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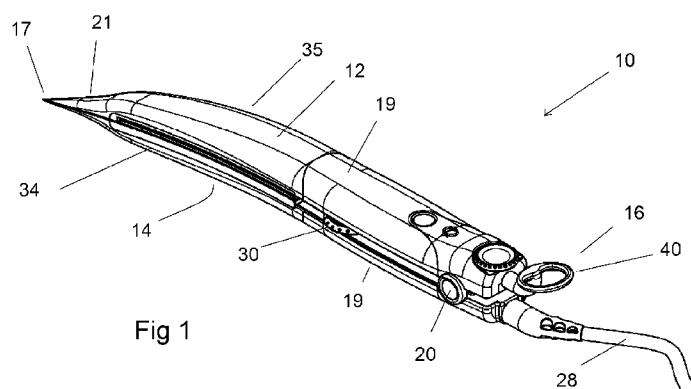


Fig 1

(57) Abstract: A hair iron (10) comprising first and second side members (12, 14) pivotally connected adjacent first ends (16) thereof. A first heating plate (22) is provided on a first surface (18) of the first side member (12) and a second heating plate (24) is provided on a first surface (18) of the second side member (14) such that moving the first and second side members (12, 14) to a closed position engages a section of hair between the first and second heating plates (22, 24). Second ends (17) of the first and second side members (12, 14) are tapered to aid separating the section of hair by sliding the hair iron (10) longitudinally into the hair. Opposed first and second longitudinal edges (34, 35) of the first surfaces (18) of the first and second side members (12, 14) are each curved such that the first longitudinal edges (34) are concave in shape.