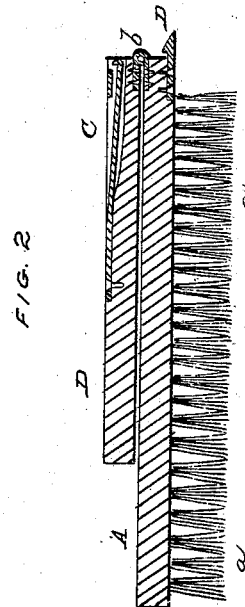
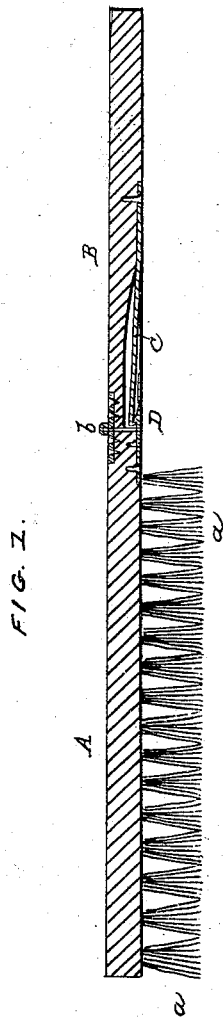


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IMPROVEMENT IN FOLDING HAIR-BRUSHES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 54,695, dated May 15, 1866.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES CROSMAN, of Tompkinsville, in the county of Richmond and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Folding Hair-Brush; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal vertical section of this invention, showing the handle extended. Fig. 2 is a similar view, showing the handle folded.

Similar letters of reference indicate like parts.

The nature of my invention consists in hinging or jointing the handle of a hair-brush to the brush-head in such manner that the handle may be thrown back upon the said head-piece and thus be folded into a small compass when not needed for use.

A designates a block or head-piece, into which the bristles *a* are secured in the ordinary manner.

B is the handle, and this is connected to the head A by a hinge *b* in such manner that it can be thrown back so as to lie upon the said brush-head, as shown in Fig. 2.

In order to hold the handle unfolded or extended I employ a catch, C, secured to the handle and so arranged that it will engage with a suitable catch, D, secured to the brush-head.

The handle is represented as being hinged to the brush-head; but I do not confine myself

to this peculiar manner of connecting it, as pivoting would answer, or, indeed any means which would permit of the handle being folded.

I have shown the handle arranged so as to be folded upon the back of the brush-head; but I will here remark that I could, in order to produce a still more compact article, have a space left in the bristles sufficient to admit of the handle being folded down upon the front of the brush in a space between the bristles.

The convenience of having a hair-brush with a folding handle will be apparent to all. It reduces the brush to a more compact state—that is to say, it changes its shape into one which will enable it to be packed away or carried in one's pocket while traveling much better than can the ordinary brush.

I am aware that a folding blacking-brush has been patented; but this was divided in the center, and the two halves thrown together. My invention is to reduce a hair-brush into a more portable shape by enabling its handle to be folded.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A hair-brush the handle of which may be folded over upon the brush-head, the said handle being hinged or pivoted, and having suitable catches for holding the two parts in an extended position, substantially as described.

The above specification of my invention signed by me this 5th day of January, 1866.

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