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Fig. 1.

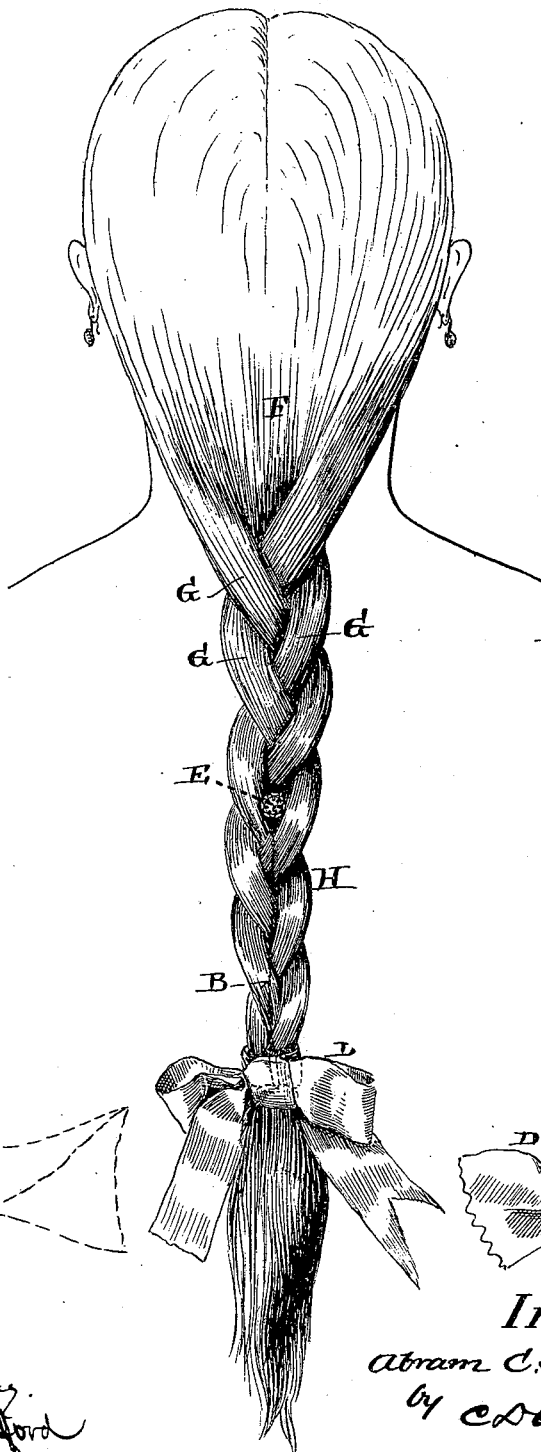


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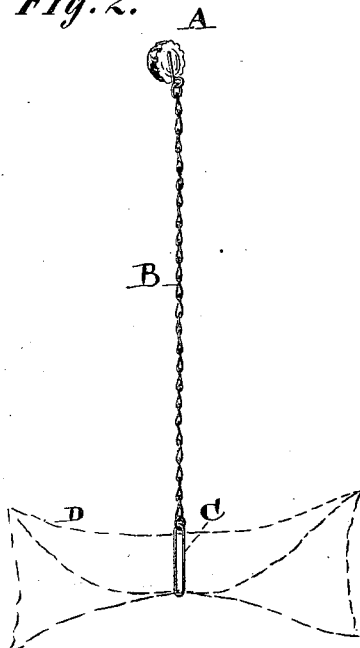
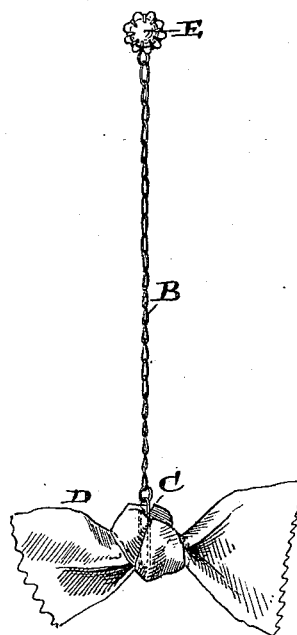


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAM C. DICKINSON, of Nevada, Vernon county, Missouri, have made a new and useful Improvement in Hair-Braid and Ribbon Fasteners, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This improvement relates particularly to the braiding of hair, but it is applicable also to other styles of hair-dressing.

Usually in platting or braiding the hair of children and women it is customary, in order to prevent the hair from becoming unbraided, to wrap the braids with ribbon or apply some other form of tie. Such a tie is liable to slip off from the braid.

To provide means for more securely confining the tie in its place and preventing the hair from becoming undone is the leading object of this improvement.

It consists substantially of the device hereinafter described and claimed, aided by the annexed drawings, forming part of this specification, and of which—

Figure 1 is a back view of a misses' head and braided hair having the improved hair-braid and ribbon fastener applied thereto; Fig. 2, the improved hair-braid and ribbon fastener, showing also in dotted lines the ribbon attached thereto, but untied; Fig. 3, the same as Fig. 2, but with ribbon formed into a knot.

The same letters of reference applied to the several figures denote the same parts.

A represents the improved fastener; B, a chain of any desired metal for interplatting with the hair; C, the ribbon-holder, being a link, loop, or ring of any desirable metal or other suitable material attached to the lower end of the chain for receiving and holding the ribbon; D, the ribbon, shown in Fig. 2 by dotted lines as being passed through and held by the ribbon-holder C, in Fig. 3 as being passed through the holder and then formed into a knot, and in Fig. 1 as being passed through the holder and applied to the braided hair as when in use; E, an anchor or stop, in the form of a jeweled brooch, attached to the upper end of the chain for the purpose of anchoring that end of the chain and preventing it from being drawn through the hair; F, the hair of a miss combed back and separated

into the strands G G G, which are platted together and form the braid H.

The improved fastener is applied to a braid in the following manner: The hair, preparatory to being braided, is divided into strands, and then the platting of the strands into a braid is proceeded with. At the commencement of the platting, or at any point during the operation of platting which the judgment of the platter may dictate, the brooch E is placed on the strands, as in Fig. 1, and the chain B is interplatted into the braid as the platting progresses. When all of the chain has been thus interplatted, the ribbon is passed through the ribbon-holder, wrapped around the hair, and tied in a knot, fashioned according to the taste of the dresser. It is obvious that the brooch cannot be drawn through the hair, and that consequently it will act as an anchor to the chain and hold it in position. The chain, being thus held, will in turn hold the ribbon-holder and the ribbon in place and prevent them from slipping off from the hair.

Although I consider the above-described construction of the improved fastener as the most desirable, yet I desire not to be restricted exclusively to said construction. For instance, any suitable fabric, as a cord, ribbon, or flexible wire, may be substituted for the described chain B; and any suitable device, as a stud, button, bar, or pin, may be substituted for the brooch E, and, in fact, all of these last-named devices as a substitute for the brooch may be dispensed with and their place supplied by having the chain or its equivalent of sufficient length to allow a portion of the upper part of it to double over one of the strands at a point where the brooch, if used, would be located, and then interplatting with the hair the portion of the chain so doubled over separately from the other portion of the chain or its equivalent. In this case the portion of the chain doubled over would form the anchor of the chain.

I claim—

1. The herein-described hair-braid and ribbon fastener, consisting of the combination of the chain B, the ribbon-holder C, and the anchor E, substantially as described.

2. The herein-described hair-braid and ribbon fastener, consisting of the combination of the chain B, the ribbon-holder C, the

anchor E, and the ribbon D, substantially as described.

3. The herein-described hair-braid and ribbon fastener, consisting of the combination
5 of the chain B, the link C, and the jeweled brooch E, substantially as described.

4. The herein-described hair-braid and ribbon fastener, consisting of the combination of

the chain B, the link C, the jeweled brooch E, and the ribbon D, substantially as described. 10

Witness my hand this 23d day of October, 1889.

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