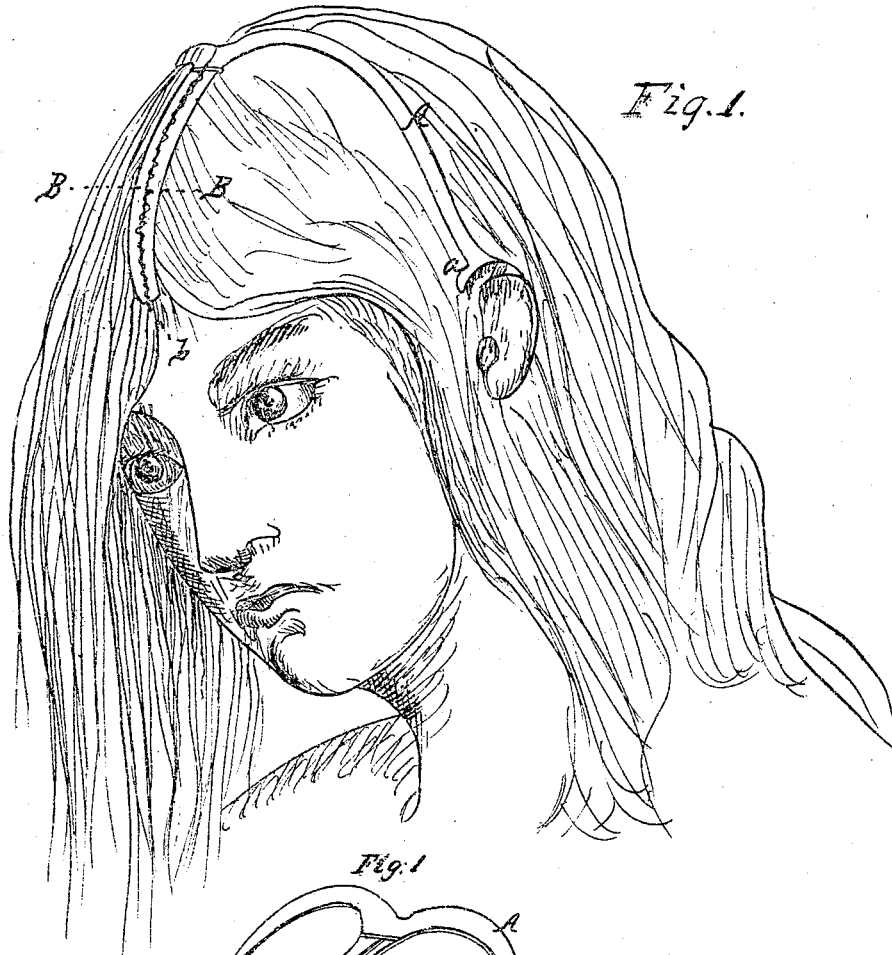


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IMPROVEMENT IN INSTRUMENTS FOR PARTING LADIES' HAIR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH L. MEEK, of 678 Washington Street, in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Instrument to Facilitate the Parting of Ladies' Hair; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the instrument. Fig. 2 is a view showing the manner in which the instrument is applied to the head.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

The object of my invention is to enable a lady to part her own hair straightly or evenly without difficulty.

It consists of a yoke of such form as to extend across or over the crown of the head and rest upon the ears, and having attached to it two parallel guide-pieces of such form and so arranged that when the yoke is placed over the crown the said guide-pieces project forward over the top of the head to the forehead. The space between the said guide-pieces being just wide enough for the passage of a comb and perfectly straight from back to front, the said pieces will guide a comb placed between them in a perfectly straight line, and so enable the front parting of the hair to be made perfectly straight. The rear edge of the yoke also serves as a guide to the comb for the side partings.

To enable others to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it, having reference to the drawings.

A is the yoke, of metal or other suitable material, of suitable length and form to reach over the crown of the head from ear to ear,

and having its ends forked, as shown at *a a*, to rest upon the ears.

B B are the two parallel guide-pieces, which extend in arched form from the center of the yoke A in a forward direction, for the purpose of guiding the comb. The space between these guide-pieces is straight and of width sufficient for the passage of the ends of the teeth of an ordinary hair-dressing comb, and is open at the front ends of the guide-pieces.

The guide-pieces B B may be made of separate pieces of metal and soldered or otherwise secured to the yoke A, or the whole may be punched from sheet-brass or other metal and afterward formed up to the proper curvatures to fit the head, as desired.

The operation of my invention is simply as follows: The lady's hair having been combed out straight, the yoke A is placed over the crown of the head and upon the ears. The comb is then placed in and drawn in a forward direction through the straight space *b* between the guide-pieces, and is thereby made to part the hair straight and centrally. The instrument is then taken off and the hair combed over straight on the sides, as usual, after parting the front hair. The instrument is next placed on the head, as before, and the side partings are made by drawing the comb along the rear edge of the yoke A.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as a new article of manufacture—

An instrument to facilitate the parting of ladies' hair, consisting of a yoke, A, and a guide, B B, substantially as herein described.

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