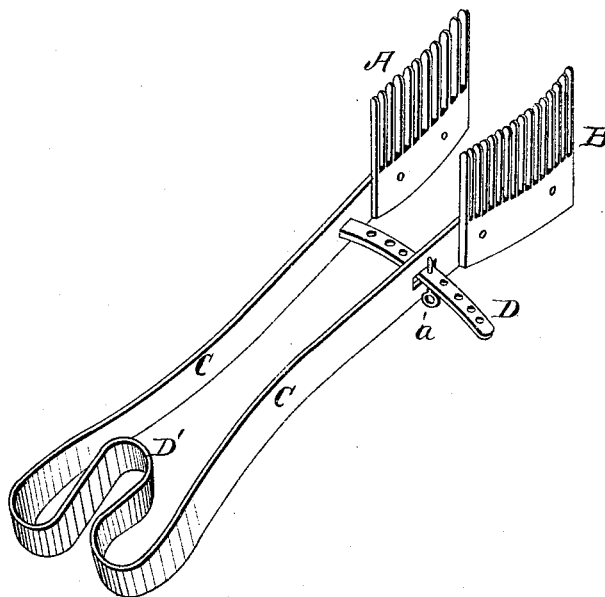


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IMPROVEMENT IN GAGES FOR HAIR-CUTTING.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **181,904**, dated September 5, 1876; application filed July 17, 1876.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, LAFAYETTE T. BOW and JOHN S. WILLIAMS, of Burksville, in the county of Cumberland and State of Kentucky, have invented a Barber's Hair-Gage; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form part of this specification.

The nature of our invention consists in a barber's hair-gage, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which our invention appertains to make and use the same, we will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawing, which represents a perspective view of our invention.

A and B represent two ordinary combs of any suitable size, which are riveted or otherwise fastened to the end of a flat spring, C. This spring is bent in the center in double S form, so as to make a handle, D', and leave the two combs directly one above the other, the tendency of the spring being to separate the combs. From the lower arm of the spring C extends a curved bar, D, through a slot or mortise in the upper arm of the spring. The bar D is perforated with a series of holes, and a pin, *a*, is passed through either one of the holes above

the upper arm of the spring, to keep the combs just such a distance apart and no farther, though they can be compressed as desired.

With this device the hair can be cut any length desired by first placing the key in the proper place, and, before inserting the combs in the hair, pressing them together, and by so doing the top comb B will raise the hair when the pressure on the spring is removed. All the hair that is above the top comb B is then cut, and the barber will so continue until the job is completed.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. Two combs attached to the ends of a bent metal spring, to form a hair-gage, as herein set forth.

2. The combination of the two combs A B, bent spring C, forming the handle D', the perforated bar D, and pin or key *a*, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we affix our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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