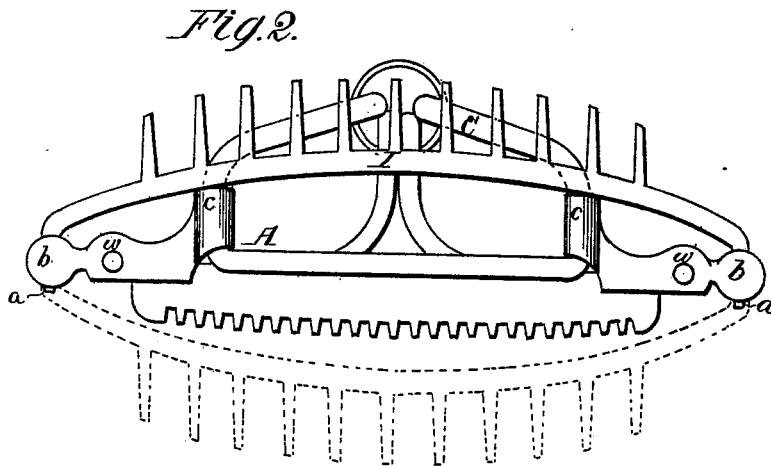
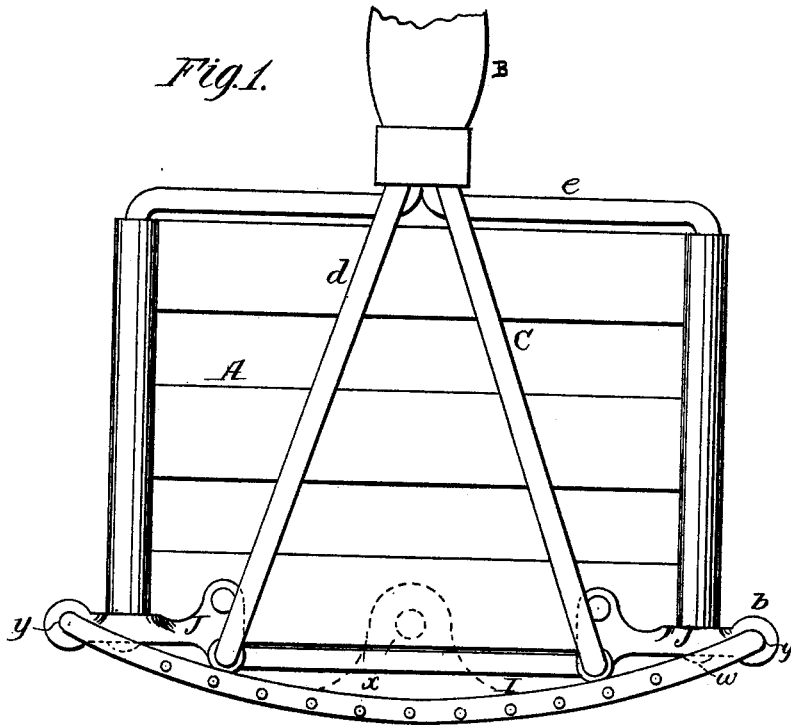


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IMPROVEMENT IN CURRY-COMBS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, WILLIAM E. LAWRENCE and CHARLES E. L. HOLMES, both of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented Improvements in Curry-Combs, of which the following is the specification:

Our invention is a curry-comb provided with a mane-comb, which is constructed and adapted to the curry-comb, as fully described hereinafter, so that it may be detached and replaced, or used in different positions, a special feature consisting in the application of a mane-comb to a curry-comb having a grasp over the back, and in the peculiar construction of the latter.

In the drawing which forms part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of a comb with our improvements, and Fig. 2 an end view.

The body A of the curry-comb may be constructed in any suitable manner, and may be provided with the usual side handle B, and with an elevated bar or frame, C, above the back, for the support of the hand.

Heretofore combs having such a support at the back have not been provided with mane-combs, owing to the fact that they would interfere with the proper grasp over the back of the comb. We overcome this difficulty by connecting the mane-comb I detachably to the curry-comb, so that it may be applied in any suitable position, and removed when not required.

Various modes of connection may be employed—for instance, the mane-comb may have a tongue, *x*, (dotted lines, Fig. 1,) for locking it to the curry-comb; but we prefer to construct the latter with sockets *y*, to receive tangs *a* extending from the mane-comb, and these sockets may extend completely through projections or knockers of the curry-comb, so that the mane-comb may be applied either above or below the curry-comb, as shown in Fig. 2. When the mane-comb is below it will not interfere with the proper grasp over the back of the comb.

In order to facilitate the construction of the comb, we employ metallic brackets or knocker-pieces J, each of which has a projection, *b*, constituting a knocker, a socket for the tang of the mane-comb, and a hollow projection, *c*, for the passage of the rod constituting part of the handle over the back, and in some instances, although it is not essential, the rod may cross the comb, connecting both brackets, as shown in the drawing.

The brackets may be riveted to the front comb-bar or to the frame, and may be further secured by extending the wires *e* through the same and riveting them at *w*.

It will be apparent that this mode of connecting the wires *d* to brackets riveted to the frame may be employed in various styles of combs.

We claim—

1. A curry-comb provided with a detachable mane-comb, substantially as set forth.
2. The combination of the curry-comb, a grasp or support for the hand at the back, and a mane-comb, as described.
3. A curry-comb having a grasp or support for the hand at the back, and provided with attachments for connecting the mane-comb below the teeth, substantially as specified.
4. The combination of the comb and connecting-brackets J, adapted to support the mane-comb, and recessed to receive the wires forming the back frame, as set forth.
5. The combination, with the comb, of brackets J, secured thereto and connected to the wires *d*, as specified.
6. The brackets secured by riveting at *w* to the ends of the rods extending to the handle, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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