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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 15/689,705	Applicant(s) THOMPSON et al.	
	Examiner NICHOLAS D LUCCHESI	Art Unit 3772	AIA (FITF) Status Yes

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Signature	/christopher gloria/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2019-08-02
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Malmesbury, Wiltshire, United Kingdom

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☐ A declaration(s)/affidavit(s) under **37 CFR 1.130(b)** was/were filed on _____.

2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on _____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.

3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7,9-25,27 and 29-42. As a result of the allowed claim(s), you may be eligible to benefit from the **Patent Prosecution Highway** program at a participating intellectual property office for the corresponding application. For more information, please see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pph/index.jsp or send an inquiry to **PPHfeedback@uspto.gov**.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action of April 13, 2022 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a first protrusion configured to engage with the first slot, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is slidably moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot; wherein the body extends along a longitudinal axis and the first slot extends both radially around and axially along the body.
2. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein in the first position, the actuator at least partially obscures the first slot.
3. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator comprises a surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the first slot.

4. (Original) The appliance of claim 3, wherein the surface is configured to at least partially define the first slot at or near the second position.
5. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein when the first protrusion is at a predetermined position within the first slot, the actuator returns towards the first position.
6. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator is biased into the first position.
7. (Original) The appliance of claim 5, wherein the actuator retains the attachment on the body.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Original) The appliance of claim 3, wherein the first protrusion comprises a first face for engagement with the actuator.
10. (Original) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the first face engages with the surface of the actuator.
11. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and wherein the first slot is a closed channel formed

in the inner surface and has a closed end defined by a recess formed at the end of the channel.

12. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the recess is defined by a wall of the first slot.

13. (Original) The appliance of claim 12, wherein the first protrusion comprises a second face for engagement with the wall of the first slot.

14. (Original) The appliance of claim 13, wherein the second face is curved.

15. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the actuator comprises a second surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the recess.

16. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end.

17. (Original) The appliance of claim 16, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface and wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.

18. (Original) The appliance of claim 17, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface.

19. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the attachment comprises a collar extending around the attachment and the first protrusion extends from the collar.

20. (Original) The appliance of claim 19, wherein the attachment comprises a first end and a second end, the collar is adjacent the first end, and the collar comprises a chamfer.

21. (Original) The appliance of claim 20, wherein the chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

22. (Original) The appliance of claim 21, wherein the chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

23. (Original) The appliance of claim 19, wherein the body has a first end and a second end, the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end, the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface, and wherein the attachment has a further chamfer that engages the chamfer of the body as the attachment is attached to the body.

24. (Currently Amended) A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a first protrusion configured to engage with the first slot, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is slidably moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot, further comprising a user operated button which engages with the actuator.

25. (Original) The appliance of claim 24, wherein actuation of the button moves the actuator from the first position to the second position to facilitate removal of an attachment from the body.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 41, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface towards the second end of the body.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 41, wherein the further chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

30. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 41, wherein the further chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

31. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 41, wherein the chamfer on the body and the further chamfer on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.

32. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, comprising a second protrusion and a second slot.

33. (Original) The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion and second slot are radially spaced from the first protrusion and the first slot.

34. (Original) The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion is configured to cooperate with the second slot but not the first slot.

35. (Original) The appliance of claim 32 wherein a third protrusion and a fourth protrusion and a third slot and a fourth slot are provided.

36. (Original) The appliance of claim 35, wherein the fourth protrusion is adapted to cooperate with the second slot or the fourth slot but not the first slot or the third slot.

37. (Original) The appliance of claim 35, wherein each of the first protrusion, the second protrusion, the third protrusion, and the fourth protrusion are radially spaced around the attachment.

38. (Original) The appliance of claim 37, wherein each of the first slot, the second slot, the third slot, and the fourth slot are radially spaced around the body.

39. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the appliance is a hair care appliance.

40. (Original) The appliance of claim 39, wherein the hair care appliance is a hot styling appliance.

41. (Previously Presented) A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism that comprises a plurality of slots and at least one actuator, the attachment comprising a plurality of protrusions configured to engage with the plurality of slots, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position as a first protrusion of the plurality of protrusions engages with a first slot of the plurality of slots, wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface, and wherein the attachment comprises a

first end, a second end, a collar extending around the attachment adjacent the first end, and the collar comprises a further chamfer.

42. (New) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the first slot causes the attachment to pivot relative to the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot.

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 were previously pending in the application. The Office Action allowed claims 27, 29-31, and 41, objected to claims 17, 18, and 20-22, and rejected claims 1-7, 9-16, 19, 23-25, 32-34, 39, and 40. By this Response, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 24 and added claim 42. Accordingly, claims 1-25, 27, and 29-42 are pending.

Examiner Interview

Applicant thanks Examiner Lucchesi for discussing the present application with the undersigned on July 1, 2022. The claim amendments presented herein were generally discussed, and no specific agreement was reached.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action allowed claims 27, 29-31, and 41. The Office Action objected to claims 17, 18, and 20-22 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant appreciates the acknowledgement of the allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 1-7, 9-16, 19, 24, 25, 32-34, 39, and 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Pat. 3,955,064 by Demetrio (hereinafter “Demetrio”). Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, Applicant has amended the claims to expedite prosecution.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite “[a] handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a first protrusion configured to engage with the first

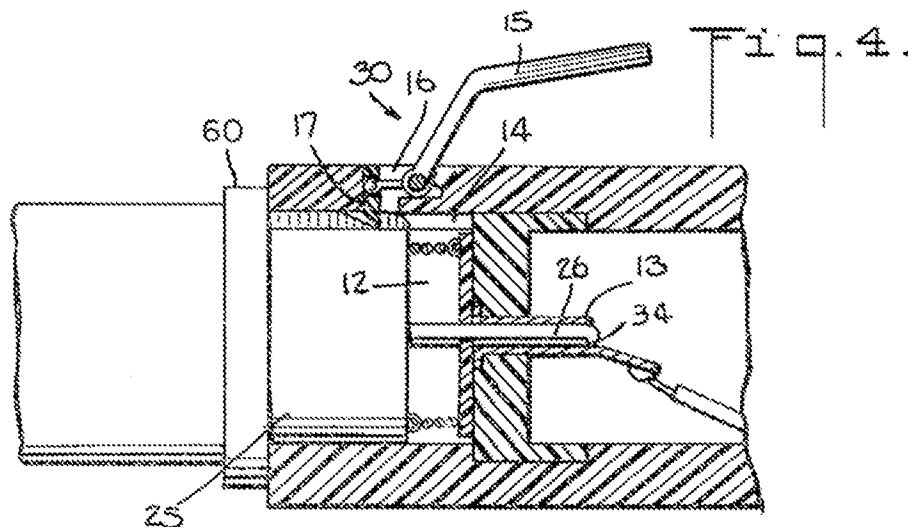
slot, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is *slidably* moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot[.]” Support for amended claim 1 is at least provided by para. [0069] and FIGS. 1a and 1b of the present application.

Regarding claim 1, the Office Action stated:

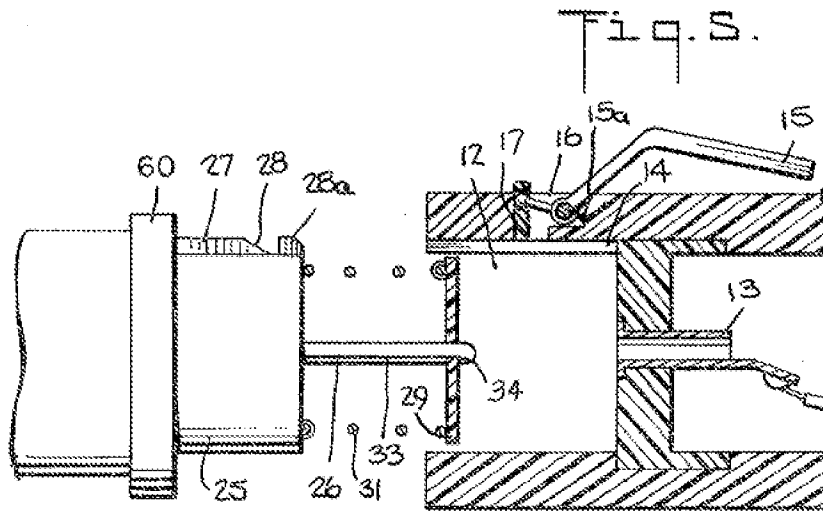
[Demetrio discloses] a handheld appliance (fig. 2) having a body 10 and an attachment 20, the body 10 comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot 12 and an actuator 15, the attachment 20 comprising a first protrusion 25 configured to engage with the first slot 12, wherein the ***actuator has a first position (fig. 4) and a second position (fig. 5) and the actuator is moved from the first position (fig. 4) toward the second position (fig. 5) in a longitudinal direction of the body (note how actuator 15 moves from left to right, in figs 4 and 5)*** as the first protrusion 25 engages with the first slot 12.

Office Action, pp. 2-3 (emphasis added).

FIGS. 4 and 5 of Demetrio are reproduced below.



Demetrio, FIG. 4.



Demetrio, FIG. 5.

Demetrio's "actuator" (15) does not "*slidably* [move] from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot," as recited in claim 1. Furthermore, Demetrio does not otherwise disclose or suggest an actuator as recited in claim 1.

Independent claim 24 has been amended in a similar manner to claim 1.

For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 24, and the claims depending therefrom under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by Demetrio.

New Claim

Claim 42 has been added. Claim 42 depends from claim 1 and recites “the first slot causes the attachment to pivot relative to the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot.” Claim 42 is at least supported by FIGS. 1a and 1b of the present application.

Examination Comment

Applicant respectfully reminds the Examiner of the requirements for speedy and just determination of the issues involved in examination, and for relying upon the “best” prior art references of record. “In selecting the references to be used in rejecting the claims, the examiner should carefully compare the references with one another and with the applicant’s disclosure to avoid an unnecessary number of rejections over similar references. ***The examiner is not called upon to cite all references that may be available, but only the “best.”*** (See 37 CFR 1.104(c).) Multiplying references, any one of which is as good as, but no better than, the others, adds to the burden and cost of prosecution and should therefore be avoided. The examiner must fully consider all the prior art references cited in the application, including those cited by the applicant in a properly submitted Information Disclosure Statement.” MPEP § 904.03 (emphasis added). “In rejecting claims for want of novelty or for obviousness, ***the examiner must cite the best references at his or her command.***” 37 CFR § 1.104(c) (emphasis added).

In previous Office Actions, the “best” prior art references seemingly have not been relied upon. For example, in the Office Action of September 29, 2021, claim 1 was rejected in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,280,439 to McCarthy (hereinafter “McCarthy”). In Applicant’s response submitted on December 22, 2021, claim 1 was amended to include the features of a dependent claim that was indicated as reciting allowable subject matter. However, amended claim 1 was subsequently rejected over Demetrio, seemingly indicating that McCarthy was not the “best” reference available because Demetrio, which Applicant listed on an Information Disclosure Statement (PTO/SB/08A/B) considered by the Examiner on September 14, 2020, is allegedly more relevant to claim 1.

Final Remarks

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-25, 27, and 29-42 are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 50-0573, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

If any questions concerning this application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Discussion of Demetrio et al 3955064. Applicant's representative presented arguments regarding the limitation in claim 1 of the movement of the actuator from the first position toward the second position, along a longitudinal direction of the body. Applicant's representative argued that Demetrio et al does not disclose this limitation, since the actuator of Demetrio et al pivots. The examiner explained that the lever portion of the actuator of Demetrio et al appears to move from left to right, or longitudinally.

Applicant's representative also presented arguments regarding the limitation in claim 1 of the first slot extending both radially around and axially along the body. The examiner explained that the slot of the collar of Demetrio et al was being equated with the claimed first slot, and that the slot of the Demetrio et al collar appears to extend radially from it's longitudinal axis, and also axially along the body.

Applicant's representative suggested that an amendment to claim 1 that specifies that the actuator movement is a sliding motion, would obviate the rejection over Demetrio et al. The examiner agreed that such a limitation would appear to obviate the rejection over Demetrio et al. Applicant's representative also suggested that an amendment that specifies the shape of the first slot, in accordance with the instant figures, might be presented as well. The examiner agreed that the slot of Demetrio et al does not take the shape of the first slot as disclosed in the instant drawings.

/NICHOLAS D LUCCHESI/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3772	
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DETAILED ACTION

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The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Withdrawal Of Indication of Allowability

The previous indication of allowability in the prior office action has been withdrawn in view of a review of the prior art of record. A new non-final action on the merits follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a)(1) the claimed invention was patented, described in a printed publication, or in public use, on sale, or otherwise available to the public before the effective filing date of the claimed invention.

Claims 1-7,9-16,19,24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) as being anticipated by Demetrio et al 3955064 (previously cited).

With regard to claim 1, Demetrio et al disclose a handheld appliance (fig.2) having a body 10 and an attachment 20, the body 10 comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot 12 and an actuator 15, the attachment 20 comprising a first protrusion 25 configured to engage with the first slot 12, wherein the actuator has a first position (fig. 4) and a second position (fig. 5) and the actuator is

moved from the first position (fig. 4) toward the second position (fig. 5) in a longitudinal direction of the body (note how actuator 15 moves from left to right, in figs 4 and 5) as the first protrusion 25 engages with the first slot 12. Note that the body 10 extends along a longitudinal axis and the first slot 12 extends both radially around the body 10 and axially along the body 10.

With regard to claim 2, note how in the first position (fig. 4), the actuator 15 at least partially obscures the first slot 12.

With regard to claim 3, note that the actuator 15 comprises a surface 17 (fig. 5) that interacts with the first protrusion 25 when the first protrusion 25 engages with the first slot 12.

With regard to claim 4, note how the surface 17 is configured to at least partially define the first slot 12 at or near the second position. See fig. 5, where the surface 17 is raised, to help define the first slot 12, by not obstructing it.

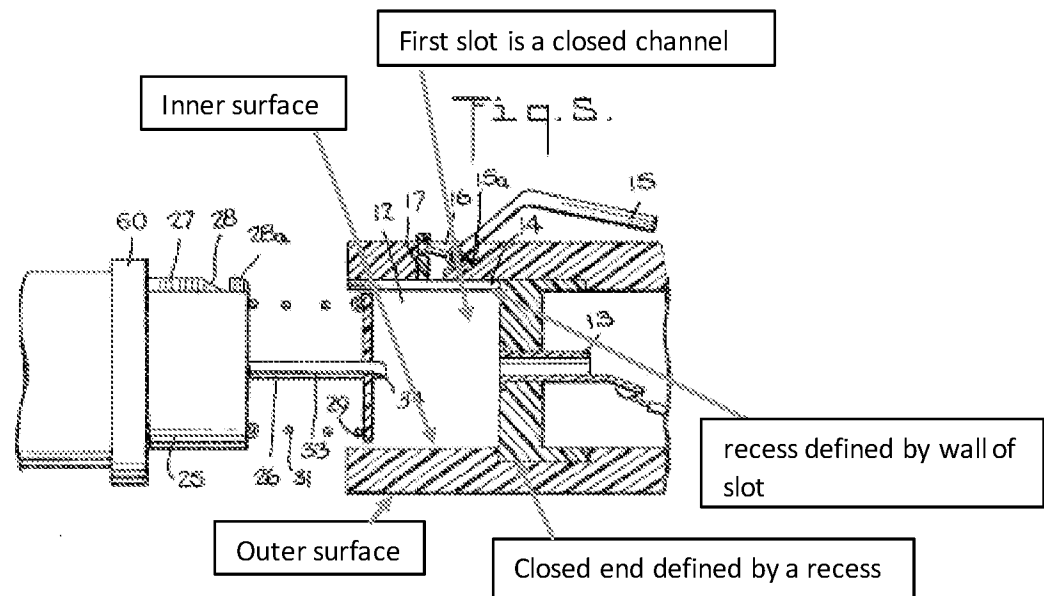
With regard to claims 5 and 6, note that when the first protrusion 25 is at a predetermined position within the first slot 12 (fig. 4), the actuator returns towards the first position, due to the actuator being biased. See col. 4, lines 38-55.

With regard to claim 7, note that the actuator 15 retains the attachment 20 on the body 10.

With regard to claim 9, note that the first protrusion 25 comprises a first face 28a, for engagement with the actuator 15.

With regard to claim 10, note that the first face 28a engages with the surface 17 of the actuator 15.

With regard to claim 11, note that body 10 comprises a wall having an inner surface and outer surface (see fig. 5), with the first slot 12 being a closed channel in the inner surface and has a closed end defined by a recess 14 formed at the end of the channel. See annotated figure below.



With regard to claim 12, note that the recess 14 is defined by a wall of the first slot.

With regard to claim 13, note that protrusion 25 comprises a second face (the exterior perimeter wall for engagement with the wall of the first slot 12).

With regard to claim 14, note that the second face (the exterior perimeter wall of protrusion 25) is curved. See fig. 2, which shows the corners of the protrusion 25 being rounded (curved).

With regard to claim 15, note that actuator 15 comprises a second surface (the rear surface opposite surface 17), which interacts with the first protrusion 25 when the first protrusion 25 engages with the recess 14.

With regard to claim 16, note that the body 10 has a first end 50 and a second end (opposite the end 50), and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end. See fig. 5.

With regard to claim 19, note the attachment 20 comprises a collar 60 extending around the attachment 20, and the first protrusion 27 extends from the collar 60. See fig. 5.

With regard to claim 24, note that the actuator 15 has a user operated button (the top flat portion of the actuator) that engages with the actuator 15.

With regard to claim 25, note that actuation of the button (the top flat portion of the actuator 15) moves the actuator 15 from the first position to the second position to facilitate removal of an attachment from the body.

With regard to claim 32, note second protrusion 33 and second slot 13.

With regard to claim 33, note that the second protrusion 33 and second slot 13 are radially spaced from the first protrusion 25 and the first slot 12.

With regard to claim 34, note that the second protrusion 33 is configured to cooperate with the second slot 13, but not the first slot 12.

With regard to claims 39 and 40, note that the appliance is a hair care appliance, in the form of a hot styling appliance.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 17,18,20-22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 27,29-31,41 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NICHOLAS D LUCCHESI whose telephone number is (571)272-4977. The examiner can normally be reached M-F 800-430.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MS AMENDMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action of September 29, 2021 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), the period for response to which runs through December 29, 2021, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a first protrusion configured to engage with the first slot, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot; wherein the body extends along a longitudinal axis and the first slot extends both radially around and axially along the body.
2. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein in the first position, the actuator at least partially obscures the first slot.
3. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator comprises a surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the first slot.

4. (Original) The appliance of claim 3, wherein the surface is configured to at least partially define the first slot at or near the second position.
5. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein when the first protrusion is at a predetermined position within the first slot, the actuator returns towards the first position.
6. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator is biased into the first position.
7. (Original) The appliance of claim 5, wherein the actuator retains the attachment on the body.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Original) The appliance of claim 3, wherein the first protrusion comprises a first face for engagement with the actuator.
10. (Original) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the first face engages with the surface of the actuator.
11. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and wherein the first slot is a closed channel formed

in the inner surface and has a closed end defined by a recess formed at the end of the channel.

12. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the recess is defined by a wall of the first slot.

13. (Original) The appliance of claim 12, wherein the first protrusion comprises a second face for engagement with the wall of the first slot.

14. (Original) The appliance of claim 13, wherein the second face is curved.

15. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the actuator comprises a second surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the recess.

16. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end.

17. (Original) The appliance of claim 16, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface and wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.

18. (Original) The appliance of claim 17, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface.

19. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the attachment comprises a collar extending around the attachment and the first protrusion extends from the collar.

20. (Original) The appliance of claim 19, wherein the attachment comprises a first end and a second end, the collar is adjacent the first end, and the collar comprises a chamfer.

21. (Original) The appliance of claim 20, wherein the chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

22. (Original) The appliance of claim 21, wherein the chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

23. (Original) The appliance of claim 19, wherein the body has a first end and a second end, the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end, the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface, and wherein the attachment has a further chamfer that engages the chamfer of the body as the attachment is attached to the body.

24. (Currently Amended) ~~The appliance of claim 1,~~ A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a first protrusion configured to engage with the first slot, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot, further comprising a user operated button which engages with the actuator.

25. (Original) The appliance of claim 24, wherein actuation of the button moves the actuator from the first position to the second position to facilitate removal of an attachment from the body.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 41, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface towards the second end of the body.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 41, wherein the further chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

30. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 41, wherein the further chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

31. (Previously Presented) The appliance of claim 41, wherein the chamfer on the body and the further chamfer on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.

32. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, comprising a second protrusion and a second slot.

33. (Original) The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion and second slot are radially spaced from the first protrusion and the first slot.

34. (Original) The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion is configured to cooperate with the second slot but not the first slot.

35. (Original) The appliance of claim 32 wherein a third protrusion and a fourth protrusion and a third slot and a fourth slot are provided.

36. (Original) The appliance of claim 35, wherein the fourth protrusion is adapted to cooperate with the second slot or the fourth slot but not the first slot or the third slot.

37. (Original) The appliance of claim 35, wherein each of the first protrusion, the second protrusion, the third protrusion, and the fourth protrusion are radially spaced around the attachment.

38. (Original) The appliance of claim 37, wherein each of the first slot, the second slot, the third slot, and the fourth slot are radially spaced around the body.

39. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the appliance is a hair care appliance.

40. (Original) The appliance of claim 39, wherein the hair care appliance is a hot styling appliance.

41. (Previously Presented) A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism that comprises a plurality of slots and at least one actuator, the attachment comprising a plurality of protrusions configured to engage with the plurality of slots, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position as a first protrusion of the plurality of protrusions engages with a first slot of the plurality of slots, wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface, and wherein the attachment comprises a

first end, a second end, a collar extending around the attachment adjacent the first end,
and the collar comprises a further chamfer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-25, 27, and 29-41 were previously pending in the application. The Office Action allowed claims 27¹, 29-31, and 41, objected to claims 8, 24, 25, and 36-38, and rejected claims 1-7, 9-23, 32-35, and 39-40. By this Response, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 24 and canceled claim 8. No claims are added. Accordingly, claims 1-7, 9-25, 27, and 29-41 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action allowed claims 27, 29-31, and 41. The Office Action objected to claims 8, 24, 25, and 36-38 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant appreciates the acknowledgement of the allowable subject matter.

Applicant has rewritten claim 24 in independent form. Accordingly, claim 24 and the claim depending therefrom (i.e., claim 25) are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 1-7, 9-19, 32-35, 39, and 40 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,280,439 (hereinafter “McCarthy”). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, Applicant has amended claim 1 to expedite prosecution. Specifically, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the features of dependent claim 8, which was identified as reciting allowable subject matter. Claim 8 has been canceled.

For at least the above reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 and the claims depending therefrom (i.e., claims 2-7, 9-19, 32-35, 39, and 40) under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by McCarthy.

¹ The Summary sheet of the Office Action incorrectly listed claim 37 as being allowed instead of claim 27.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over McCarthy. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Nevertheless, claims 20-23 depend from claim 1, which is distinguished from McCarthy for at least the above reasons. Accordingly, claims 20-23 are distinguished from McCarthy at least due to the chain of dependency. For at least these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 20-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly being unpatentable over McCarthy.

Final Remarks

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-7, 9-25, 27, and 29-41 are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 50-0573, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

If any questions concerning this application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 26, 2021 (hereinafter the "Office Action") and in view of the Advisory Action of August 6, 2021 (hereinafter the "Advisory Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

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DETAILED ACTION

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Withdrawal Of Finality Of Previous Office Action

After a further review of the prior art, the finality of the previous office action has been withdrawn. A new non final action on the merits follows.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a)(1) the claimed invention was patented, described in a printed publication, or in public use, on sale, or otherwise available to the public before the effective filing date of the claimed invention.

Claims 1-7,9-19,32-35,39,40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) as being anticipated by McCarthy3280439 (cited by applicant).

With regard to claim 1, McCarthy discloses a handheld appliance having a body 58 and an attachment 56, the body comprising an attachment mechanism 60 comprising a first slot 72 and an

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actuator 74, the attachment 49 comprising a first protrusion 54 configured to engage with the first slot 72, wherein the actuator 74 has a first position (fig. 4) and a second position (fig. 5), and the actuator 74 is moved from the first position (fig. 4) to the second position (fig. 5) in a longitudinal direction of the body 58 as the first protrusion 54 engages with the first slot 72.

With regard to claim 2, note how the actuator 74 at least partially obscures the first slot 72 when in the first position. See surface 94 in fig. 4 and 6.

With regard to claim 3, note that the actuator 74 comprises a surface 64 which interacts with the first protrusion 54 when the first protrusion 54 engages with the first slot 72.

With regard to claim 4, note that the surface 64 at least partially defines the first slot 72 at the second position (fig. 5).

With regard to claim 5, note that when the first protrusion 54 is at a predetermined position within the first slot 72, the actuator returns towards the first position (fig. 5).

With regard to claim 6, note that the actuator 74 is biased into the first position via spring 76. See figs 4 and 6.

With regard to claim 7, note that the actuator 74 retains the attachment 49 on body 58. See fig. 6.

With regard to claim 9, note that the first protrusion 54 comprises a first face (the upper portion of the outer circumference of the pin) for engagement with the actuator 74.

With regard to claim 10, note that the first face (the outer circumference of the pin 54) engages with the surface 64 of the actuator 74.

With regard to claim 11, note that the body 58 comprises a wall (the wall of element 60, fig. 5) having an outer (outer circumference) surface and an inner (inner circumference) surface, wherein the first slot 72 is a closed channel formed in the inner surface (the slot 72 is formed in both the inner and

outer surfaces of wall element 60), and has a closed end 68 defined by a recess 66 formed at the end of the channel.

With regard to claim 12, note that the recess 66 is defined by a wall of the first slot 72.

With regard to claim 13, note that the first protrusion 54 comprises a second face (the lower face of the outer circumference of pin 54) for engagement of the wall of the first slot 72.

With regard to claim 14, note that the second face (the lower face of the outer circumference of pin 54) is curved.

With regard to claim 15, note that the actuator 74 comprises a second surface 70 which interacts with the first protrusion 54 when the first protrusion 54 engages with the recess 72. See fig. 5.

With regard to claim 16, note that the body 58 has a first end 88 (fig. 5) and a second end (the opposite end) and the attachment mechanism 60 is adjacent the second end.

With regard to claims 17 and 18, note that body 58 comprises a wall 60 having an outer surface (the outer circumference) and an inner surface (the inner circumference) and wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer 94 extending around the inner surface. See fig. 5. Note how the chamfer 94 extends from the inner surface toward the outer surface (slopes from the inner surface toward the outer surface).

With regard to claim 19, note that the attachment 56 comprises a collar 50 extending around the attachment 56 (fig. 5) and the first protrusion 54 extends from the collar 50.

With regard to claims 32-34 note that McCarthy discloses a second protrusion and a second slot (just below reference numeral 49 in fig. 5) which are radially spaced from first protrusion 54 and first slot 72. With regard to claim 34, note that the second protrusion (the pin just below reference numeral 49) cooperates with the second slot (in which it resides), but not the first slot 72.

With regard to claim 35, note that McCarthy discloses a third protrusion 82 and a fourth protrusion 86 (fig. 5) along with a third slot (which holds protrusion 82) and a fourth slot (which holds protrusion 86).

With regard to claims 39 and 40, these claims merely recite functional language and do not further recite structural elements. Thus, it is held that the appliance of McCarthy could be referred to as a “hair care” appliance or a “hot styling” appliance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103 which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

A patent for a claimed invention may not be obtained, notwithstanding that the claimed invention is not identically disclosed as set forth in section 102, if the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention as a whole would have been obvious before the effective filing date of the claimed invention to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which the claimed invention pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over McCarthy 3280439.

With regard to claim 20, McCarthy discloses a chamfer 96 on the body 58, discloses the attachment 49 having a first (righthand) end and a second (lefthand) end, but does not disclose a chamfer at the distal end of the collar that extends radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment and engages the chamfer 96 of the body.

It would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to include a chamfer on the inside of the distal end of the collar 50 of McCarthy, extending from the collar radially outwards and towards the

second (lefthand) end of the attachment, if one wished for a similar chamfer on the collar to allow the chamfer 96 of the body to more easily engage with the collar 50 of McCarthy.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 41,27,29,30,31 are allowed.

Claims 8,24,25,36-38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NICHOLAS D LUCCHESI whose telephone number is (571)272-4977. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 800-430.

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Final Office Action of April 26, 2021 (hereinafter the "Office Action") and in view of the Advisory Action of August 6, 2021 (hereinafter the "Advisory Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a first protrusion configured to engage with the first slot, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot.
2. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein in the first position, the actuator at least partially obscures the first slot.
3. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator comprises a surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the first slot.
4. (Original) The appliance of claim 3, wherein the surface is configured to at least partially define the first slot at or near the second position.

5. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein when the first protrusion is at a predetermined position within the first slot, the actuator returns towards the first position.
6. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator is biased into the first position.
7. (Original) The appliance of claim 5, wherein the actuator retains the attachment on the body.
8. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body extends along a longitudinal axis and the first slot extends both radially around and axially along the body.
9. (Original) The appliance of claim 3, wherein the first protrusion comprises a first face for engagement with the actuator.
10. (Original) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the first face engages with the surface of the actuator.
11. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and wherein the first slot is a closed channel formed in the inner surface and has a closed end defined by a recess formed at the end of the channel.

12. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the recess is defined by a wall of the first slot.

13. (Original) The appliance of claim 12, wherein the first protrusion comprises a second face for engagement with the wall of the first slot.

14. (Original) The appliance of claim 13, wherein the second face is curved.

15. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the actuator comprises a second surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the recess.

16. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end.

17. (Original) The appliance of claim 16, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface and wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.

18. (Original) The appliance of claim 17, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface.

19. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the attachment comprises a collar extending around the attachment and the first protrusion extends from the collar.

20. (Original) The appliance of claim 19, wherein the attachment comprises a first end and a second end, the collar is adjacent the first end, and the collar comprises a chamfer.

21. (Original) The appliance of claim 20, wherein the chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

22. (Original) The appliance of claim 21, wherein the chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

23. (Original) The appliance of claim 19, wherein the body has a first end and a second end, the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end, the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface, and wherein the attachment has a further chamfer that engages the chamfer of the body as the attachment is attached to the body.

24. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, further comprising a user operated button which engages with the actuator.

25. (Original) The appliance of claim 24, wherein actuation of the button moves the actuator from the first position to the second position to facilitate removal of an attachment from the body.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The appliance of claim [[26]] 41, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface towards the second end of the body.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The appliance of claim [[28]] 41, wherein the further chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

30. (Currently Amended) The appliance of claim [[28]] 41, wherein the further chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

31. (Currently Amended) The appliance of claim [[28]] 41, wherein the chamfer on the body and the further chamfer on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.

32. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, comprising a second protrusion and a second slot.

33. (Original) The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion and second slot are radially spaced from the first protrusion and the first slot.

34. (Original) The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion is configured to cooperate with the second slot but not the first slot.

35. (Original) The appliance of claim 32 wherein a third protrusion and a fourth protrusion and a third slot and a fourth slot are provided.

36. (Original) The appliance of claim 35, wherein the fourth protrusion is adapted to cooperate with the second slot or the fourth slot but not the first slot or the third slot.

37. (Original) The appliance of claim 35, wherein each of the first protrusion, the second protrusion, the third protrusion, and the fourth protrusion are radially spaced around the attachment.

38. (Original) The appliance of claim 37, wherein each of the first slot, the second slot, the third slot, and the fourth slot are radially spaced around the body.

39. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the appliance is a hair care appliance.

40. (Original) The appliance of claim 39, wherein the hair care appliance is a hot styling appliance.

41. (Currently Amended) A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism that comprises a plurality of slots and at least one actuator, the attachment comprising a plurality of protrusions configured to engage with the plurality of slots, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position as a first protrusion of the plurality of protrusions engages with a first slot of the plurality of slots, wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface, and wherein the attachment comprises a first end, a second end, a collar extending around the attachment adjacent the first end, and the collar comprises a further chamfer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 were previously pending in the application. The Office Action allowed claims 1-25 and 32-40, objected to claims 28-31, and rejected claims 26, 27, and 41. By this Response, Applicant has amended claims 27, 29-31, and 41 and canceled claims 26 and 28. Accordingly, claims 1-25, 27, and 29-41 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action allowed claims 1-25 and 32-40. The Office Action objected to claims 28-31 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant appreciates the acknowledgement of the allowable subject matter. As described below, Applicant has amended independent claim 41 to include the features of allowable dependent claim 28 and intervening claim 26, which have been canceled. With this amendment, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 41, 26, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by GB 1131427 (hereinafter “GB 427”). Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, Applicant has amended the claims to expedite prosecution.

Independent claim 41 has been amended to include the features of now-canceled dependent claims 26 and 28, the latter of which the Office Action identified as reciting allowable subject matter.

For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 41 and the claims depending therefrom (that is, claims 27) under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by GB 427.

Final Remarks

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-25, 27, and 29-41 are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 50-0573, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

If any questions concerning this application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection. No Notice of Appeal has been filed. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114 if this is a utility or plant application. Note that RCEs are not permitted in design applications. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

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NOTE: See Continuation Sheet (See 37CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

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5. ☒ Applicants reply has overcome the following rejection(s): 102 rejection

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STATUS OF CLAIMS

15. The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
 Claim(s) allowed: 1-25 and 32-40.
 Claim(s) objected to: 28-31.
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/NICHOLAS D LUCCHESI/ Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3772	
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Continuation of 3. NOTE: A new 112 2nd paragraph issue is raised by applicant's amendment. Claim 27, dependent upon amended claim 41, now presents antecedent basis issues regarding "the second end".

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Inventor(s) Daniel John Thompson

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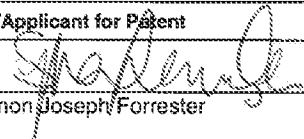
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a first protrusion configured to engage with the first slot, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot.
2. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein in the first position, the actuator at least partially obscures the first slot.
3. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator comprises a surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the first slot.
4. (Original) The appliance of claim 3, wherein the surface is configured to at least partially define the first slot at or near the second position.

5. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein when the first protrusion is at a predetermined position within the first slot, the actuator returns towards the first position.
6. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator is biased into the first position.
7. (Original) The appliance of claim 5, wherein the actuator retains the attachment on the body.
8. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body extends along a longitudinal axis and the first slot extends both radially around and axially along the body.
9. (Original) The appliance of claim 3, wherein the first protrusion comprises a first face for engagement with the actuator.
10. (Original) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the first face engages with the surface of the actuator.
11. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and wherein the first slot is a closed channel formed in the inner surface and has a closed end defined by a recess formed at the end of the channel.

12. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the recess is defined by a wall of the first slot.

13. (Original) The appliance of claim 12, wherein the first protrusion comprises a second face for engagement with the wall of the first slot.

14. (Original) The appliance of claim 13, wherein the second face is curved.

15. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the actuator comprises a second surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the recess.

16. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end.

17. (Original) The appliance of claim 16, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface and wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.

18. (Original) The appliance of claim 17, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface.

19. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the attachment comprises a collar extending around the attachment and the first protrusion extends from the collar.

20. (Original) The appliance of claim 19, wherein the attachment comprises a first end and a second end, the collar is adjacent the first end, and the collar comprises a chamfer.

21. (Original) The appliance of claim 20, wherein the chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

22. (Original) The appliance of claim 21, wherein the chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

23. (Original) The appliance of claim 19, wherein the body has a first end and a second end, the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end, the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface, and wherein the attachment has a further chamfer that engages the chamfer of the body as the attachment is attached to the body.

24. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, further comprising a user operated button which engages with the actuator.

25. (Original) The appliance of claim 24, wherein actuation of the button moves the actuator from the first position to the second position to facilitate removal of an attachment from the body.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The appliance of claim ~~[[26]]~~ 41, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface towards the second end.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) The appliance of claim ~~[[28]]~~ 41, wherein the further chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

30. (Currently Amended) The appliance of claim ~~[[28]]~~ 41, wherein the further chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

31. (Currently Amended) The appliance of claim ~~[[28]]~~ 41, wherein the chamfer on the body and the further chamfer on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.

32. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, comprising a second protrusion and a second slot.

33. (Original) The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion and second slot are radially spaced from the first protrusion and the first slot.

34. (Original) The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion is configured to cooperate with the second slot but not the first slot.

35. (Original) The appliance of claim 32 wherein a third protrusion and a fourth protrusion and a third slot and a fourth slot are provided.

36. (Original) The appliance of claim 35, wherein the fourth protrusion is adapted to cooperate with the second slot or the fourth slot but not the first slot or the third slot.

37. (Original) The appliance of claim 35, wherein each of the first protrusion, the second protrusion, the third protrusion, and the fourth protrusion are radially spaced around the attachment.

38. (Original) The appliance of claim 37, wherein each of the first slot, the second slot, the third slot, and the fourth slot are radially spaced around the body.

39. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the appliance is a hair care appliance.

40. (Original) The appliance of claim 39, wherein the hair care appliance is a hot styling appliance.

41. (Currently Amended) A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism that comprises a plurality of slots and at least one actuator, the attachment comprising a plurality of protrusions configured to engage with the plurality of slots, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position as a first protrusion of the plurality of protrusions engages with a first slot of the plurality of slots, wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface, and wherein the attachment comprises a first end, a second end, a collar extending around the attachment adjacent the first end, and the collar comprises a further chamfer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-41 were previously pending in the application. The Office Action allowed claims 1-25 and 32-40, objected to claims 28-31, and rejected claims 26, 27, and 41. By this Response, Applicant has amended claims 27, 29-31, and 41 and canceled claims 26 and 28. Accordingly, claims 1-25, 27, and 29-41 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action allowed claims 1-25 and 32-40..The Office Action objected to claims 28-31 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicant appreciates the acknowledgement of the allowable subject matter. As described below, Applicant has amended independent claim 41 to include the features of allowable dependent claim 28 and intervening claim 26, which have been canceled. With this amendment, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected claims 41, 26, and 27 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by GB 1131427 (hereinafter “GB 427”). Applicant respectfully disagrees. However, Applicant has amended the claims to expedite prosecution.

Independent claim 41 has been amended to include the features of now-canceled dependent claims 26 and 28, the latter of which the Office Action identified as reciting allowable subject matter.

For at least this reason, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claim 41 and the claims depending therefrom (that is, claims 27) under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as allegedly being anticipated by GB 427.

Final Remarks

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-25, 27, and 29-41 are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited.

In the event Applicant has overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of fee, Applicant hereby petitions therefor and authorizes that any charges be made to Deposit Account No. 50-0573, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

If any questions concerning this application should arise, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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- The withdrawal as attorney in this application has been accepted. Future correspondence will be mailed to the new address of record. 37 CFR 1.33.

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First Named Inventor	Daniel THOMPSON		
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Title	HAND HELD APPLIANCE		
☒ Please withdraw me as attorney or agent for the above identified patent application and the practitioners of record associated with Customer Number:		25227 _____	
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Application No : 15689705

Filed : 29-Aug-2017

Attorney Docket No : 42466-21238.00

This is an electronic decision on the Request to Withdraw as attorney or agent of record under 37 CFR§ 1.36(b), filed July 7, 2021

The request is **APPROVED**

The request was signed by Jonathan Bockman (registration no. 45640) on behalf of all attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 25227 . All attorneys/agents associated with Customer Number 25227 have been withdrawn.

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DETAILED ACTION

Notice of Pre-AIA or AIA Status

The present application, filed on or after March 16, 2013, is being examined under the first inventor to file provisions of the AIA.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a)(1) the claimed invention was patented, described in a printed publication, or in public use, on sale, or otherwise available to the public before the effective filing date of the claimed invention.

Claims 41, 26, 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) as being anticipated by Sunbeam Corporation GB 1131427 (hereafter “GB 427”).

With regard to claim 41, GB 427 discloses a handheld appliance (see figs 1 and 2) having a body 10 and an attachment 12, the body 10 comprising an attachment mechanism that comprises a plurality of slots 11 and at least one actuator 15/15', the attachment comprising a plurality of protrusions 14 configured to engage with the plurality of slots 11, wherein the actuator 15/15' has a first position (depressed radially inwardly) and a second position (extended radially outwardly), and the actuator 15/15' is moved from the first position towards the second position as a first protrusion 14 of the plurality of protrusions engages with a first slot of the plurality of slots. This is accomplished when the

attachment 12 is moved toward the body 10, the protrusions 14 move radially inwardly, causing the actuators 15/15' to also move radially inwardly. When the protrusions 14 engage the slots 11, the actuators 15/15' move radially outwardly.

With regard to claim 26, note that the body 10 has a first (righthand) and second (lefthand) end, and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end. See fig. 1 and 2. The body 10 comprises a wall 10''' having an outer (exterior) surface and an inner (interior) surface, and wherein at the second end, the wall 10''' comprises a chamfer 25 (in the form of a relief) extending around the inner surface.

With regard to claim 27, note that the chamfer 25 extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface, towards the second end. See fig. 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-25,32-40 are allowed.

Claims 28-31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 41,26,27 have been considered but are moot because the new grounds of rejection does not rely on any reference applied in the prior rejection of record for any teaching or matter specifically challenged in the argument.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NICHOLAS D LUCCHESI whose telephone number is (571)272-4977. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 800-430.

Examiner interviews are available via telephone, in-person, and video conferencing using a USPTO supplied web-based collaboration tool. To schedule an interview, applicant is encouraged to use the USPTO Automated Interview Request (AIR) at <http://www.uspto.gov/interviewpractice>.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jacqueline Johanas can be reached on 571-270-5085. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3772

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Signature	/christopher gloria/	Date (YYYY-MM-DD)	2021-01-19
Name/Print	Christopher Gloria	Registration Number	71,907

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In response to the non-final Office Action dated September 18, 2020, the period for response having been extended one month to January 18, 2021, please amend this application as follows.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

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REMARKS

Applicant notes, with appreciation, the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 20-23 and 34-38.

Claims 1 and 26 have been amended and new independent claim 41 has been added. Support for the amendment and new claims is found, at least, in FIGS. 1a and 5. No new matter has been added.

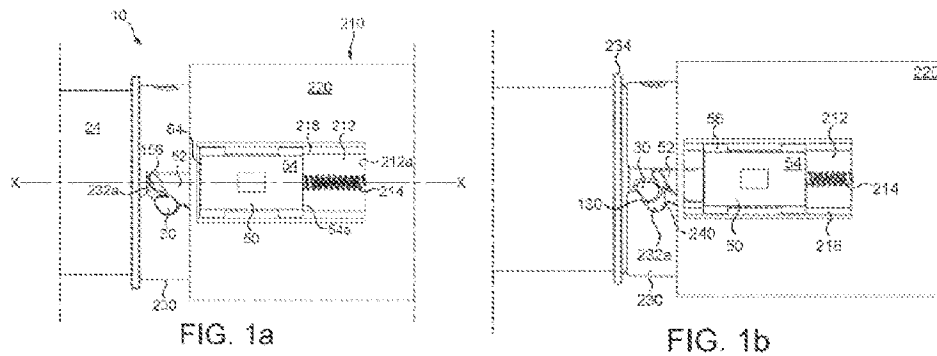
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Claims 1-19, 24, 25, 32, 33, 39 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) as being anticipated by Vasey (WO-95/20339). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite:

A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a first protrusion configured to engage with the first slot, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot.

Thus, according to amended claim 1, the “actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot.” An example of the movement of the actuator as the first protrusion engages the first slot is illustrated in FIG. 1a and FIG. 1b of the application, which are reproduced below for convenience.



In the illustrated example, the actuator 50 moves in the longitudinal direction of the body 210 (in the direction of axis X-X), as protrusion 30 engages slot 232a.

The references fail to disclose or suggest that “actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot,” as recited in amended claim 1. The Examiner relies on the cavity 2 of Vasey as being the slot of the attachment mechanism, the sprung steel 18 as being the actuator of the attachment mechanism, and the mandrel 4 as being the first protrusion. As the mandrel is engaging the cavity 2, the sprung steel 18 moves laterally—perpendicularly to the longitudinal direction of the main handle 1. In contrast, amended claim 1 requires the actuator to move “in a longitudinal direction of the body.” Thus, Vasey fails to disclose or suggest “actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot,” as recited in amended claim 1.

Accordingly, the rejection of claim 1, as amended, should be withdrawn. The rejections of dependent claims 2-19, 24, 25, 32, 33, 39 and 40 should be withdrawn at least for the respective dependencies of the claims.

Claims 26-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) as being anticipated by Baudoin (US-6,029,307). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 26 has been amended to depend from new independent claim 41, which has been added. Claim 41 recites:

A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism that comprises a plurality of slots and at least one actuator, the attachment comprising a plurality of protrusions configured to engage with the plurality of slots, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position as a first protrusion of the plurality of protrusions engages with a first slot of the plurality of slots.

Thus, according to claim 41, the attachment mechanism of the body comprises a plurality of slots and the attachment comprises a plurality of protrusions that engage with the plurality of slots.

The references fails to disclose or suggest “the body comprising an attachment mechanism that comprises a plurality of slots and at least one actuator, the attachment comprising a plurality of protrusions configured to engage with the plurality of slots,” as recited in claim 41. As noted above, the Examiner relies on the cavity 2 of Vasey as being the slot of the attachment mechanism and the mandrel 4 as being the first protrusion. There is only one each of these, not a plurality of each as required by claim 41.

Dependent claim 32, which depends from claim 1, recites “a second protrusion and a second slot.” Thus, claim 32 requires at least two protrusions and at least two slots. The Examiner rejects claim 32 based on Vasey. However, the Examiner’s rejection of claim 32 does not apply to claim 41. For the second protrusion/slot of claim 32, the Examiner relies on the opposite one of the body and attachment as relied upon for the first protrusion/slot recited in claim 1. The Examiner cites the cavity 2 of the main handle 1 as the slot recited in claim 1 and the groove 16 of the attachment as the second slot recited in claim 32. Thus, the Examiner’s two slots are each on a different one of the body and attachment, and the same is true of the Examiner’s two projections (the Examiner cites the mandrel 4 of the attachment as the protrusion of claim 1 and the button 14 of the handle 1 as the second protrusion of claim 32). Claim 41 clarifies that the plurality of slots are on the body and the plurality of protrusions are on the attachment. Vasey fails to disclose or suggest this feature. Baudoin fails to cure this deficiency.

Thus, claim 41 is allowable over the cited references. The rejections of dependent claims 26-31 should be withdrawn at least for the respective dependencies of the claims from allowable claim 41.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a first protrusion configured to engage with the first slot, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position in a longitudinal direction of the body as the first protrusion engages with the first slot.
2. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein in the first position, the actuator at least partially obscures the first slot.
3. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator comprises a surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the first slot.
4. (Original) The appliance of claim 3, wherein the surface is configured to at least partially define the first slot at or near the second position.
5. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein when the first protrusion is at a pre-determined position within the first slot, the actuator returns towards the first position.
6. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator is biased into the first position.
7. (Original) The appliance of claim 5, wherein the actuator retains the attachment on the body.
8. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body extends along a longitudinal axis and the first slot extends both radially around and axially along the body.
9. (Original) The appliance of claim 3, wherein the first protrusion comprises a first face for engagement with the actuator.

10. (Original) The appliance of claim 9, wherein the first face engages with the surface of the actuator.
11. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and wherein the first slot is a closed channel formed in the inner surface and has a closed end defined by a recess formed at the end of the channel.
12. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the recess is defined by a wall of the first slot.
13. (Original) The appliance of claim 12, wherein the first protrusion comprises a second face for engagement with the wall of the first slot.
14. (Original) The appliance of claim 13, wherein the second face is curved.
15. (Original) The appliance of claim 11, wherein the actuator comprises a second surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the recess.
16. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end.
17. (Original) The appliance of claim 16, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.
18. (Original) The appliance of claim 17, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface.
19. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the attachment comprises a collar extending around the attachment and the first protrusion extends from the collar.

20. (Original) The appliance of claim 19, wherein the attachment comprises a first end and a second end, the collar is adjacent the first end, and the collar comprises a chamfer.
21. (Original) The appliance of claim 20, wherein the chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.
22. (Original) The appliance of claim 21, wherein the chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.
23. (Original) The appliance of claim 19, wherein the body has a first end and a second end, the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end, the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface, and wherein the attachment has a further chamfer that engages the chamfer of the body as the attachment is attached to the body.
24. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, further comprising a user operated button which engages with the actuator.
25. (Original) The appliance of claim 24, wherein actuation of the button moves the actuator from the first position to the second position to facilitate removal of an attachment from the body.
26. (Currently Amended) [[A]] The handheld appliance of claim 41, wherein having a body and an attachment, the body having has a first end and a second end and comprising an and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.
27. (Original) The appliance of claim 26, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface towards the second end.

28. (Original) The appliance of claim 26, wherein the attachment comprises a first end, a second end, a collar extending around the attachment adjacent the first end, and the collar comprises a further chamfer.
29. (Original) The appliance of claim 28, wherein the further chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.
30. (Original) The appliance of claim 28, wherein the further chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.
31. (Original) The appliance of claim 28, wherein the chamfer on the body and the further chamfer on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.
32. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, comprising a second protrusion and a second slot.
33. (Original) The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion and second slot are radially spaced from the first protrusion and the first slot.
34. (Original) The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion is configured to cooperate with the second slot but not the first slot.
35. (Original) The appliance of claim 32, wherein a third protrusion and a fourth protrusion and a third slot and a fourth slot are provided.
36. (Original) The appliance of claim 35, wherein the fourth protrusion is adapted to cooperate with the second slot or the fourth slot but not the first slot or the third slot.
37. (Original) The appliance of claim 35, wherein each of the first protrusion, the second protrusion, the third protrusion, and the fourth protrusion are radially spaced around the attachment.

38. (Original) The appliance of claim 37, wherein each of the first slot, the second slot, the third slot, and the fourth slot are radially spaced around the body.

39. (Original) The appliance of claim 1, wherein the appliance is a hair care appliance.

40. (Original) The appliance of claim 39, wherein the hair care appliance is a hot styling appliance.

41. (New) A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism that comprises a plurality of slots and at least one actuator, the attachment comprising a plurality of protrusions configured to engage with the plurality of slots, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position as a first protrusion of the plurality of protrusions engages with a first slot of the plurality of slots.

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Election/Restrictions

Applicant's request for withdrawal of the restriction requirement, supported by arguments in the response of 6/8/20 has been fully considered. Applicant's arguments are found persuasive, and accordingly, the restriction requirement is withdrawn. Claims 1-40 will be examined on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

In the event the determination of the status of the application as subject to AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 (or as subject to pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103) is incorrect, any correction of the statutory basis for the rejection will not be considered a new ground of rejection if the prior art relied upon, and the rationale supporting the rejection, would be the same under either status.

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A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a)(1) the claimed invention was patented, described in a printed publication, or in public use, on sale, or otherwise available to the public before the effective filing date of the claimed invention.

Claims 1-19,24,25,32,33,39,40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) as being anticipated by Vasey WO95/20339 (cited by applicant).

With regard to claim 1, Vasey discloses a handheld appliance (fig. 11) having a body 1 and an attachment 9, the body 1 comprising an attachment mechanism 14 having a first slot 2 and an actuator 18, the attachment 9 comprising a first protrusion 4 configured to engage with the first slot 2, the actuator 18 has a first position and a second position, with the actuator being moved from the first

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position to the second position as the first protrusion 4 engages with the first slot. See page 20, second paragraph.

With regard to claim 2, note that when the actuator 18 is in the first position, it at least partially obscures the first slot 2.

With regard to claim 3, note that the actuator 18 comprises a surface 19 which interacts with the first protrusion 4 when the first protrusion 4 engages with the first slot 2.

With regard to claim 4, note that the surface 19 at least partially defines the first slot 2 (the surface 19 is in the slot 2, and thus partially defines it), whether it is in the first or the second position.

With regard to claim 5, note that when the first protrusion 4 is at a predetermined position (fully inserted) within the first slot 2, the actuator 18 returns toward the first position. See fig. 11.

With regard to claim 6, note that the actuator 18 is biased into the first position. See page 20, lines 18-28.

With regard to claim 7, note that the actuator 18 retains the attachment 9 on the body 1.

With regard to claim 8, note that the body 1 extends along a longitudinal axis. Also, note that the first slot 2 extends both radially around (in a vertical direction), and axially along (in a horizontal direction) the body 1.

With regard to claims 9 and 10, note that the first protrusion 4 comprises a first face 16 for engagement with actuator 18.

With regard to claim 11, note that the body 1 comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface 3, with the first slot 2 being a closed channel (closed at the inner most end) formed in the inner surface 3. The first slot 2 has a closed end defined by a recess (the recess that holds button 14) at the end of the channel.

With regard to claim 12, note that the recess (that holds button 14) is defined by a wall of the first slot 2.

With regard to claim 13, note that the first protrusion 4 comprises a second face (the circumferential surface of 4) for engagement with the wall of the first slot 2.

With regard to claim 14, note that the second face (the circumferential surface of 4) is curved.

With regard to claim 15, note that the actuator 18 comprises a second surface (the surface of the spring member) that interacts with the first protrusion 4 when the first protrusion 4 engages with the recess.

With regard to claim 16 note that the body 1 has first and second ends, and that the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end. See fig. 11.

With regard to claim 17, note chamfer 3 at the second end.

With regard to claim 18, note that chamfer extends from the inner surface to the outer surface of body 1.

With regard to claim 19, note collar 5 extending around the attachment 9, with protrusion 4 extending from collar 5.

With regard to claim 24, note user operated button 14 that engages with the actuator 18.

With regard to claim 25, note that actuation of button 14 moves the actuator 18 from the first to the second position to facilitate removal of the attachment from the body 1.

With regard to claim 32, note second protrusion (on the underside of button 14) and second slot (the slot accommodating button 14).

With regard to claim 33, note that the second protrusion and the second slot are radially (outwardly) spaced from the first protrusion 4 and first slot 2.

With regard to claims 39 and 40, note that the appliance is a hair care appliance, which is also used in hot styling procedures. See page 4, last two lines.

Claims 26-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)(1) as being anticipated by Baudoin 6029307 (cited by applicant).

With regard to claim 26, Baudoin discloses a handheld appliance (fig. 3) having a body 16 and an attachment 14, the body 16 having a first end and a second end and comprising an attachment mechanism adjacent the second end. The body 16 comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface 28, and at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer 44 extending around the inner surface.

With regard to claim 27, note that the chamfer 44 extends from the inner surface 28 towards the outer surface towards the second end.

With regard to claim 28, note that the attachment 14 comprises a first end, a second end 18, a collar 48 extending around the attachment adjacent the first end, and the collar 48 comprises a further chamfer 22.

With regard to claim 29, note that the further chamfer 22 is at the distal end of the collar 48 from the first end of the attachment 14.

With regard to claim 30, note that the further chamfer 22 extends from the collar 48 radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment 14.

With regard to claim 31, note that the chamfer 44 on the body 16 and the further chamfer 22 on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 20-23,34-38 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Daniel John THOMPSON et al.

Application No.: 15/689,705

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For: HAND HELD APPLIANCE

Examiner: Nicholas D. Lucchesi

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Election Requirement dated April 6, 2020, Applicants elect to prosecute Species 1, *with traverse*. All of the claims read on the elected species.

The Election Requirement identified as patentably distinct species the “Appliance of claim 1” and the “Appliance of claim 26”. Thus, the Examiner asserts that the two independent claims are two different species. However, this is incorrect since claims 1 and 26 do not define different species. Rather, they overlap in scope in that the same species is covered by both claims. Since the Examiner has not identified different species, the Election Requirement should be withdrawn.

“Claims themselves are never species.” (MPEP 806.04(e).) Rather, “[c]laims are definitions of inventions.” (*Id.*) Species are different embodiments of the claimed invention. (*Id.*)

The Examiner has failed to identify species—i.e., different embodiments. The inventions as defined in claims 1 and 26 overlap in scope. For example, the feature of “the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface,” recited in claim 26, is also recited in claim 17, which depends from claim 1 via claim 16. Thus, there is an embodiment that has the features of claim 1 and the features of claim 26. This shows that claims 1 and 26 do not define different embodiments.

Accordingly, the Election of Species requirement is erroneous and should be withdrawn.

With respect to any claim amendments and/or cancellations made herein, Applicant has not dedicated to the public or abandoned any unclaimed subject matter. Any amendments and/or cancellations have been made only in the interest of progressing the prosecution of this application and do not indicate that any amendments and/or cancellations are necessary for patentability. Moreover, Applicant has not acquiesced to any rejections and/or objections made by the Patent Office. Applicant reserves the right to pursue prosecution of any presently excluded claim embodiments in a future continuation and/or divisional application.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

This application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

Species I: Appliance of claim 1.

Species II: Appliance of claim 26.

The species are independent or distinct because the specifics of the attachment mechanism are not required for the species of claim 26. Similarly, the species of claim 1 does not require the wall and the chamfer. In addition, these species are not obvious variants of each other based on the current record.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, or a single grouping of patentably indistinct species, for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, no claims are generic.

There is a search and/or examination burden for the patentably distinct species as set forth above because at least the following reason(s) apply: The species require mutually exclusive search terms and search areas. For example, Species II does not require a search for the protrusions that are required for Species I.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species to be examined even though the requirement may be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) **and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected species or grouping of patentably indistinct species**, including any claims subsequently added. An argument that a claim is allowable or that all claims are generic is considered nonresponsive unless accompanied by an election.

The election may be made with or without traverse. To preserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the election of species requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse. Traversal must be presented at the time of election in order to be considered timely. Failure to timely traverse the requirement will result in the loss of right to petition under 37 CFR 1.144. If claims are added after the election, applicant must indicate which of these claims are readable on the elected species or grouping of patentably indistinct species.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species, or groupings of patentably indistinct species from which election is required, are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing them to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the species unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103 or pre-AIA 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other species.

Upon the allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which depend from or otherwise require all the limitations of an allowable generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NICHOLAS D LUCCHESI whose telephone number is (571)272-4977. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 800-430.

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	Art Unit	3732
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This is in response to the applicant's request under 37 CFR 1.48(f) submitted on 03/02/2018.

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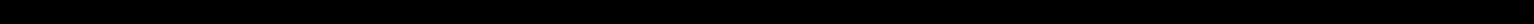
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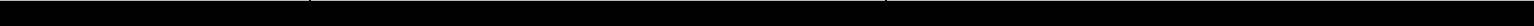
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filed on August 29, 2017

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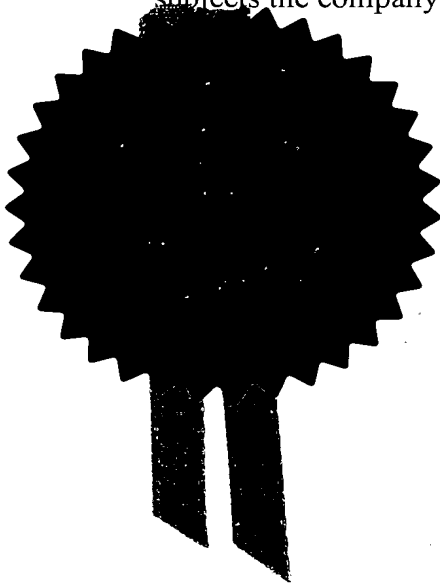
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**A Handheld Appliance**

5 This invention relates to a handheld appliance and in particular to a hair care appliance such as a hot styling device.

In a conventional hot styling appliance, air is drawn into an inlet by a fan unit and directed towards the hair by an outlet. Often, one appliance is provided with different  
10 attachments, each having a different outlet and thus a different function, for example drying, curling or volumising. Depending on the style desired, the air may or may not be heated. The attachment may include bristles onto which hair is wrapped and held for styling.

15 The appliance and attachments are provided with a connection mechanism which may or may not include an interlock to prevent the appliance being activated without an attachment provided. One problem is to provide a solid connection between the attachment and the appliance for when hair is under tension with an easily removable attachment when required.

20 Accordingly the invention provides a handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a slot and an actuator.

25 Preferably, the attachment comprises a protrusion adapted to engage with the slot.

In a preferred embodiment, the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position as the protrusion engages with the slot.

30 Preferably, in the first position the actuator at least partially obscures the slot.

In a preferred embodiment, the actuator comprises a surface which interacts with the protrusion when the protrusion engages with the slot.

- 5 Preferably, the surface is adapted to at least partially define the slot at or near the second position.

In a preferred embodiment, when the protrusion is at a pre-determined position within the slot, the actuator returns towards the first position.

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Preferably, the actuator is biased into the first position.

In a preferred embodiment, the actuator retains the attachment on the body.

- 15 Preferably, the body extends along a longitudinal axis and the slot extends both radially around and axially along the body.

In a preferred embodiment, the protrusion comprises a first face for engagement with the actuator.

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Preferably, the first face engages with the surface of the actuator.

In a preferred embodiment, the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface wherein the slot is a closed channel formed in the inner surface having a closed end defined by a recess formed at the end of the channel.

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Preferably, the recess is defined by a wall of the slot.

In a preferred embodiment, the protrusion comprises a second face for engagement with the wall of the slot.

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Preferably, the second face is curved.

In a preferred embodiment, the actuator comprises a second surface which interacts with the protrusion when the protrusion engages with the recess.

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Preferably, the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end.

10 In a preferred embodiment, the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.

15 Preferably, the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface. The chamfer extends from the inner surface of the wall towards the second end. Thus, at or near the second end, the wall is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis X-X of the body.

20 In a preferred embodiment, the attachment comprises a collar extending around the attachment wherein the protrusion extends from the collar. Preferably, the attachment comprises a the fluid outlet, a collar and between the fluid outlet and the collar a flange is provided and the flange extends radially outwards from both the fluid outlet and the collar.

25 Preferably, the attachment comprises a first end and a second end wherein the collar is adjacent the first end and the collar comprises a further chamfer. Preferably, the chamfer extends between the collar and the flange.

30 In a preferred embodiment, the chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.



Preferably, the further chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

5 In a preferred embodiment, the chamfer on the body and the further chamfer on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.

A further aspect of the invention provides a handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end wherein  
10 the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.

Preferably, the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface of the wall.  
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Preferably, the attachment comprises a first end and a second end and a collar extends around the attachment adjacent the first end and the collar comprises a further chamfer. Preferably, between the fluid outlet of the attachment and the collar a flange is provided. Preferably, the chamfer extends between the collar and the flange.  
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In a preferred embodiment, the further chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

Preferably, the further chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards  
25 the second end of the attachment.

In a preferred embodiment, the chamfer on the body and the further chamfer on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.

30 Preferably, the appliance further comprises a user operated button which engages with the actuator.

In a preferred embodiment, actuation of the button moves the actuator from the first position to the second position to facilitate removal of an attachment from the body.

- 5 Preferably, the appliance comprises a second protrusion and a second slot.

In a preferred embodiment, the second protrusion and second slot are radially spaced from the protrusion and slot.

- 10 Preferably, the second protrusion is adapted to cooperate with the second slot but not the slot.

In a preferred embodiment, a third protrusion and a fourth protrusion and a third slot and a fourth slot are provided.

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Preferably, the fourth protrusion is adapted to cooperate with the second slot or the fourth slot but not the slot or the third slot.

- 20 In a preferred embodiment, each of the protrusion, second protrusion, third protrusion and fourth protrusion are radially spaced around the attachment.

Preferably, each of the slot, second slot, third slot and the fourth slot are radially spaced around the body.

- 25 Preferably there are four protrusions and four slots. In a preferred embodiment, the four protrusions and four slots are equally radially spaced around the collar of the attachment and attachment collar of the body respectively. Preferably, one pair of protrusions and one pair of slots are smaller in at least one dimension than another pair of protrusions and one pair of slots. Preferably, a pair of protrusions or a pair of slots are formed  
30 diametrically opposite one another. In a preferred embodiment, the one pair of protrusions extend radially out from the collar a smaller distance than another pair of

protrusions and the one pair of slots extend radially within the inner surface of the wall of the body a smaller distance than another pair of slots.

5 This means that the attachment can only be positioned on the body in two orientations where the smaller pair of slots and protrusions are aligned.

Preferably, the appliance is a hair care appliance.

10 In a preferred embodiment, the hair care appliance is a hot styling appliance.

The invention will now be described by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, of which:

15 Figures 1a and 1b show cross sections through an attachment mechanism according to the invention;

Figure 2 shows a side view of an actuator for an attachment mechanism according to the invention;

20 Figure 3 shows a side view of an attachment mechanism according to the invention;

Figure 4a shows a side view of an attachment;

25 Figure 4b shows an enlarged view of a protrusion used on the attachment of figure 4a;

Figure 5 shows an alternative cross section through an attachment mechanism according to the invention;

30 Figure 6a shows an enlarged view of a protrusion within a slot;

Figure 6b shows an enlarged view of a slot;

Figure 7 shows a cross section through side view of an attachment when attached to the appliance;

5 Figure 8 shows an enlarged portion of the attachment of Figure 7;

Figure 9 shows an appliance on which an attachment mechanism according to the invention can be utilised;

10 Figure 10 shows a cross section through another attachment mechanism according to the invention; and

Figure 11 shows a further appliance on which can be used with the attachment mechanism of Figure 10.

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Figure 9 shows an example of a hot air styling device 10 together with attachment 20. In order to enable a user to create different styles and to give the appliance multi functionality, the attachment 20 is removable and can be replaced with an alternative attachment. In addition, the attachment 20 can be removed to allow easier storage of the appliance when not in use. The hot air styling device 10 comprises a body 210 having an outer wall which functions as a handle and a fluid inlet 230 at first end 210a, fluid then flow through the body 210 and into the attachment 20 to a fluid outlet 26 from the attachment 20. At the fluid inlet 230 of the handle, an array of apertures 232 extends around and partially along the handle 220. Internally (not shown), is a fan unit which comprises a fan and a motor. In use, the motor drives the fan and air is drawn in through the apertures 232 of the fluid inlet 230, along an fluid flow path which extends within the body 210. The fluid is optionally heated by a heater (not shown) before exiting the hot air styling device at the fluid outlet 26. The appliance 10 may be connected to a power supply via a power cable or could house batteries within the body 210. In this embodiment, the fluid outlet 26 comprises a plurality of slots extending along the attachment 20 and radially around the attachment. The body 210 includes a

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user interface 90 which typically includes an on-off button and temperature and/or flow control settings and a button 60 for releasing an attachment 20 from the body 210. In this embodiment, the user interface 90 and the button 60 are located approximately diametrically opposite one another on the body 210.

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Referring to Figures 1a to 5, a portion of a handheld appliance 10 is shown. The appliance 10 includes a body 210 having a wall 220. The body 210 also functions as a handle. The body 210 has an attachment collar 230 and the attachment collar 230 includes at least a portion of the attachment mechanism, namely at least one slot 232 in the attachment collar 230 for engagement with at least one protrusion 30 provided on the attachment 20. In this example there are four slots and four protrusions. The attachment comprises the fluid outlet 26 and a collar 22 from which the at least one protrusion 30 extends. Between the fluid outlet 26 and the collar 22 is a flange 234 and the flange 234 extends radially outwards from both the fluid outlet 26 and the collar 22. The attachment 20 comprises a wall 24 having a radially inner surface 24a and a radially outer surface 24b and the at least one protrusion extends radially outwards from the outer surface 24b.

In order to secure the attachment 20 to the body 210, the attachment 20 is presented to the attachment collar 230 and turned until the at least one protrusion 30 aligns with the at least one slot 232.

Referring to Figures 7a and 7b in particular, each of the slots 232 has an opening 236 in an end face 242 of the attachment collar 230. The opening 236 is conveniently conical presenting a larger aperture than required at the end face 242 to facilitate entry of a protrusion into a slot. The slot 232 constantly curves around the attachment collar 230 thus, as the protrusion 30 is pushed into the slot 232 it automatically twists in the direction of the slot 232. The slot 232 extends radially around the body 210 and axially along the body 210.

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A slot 232a includes an actuator 50 which is adapted to retain the attachment 20 on the body 210 until the user wishes to change the attachment or remove the attachment for storage purposes. The actuator 50 has a first part 52 which physically retains a protrusion 30 within slot 232a and a second part 54 which a user interacts with. The body 210 has a longitudinal axis X-X and the actuator 50 extends along this axis X-X. The first part 52 of the actuator 50 engages with the slot 232a and is movable with respect to the slot 232a. The first part 52 of the actuator 50 functions to retain the protrusion 30 in the slot 232a until the user moves the actuator 50 to allow the protrusion 30 to be removed from the slot 232a.

The body 210 includes a first aperture 110 which extends into the attachment collar 230 and a second aperture 212 which extends along the wall 220. The first aperture 110 is for housing the first part 52 of the actuator 50 and the second aperture 212 is for housing the second part 54 of the actuator 50 and a spring 214. The spring 214 extends between the distal end 54a of the second part 54 from attachment collar 230 and the distal end 212a of the second aperture 212 from the attachment collar 230. Retaining pips 216 are provided on the actuator 50 and second aperture 212 over which a respective end of the spring 214 is placed (spring not shown in Figure 3). The spring 214 biases the actuator 50 towards the attachment collar 232.

The second part 54 of the actuator 50 is, in this embodiment, rectangular and is provided with feet 56 which are adapted to engage with ledges 218 provided along two edges of the first aperture 212. This provides stability for the actuator 50 as it slides within the first aperture 212. The bias is overcome by a user sliding the actuator 50 against the force of the spring 214.

In order for a user to interact with the actuator 50, a button 60 is provided. The button 60 has a protrusion 62 which engages with a recess 58 within the second part 54 of the actuator 50. The body 210 has wall 220 in which the first aperture 212 for housing the actuator 50 is located. The body 210 also has an outer tube 222 which extends radially around the external periphery of the wall 220 and it is the outer tube 222 that a user

holds. The outer tube 222 includes another aperture 224 through which the button 60 extends so it can be activated by a user. The button 60 is typically glued to the actuator 50.

5 Referring in particular to Figure 2, the actuator 50 will be described in more detail. As previously described, the second part 54 of the actuator is generally rectangular. The first part 52 has a number of different regions. The first part 52 is smaller in cross section than the second part 54 firstly, as it moves within a slot 232 the first part 52 determines the size of the slot 232 and hence the size of the protrusion 30 which  
10 engages the slot 232. Secondly, the second part 54 provides a platform for a button 60 and for the user to engage with so a wider part is more stable.

The first part 52 has a first side 52a which extends along the length of the first part 52 and is aligned with the longitudinal axis X-X of the body 210. The first part 52 has a  
15 first region 150 which extends from the second part 54 and is generally rectangular and narrower than the second part 54.

A second region 152 extends from the first region 150 and has one side 152a which is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis X-X causing the first part 52 to narrow in  
20 this second region 152 producing a wedge shape. The one side 152a is angled between 8 and 59° to the longitudinal axis X-X. Preferably, between 20 and 57° to the longitudinal axis X-X. More preferably between 30 and 40° to the longitudinal axis X-X. Most preferably, 33.3° to the longitudinal axis X-X.

25 A third region 154 extends from the second region 152 and has one side 154a which extends along the longitudinal axis X-X of the body 210. At the distal end of the first part 52 from the second part 54 a surface 156 is provided. The surface 156 is an end face of the actuator and is angled with respect to the first side 52a, which will be explained with reference to Figures 1a and 1b in particular.

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The actuator 50 is also a non-uniform shape through the thickness of the actuator 50. Referring in particular to Figure 5, the second part 54 of the actuator 50 has a nominal thickness  $t_1$  apart from recess 58 for accommodating the protrusion 62 of button 60. The first part 52 is initially thinner  $t_2$  than the second part 54 then towards the surface 156 of the actuator it thickens  $t_3$ . The thin central section 80 moves through the first aperture 110 provided in the attachment collar 230. It is thin so the first aperture 110 can be small so the structural integrity of the attachment collar 230 is not compromised. The two thicker sections also provide stop features that inhibit movement of the actuator 50. The end wall 64 of the second part 54 of the actuator 50 formed at the junction between the first part 52 and the second part 54 of the actuator 50 by the reduction in thickness of the actuator 50 between the first part 52 and the second part 54 retains the second part 54 of the actuator 50 within the second aperture 212. Towards the surface 156 of the first part 52 of the actuator 50, the actuator thickens 66. In this example the increase in thickness is on an inner surface 52a of the first part 52 of the actuator 50. This prevents a user from sliding the first part 52 of the actuator 50 out of the first aperture 110.

The first aperture 110 in the attachment collar 230 is a guiding channel which, along with the stop features – end wall 64 and localised thickening 66 – maintains the actuator within a housing formed by the attachment collar 230, second aperture 212 and outer tube 222.

Figure 1a shows the attachment 20 when attached to the body 210. Figure 1b shows the attachment 20 either being attached or detached from the body 210. Due to the action of the spring 214 the actuator is biased into a first position, shown in Figure 1a, where the end wall 64 of the second part 54 of the actuator 50 is adjacent the attachment collar 230 and the first part 52 of the actuator 50 obscures the slot 232a.

The surface 156 of the actuator 50 is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis X-X of the body 210 and mimics the curve of the slot 232a. Thus, as the protrusion 30 is pushed into the slot 232a, the actuator 50 is pushed along the longitudinal axis X-X of



the body 210 towards a second position (Figure 1b). This opens the slot 232a and enables the protrusion 30 to enter the slot 232a. Once the protrusion 30 has passed the surface 156 of the actuator 50 the actuator returns towards the first position.

5 Each slot 232, 232a is a closed channel within an inner surface 220a of the wall 220 and is located within the attachment collar 230. The slot 232a has an opening 236 for receiving a protrusion 30 and it curves along and partially around the circumference of the attachment collar 230 to an end 238 of the channel. The end 238 of the channel provides a recess 240 adapted to receive a protrusion 30. The recess 240 is defined by  
10 a wall 130 of the slot 232a.

In the first position, the actuator 50 prevents the protrusion 30 from being removed from the slot 232a as the second region 152 of the actuator 50 and in particular the one side 152a which is angled pushes the protrusion 30 towards the end 238 and into the  
15 recess 240.

In order to remove an attachment 20, a user slides the button 60 away from the attachment collar 230. This causes the actuator 50 to move within the second aperture 212 against the biasing force of the spring 214 and moves the first part 52 of the  
20 actuator 50 with respect to the slot 232a until the slot 232a is no longer obscured by the actuator 50 and the protrusion 30 can move along the slot 232a towards the slot opening 236.

The protrusion has a first face 32 which engages with the actuator 50 when it is  
25 presented to the slot 232a. The protrusion has a second curved face 34 which is shaped and sized to fit within the recess 240. In this example, the protrusion 30 has the shape of a teardrop. The attachment 20 has a longitudinal axis Y-Y which is parallel to the longitudinal axis X-X of the body 210 when attached thereto. The first face 32 of the protrusion 30 is parallel with the longitudinal axis Y-Y of the attachment 20.

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Having a curved slot 232, 232a is advantageous over a traditional bayonet fitting. A bayonet fitting has two sections which are angled with respect to one another and the user pushes along a first axis and then twists about a second axis to cause attachment. This results in an attachment mechanism that is relatively large which relies on the path length and change in direction within the fitting to maintain attachment. In contrast, the curved slot of the present invention in conjunction with the actuator enables the user to push along a first axis only until the first face 32 of the protrusion 30 bypasses the one side 152a of the actuator 50 which is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis X-X. After this point, the biasing action of the spring 214 causes the first part 52 of the actuator 50 to move towards the slot opening 236 and pushes the protrusion 30 into the recess 240 formed in the slot 232a. Thus, the user only has to push the attachment 20 onto the body 210 a relatively short amount and then the actuator 50 completes the movement. Due to the action of the spring 214, the first part 52 of the actuator 50 pushes the protrusion 30 towards the recess 240.

In addition having the curved slot and actuator allows for a relatively short path length compared to traditional bayonet fittings so the attachment collar 232 may be significantly smaller; perhaps by a factor or two of three times shorter.

The use of an actuator 50 having the one side 152a which is angled also assists in the stability of the attachment 20 on the body 210. The actuator 50 and in particular the one side 152a pushes the protrusion 30 into the recess 240 at the end of the slot 232a and any differences in the size of the protrusion 30, slot 232a and actuator 50 are accounted for as the first part 52 of the actuator 50 will rest in slightly different positions with respect to the slot 232a dependent on these differences.

Another feature that can improve the stability of the attachment, will be discussed with reference to Figures 4b, 7 and 8 in particular. The attachment 20 and the attachment collar 230 on the body 210 have respective mating faces 120a, 120b. The mating face 120a of the attachment 20 is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis Y-Y of the attachment. The mating face 120b of the attachment collar 230 is angled with respect to

the longitudinal axis X-X of the appliance. Both of the mating faces 120a, 120b are formed as chamfers 26, 222 which extend radially around the attachment 20 or attachment collar 230 respectively. In this embodiment the mating faces 120a, 120b have the same but opposite angle of inclination from the respective longitudinal axis of the attachment Y-Y or the appliance X-X. This is not essential, the angles must be opposite so they are coincident but they need not be the exact same angle. The angle can be between 15 and 75°, and is preferably 35 to 50° and more preferably around 40°. When an attachment 20 is presented to the body 210, the protrusions 30 first align with slots 232, 232a. The protrusions 30, once they are pushed passed the third region 154 of the first part 52 of the actuator 50 are automatically pushed towards the recess 240 formed at the end 238 of the channel by the second region 152 of the first part 52 of the actuator 50.

The body 210 has a first end 210a and a second end 210b and the attachment collar 230 which houses at least a portion of the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end 210b. The body has a wall 220 having an outer surface 220b and an inner surface 220a and at the second end 210b, the wall 220 comprises a chamfer 222 extending around the inner surface 220a. The chamfer 222 extends from the inner surface 220a towards the outer surface 220b towards the second end 210b.

The attachment 20 has first end 20a which attaches to the body 210 and a second end 20b distal to the body 210. At the first end 20a, a collar 22 extends around the attachment 20. The protrusion 30 extends from the collar 22 and extends radially outwards from the outer surface 24b of the wall 24 of the attachment. Between the collar 22 and the fluid outlet 26 a flange 234 is provided. The flange 234 extends radially outwards from the outer surface 24b of the attachment 20. The collar 22 includes a further chamfer 26 which extends between the flange 234 and the collar 22. The further chamfer 26 extends from the collar 22 radially outwards and towards the second end 20b of the attachment 20. Thus the further chamfer 26 is oppositely inclined to the chamfer 222 so as to produce mating faces 120a, 120b. Therefore when the

attachment 20 is attached to the body 210 the chamfer 222 on the body 210 and the further chamfer 26 on the attachment 20 engage each other.

Whilst this further automatic twist of the attachment 20 with respect to the body 210 occurs, the mating faces 120a and 120b of the attachment 20 and attachment collar 230 engage radially around the attachment 20 and attachment collar 230 to further secure the attachment 20 to the body 210. The use of the actuator with different surfaces 156, 154a, 152a that engage with different faces 32, 34 of a protrusion 30 along with the mating faces 120a and 120b provide a self-tightening joint between the attachment 20 and the body 210 reduce wobble between the two when joined together. This is particularly useful for embodiments where hair is intended to wrap around the attachment during use as tangential forces can be applied to the joint formed between the attachment 20 and the body 210.

In the embodiment so far described, the attachment 20 can be attached to the body 210 in any orientation. For some embodiments, it may be desirable for the attachment to have fewer orientations. Referring now to Figures 10 and 11 the attachment 70 has a directed flow from a single fluid outlet 72. One way to achieve fewer orientations is to provide the protrusions 140, 142 and slots 144, 146 as matched pairs.

Referring now to Figure 10, a first pair of protrusions 140 extend further from the radially outer surface 24b of the collar 22 than a second pair of protrusions 142. Thus, the first pair of protrusions 140 protrude more than the second pair of protrusions 142. A first pair of slots 144 is formed by a channel which extends further radially into the inner surface 220a of the wall 220 than a second pair of slots 146. Thus, the first pair of slots 144 has a greater depth than the second pair of slots 146. Whilst the second pair of protrusions 142 will fit into either of the first and second pairs of slots 144, 146, the first pair of protrusions 140 will only fit into the first pair of slots 144. This thus limits the number of orientations of the attachment 20 with respect to the body 210 to two. Thus, the orientation can be limited to the single fluid outlet 72 being aligned with either button 60 or the user interface 90 providing a user with a comfortable position to hold

the appliance whilst being able to access the button 60 and user interface 90 without changing grip.

5 For the attachment shown in Figures 1 to 8, the flange 234 is an external feature that can be seen when the attachment 20 is attached to the body 210. In Figures 9 and 11, the flange is an internal feature which has been recessed within the thickness of the outer wall. Both embodiments fall within the scope of the invention.

10 The invention has been described in detail with respect to a hot styling device however, it is applicable to any appliance that draws in a fluid and directs the outflow of that fluid from the appliance.

The appliance can be used with or without a heater; the action of the outflow of fluid at high velocity has a drying effect.

15 The fluid that flows through the appliance is generally air, but may be a different combination of gases or gas and can include additives to improve performance of the appliance or the impact the appliance has on an object the output is directed at for example, hair and the styling of that hair.

20 The invention is not limited to the detailed description given above. Variations will be apparent to the person skilled in the art.

**CLAIMS**

1. A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an  
5 attachment mechanism having a slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a  
protrusion adapted to engage with the slot wherein the actuator has a first position and a  
second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second  
position as the protrusion engages with the slot.
- 10 2. An appliance according to claim 1, wherein in the first position the actuator at  
least partially obscures the slot.
3. An appliance according to claim 1 or claim 2, wherein the actuator comprises a  
surface which interacts with the protrusion when the protrusion engages with the slot.
- 15 4. An appliance according to any preceding claim, wherein the surface is adapted  
to at least partially define the slot at or near the second position.
5. An appliance according to any preceding claim, wherein when the protrusion is  
20 at a pre-determined position within the slot, the actuator returns towards the first  
position.
6. An appliance according to any preceding claim, wherein the actuator is biased  
into the first position.
- 25 7. An appliance according to claim 5 or claim 6, wherein the actuator retains the  
attachment on the body.
8. An appliance according to any preceding claim, wherein the body extends along  
30 a longitudinal axis and the slot extends both radially around and axially along the body.

9. An appliance according to any of claims 3 to 8, wherein the protrusion comprises a first face for engagement with the actuator.
10. An appliance according to claim 9, wherein the first face engages with the surface of the actuator.
11. An appliance according to any preceding claim, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface wherein the slot is a closed channel formed in the inner surface having a closed end defined by a recess formed at the end of the channel.
12. An appliance according to claim 11, wherein the recess is defined by a wall of the slot.
13. An appliance according to claim 12, wherein the protrusion comprises a second face for engagement with the wall of the slot.
14. An appliance according to claim 13, wherein the second face is curved.
15. An appliance according to any of claims 11 to 14, wherein the actuator comprises a second surface which interacts with the protrusion when the protrusion engages with the recess.
16. An appliance according to any preceding claim, wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end.
17. An appliance according to claim 16, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.

18. An appliance according to claim 17, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface.
19. An appliance according to any preceding claim, wherein the attachment  
5 comprises a collar extending around the attachment wherein the protrusion extends from the collar.
20. An appliance according to claim 19, wherein the attachment comprises a first end and a second end wherein the collar is adjacent the first end and the collar  
10 comprises a further chamfer.
21. An appliance according to claim 20, wherein the chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.
- 15 22. An appliance according to claim 21, wherein the further chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.
23. An appliance according to any of claims 19 to 22 when dependent on claim 17 or claim 18, wherein the chamfer on the body and the further chamfer on the attachment  
20 engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.
24. An appliance according to any preceding claim, further comprising a user operated button which engages with the actuator.
- 25 25. An appliance according to claim 24, wherein actuation of the button moves the actuator from the first position to the second position to facilitate removal of an attachment from the body.
26. A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an  
30 attachment mechanism wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end wherein the body comprises a wall



having an outer surface and an inner surface wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.

27. An appliance according to claim 26, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner  
5 surface towards the outer surface towards the second end.

28. An appliance according to claim 26 or claim 27, wherein the attachment  
comprises a first end and a second end wherein and a collar extending around the  
attachment adjacent the first end and the collar comprises a further chamfer.  
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29. An appliance according to claim 28, wherein the further chamfer is at the distal  
end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

30. An appliance according to claim 28 or claim 29, wherein the further chamfer  
15 extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

31. An appliance according to any of claims 28 to 30, wherein the chamfer on the  
body and the further chamfer on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is  
attached to the body.  
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32. An appliance according to any preceding claim, comprising a second protrusion  
and a second slot.

33. An appliance according to claim 23, wherein the second protrusion and second  
25 slot are radially spaced from the protrusion and slot.

34. An appliance according to claim 32 or claim 33, wherein the second protrusion  
is adapted to cooperate with the second slot but not the slot.

35. An appliance according to any of claims 32 to 34, wherein a third protrusion and  
a fourth protrusion and a third slot and a fourth slot are provided.  
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36. An appliance according to claim 35, wherein the fourth protrusion is adapted to cooperate with the second slot or the fourth slot but not the slot or the third slot.

37. An appliance according to claim 35 or claim 36, wherein each of the protrusion,  
5 second protrusion, third protrusion and fourth protrusion are radially spaced around the attachment.

38. An appliance according to claim 37, wherein each of the slot, second slot, third  
10 slot and the fourth slot are radially spaced around the body.

39. An appliance according to any preceding claim, wherein the appliance is a hair  
care appliance.

40. An appliance according to claim 39, wherein the hair care appliance is a hot  
15 styling appliance.

**ABSTRACT****A Handheld Appliance**

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Disclosed is a handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a protrusion adapted to engage with the slot wherein the actuator has a first  
10 position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position as the protrusion engages with the slot. In the first position the actuator may at least partially obscure the slot. The actuator comprises a surface which may interact with the protrusion when the protrusion engages with the slot. The surface may be adapted to at least partially define the slot at or near the second position. When  
15 the protrusion is at a pre-determined position within the slot, the actuator may return towards the first position. The actuator may be biased into the first position.

(Figure 1b)

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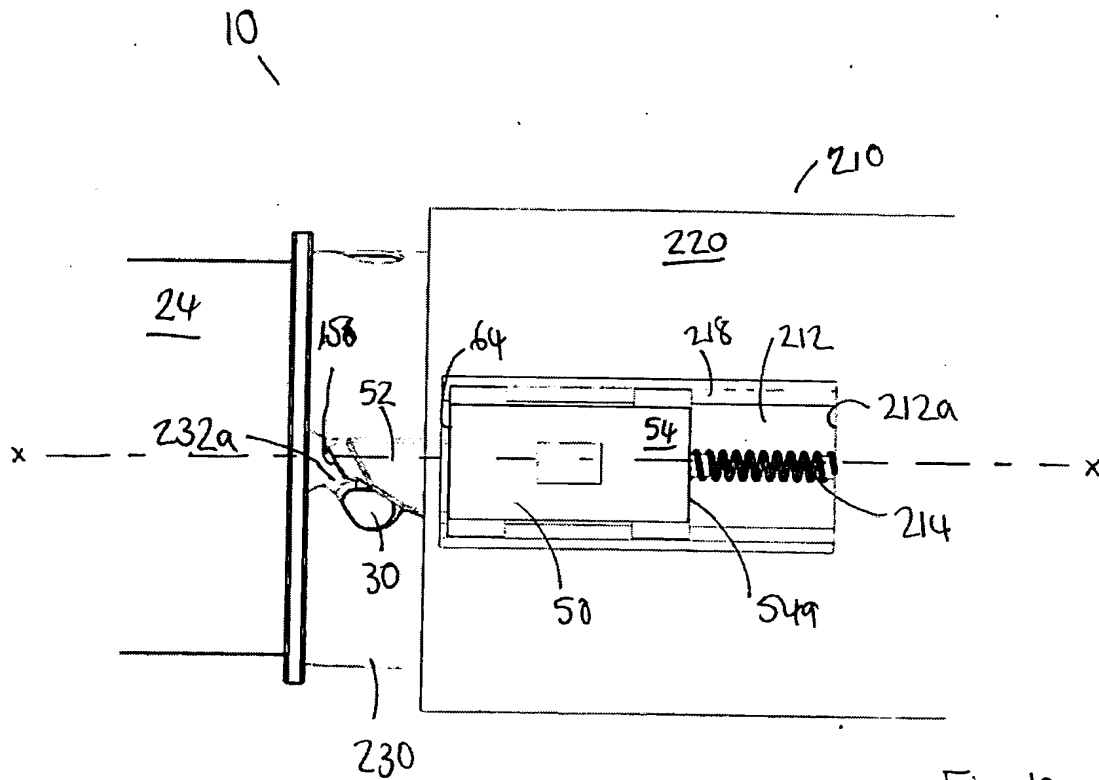


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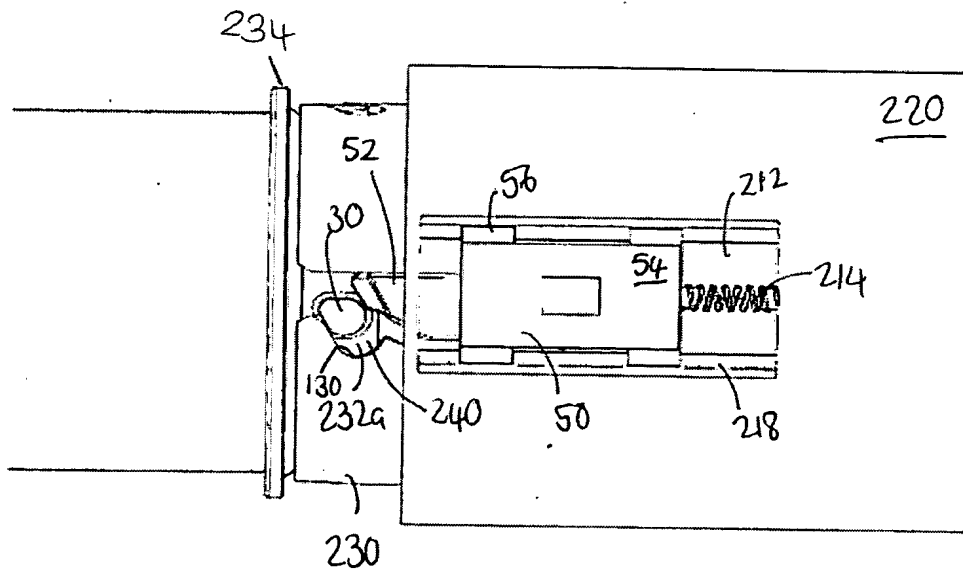
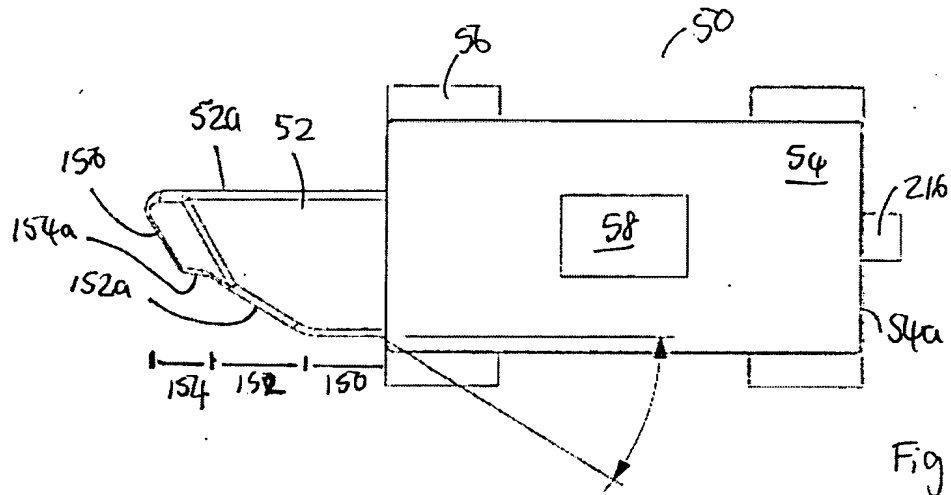
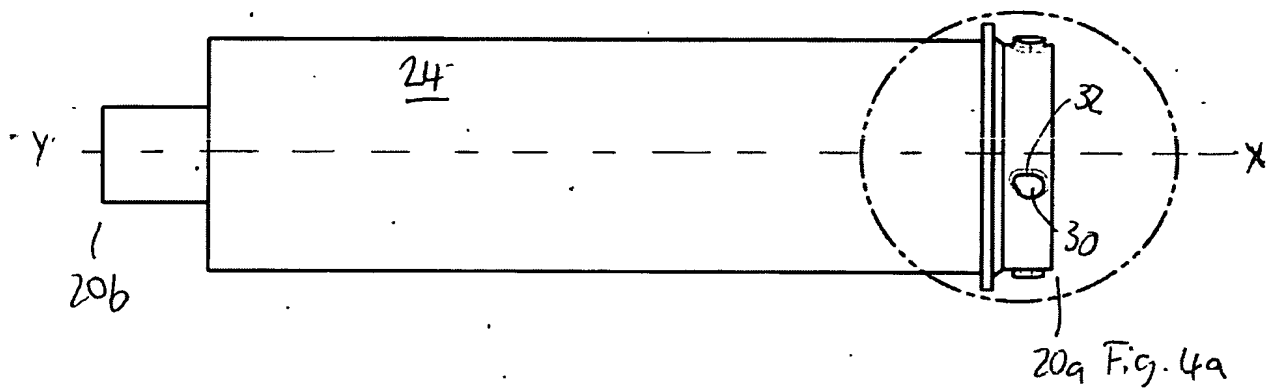
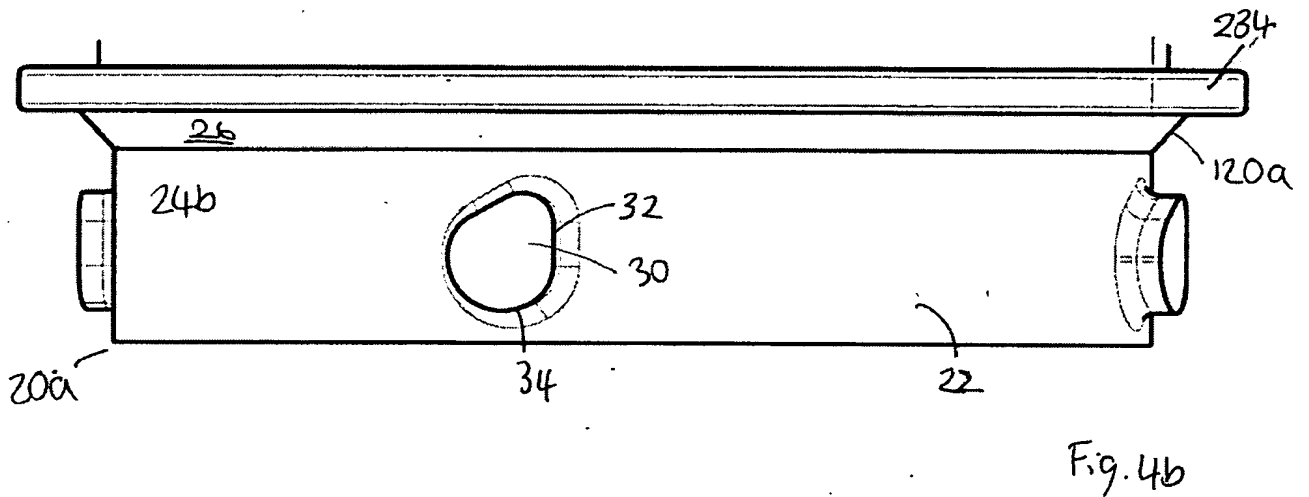
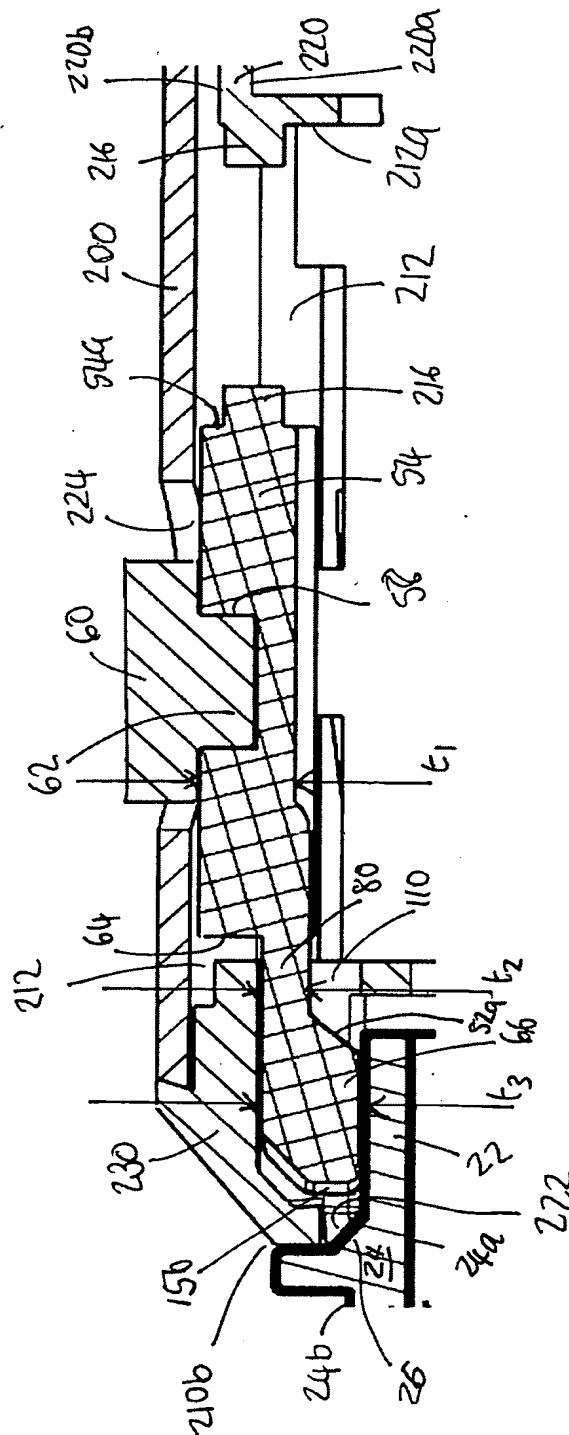
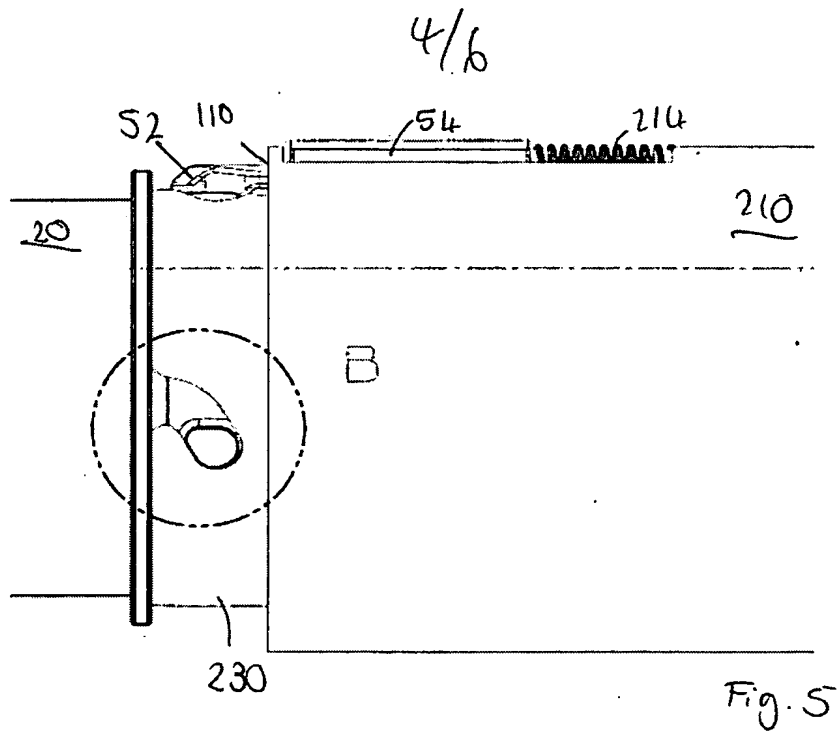
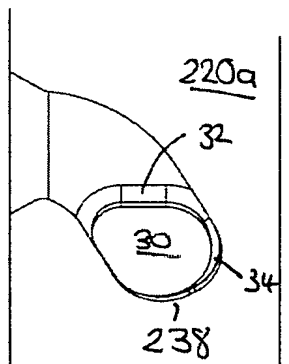
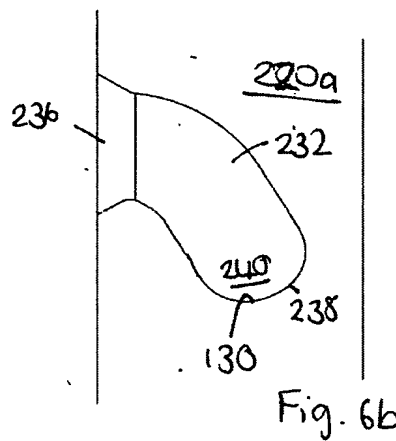
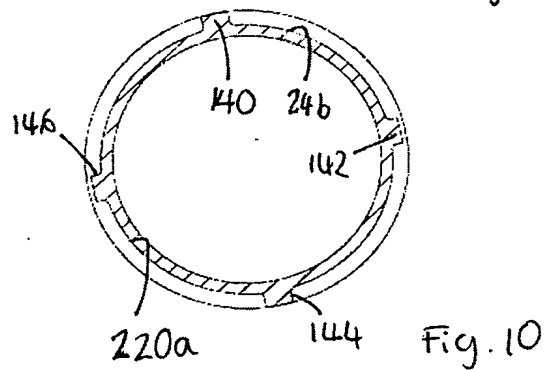


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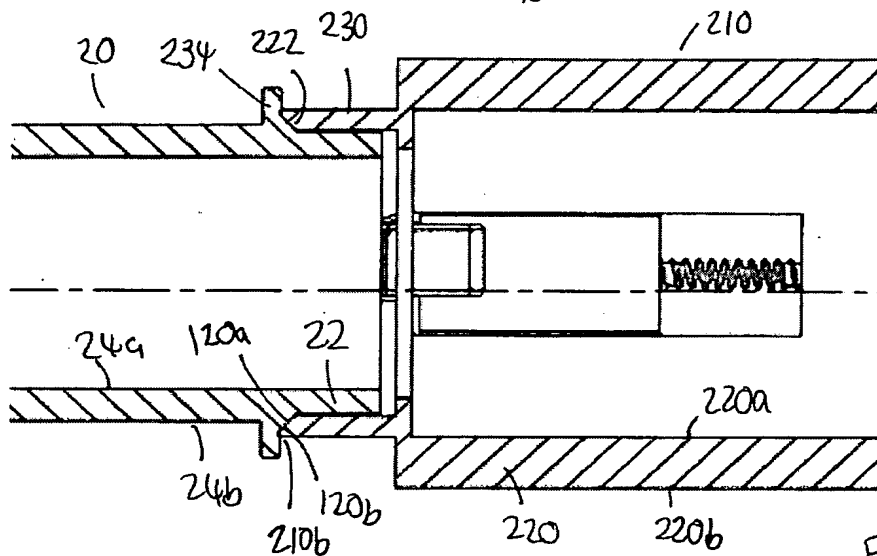


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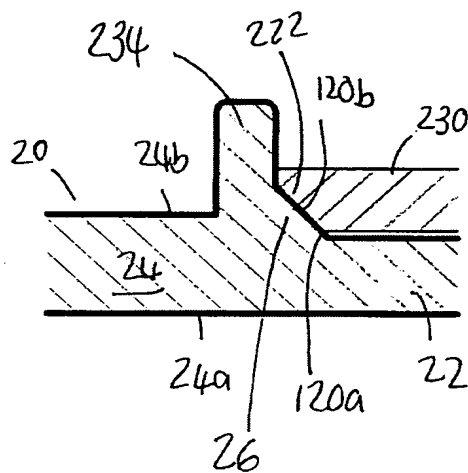


Fig. 8



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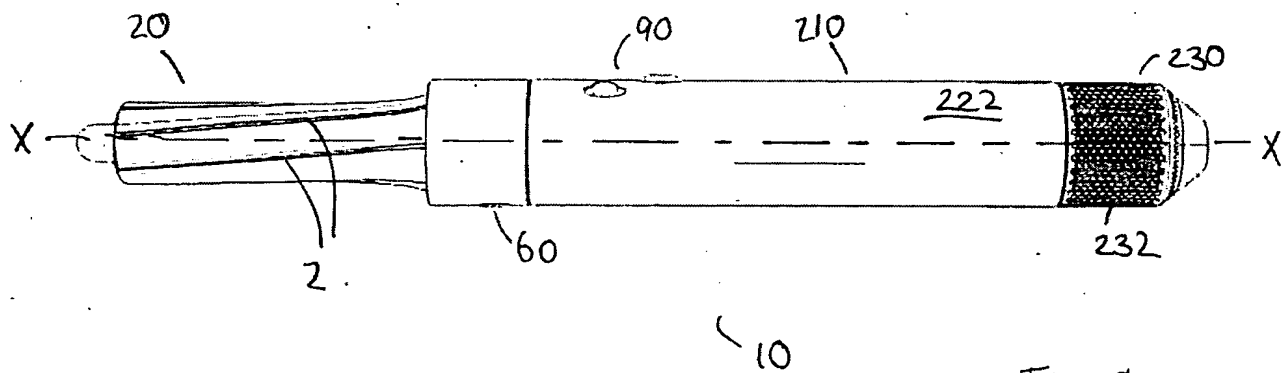


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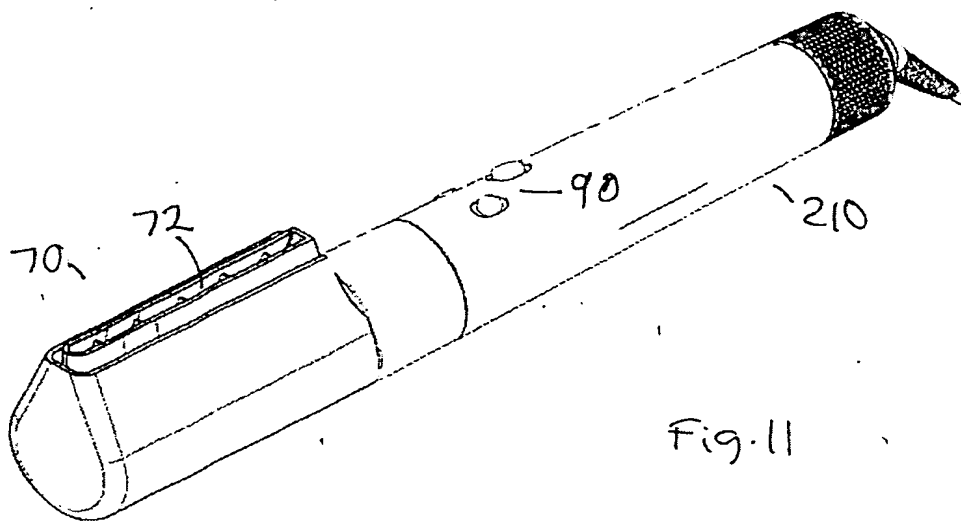


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**HAND HELD APPLIANCE**

**REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

[0001] This application claims the priority of United Kingdom Application No.1614825.6, filed September 1, 2016, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.

**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

[0002] This invention relates to a handheld appliance and in particular to a hair care appliance such as a hot styling device.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

[0003] In a conventional hot styling appliance, air is drawn into an inlet by a fan unit and directed towards the hair by an outlet. Often, one appliance is provided with different attachments, each having a different outlet and thus a different function, for example drying, curling or volumising. Depending on the style desired, the air may or may not be heated. The attachment may include bristles onto which hair is wrapped and held for styling.

[0004] The appliance and attachments are provided with a connection mechanism which may or may not include an interlock to prevent the appliance being activated without an attachment provided. One problem is to provide a solid connection between the attachment and the appliance for when hair is under tension with an easily removable attachment when required.

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

[0005] According to some embodiments, the invention provides a handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a slot and an actuator.

[0006] Preferably, the attachment comprises a protrusion adapted to engage with the slot.

[0007] In a preferred embodiment, the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position as the protrusion engages with the slot.

[0008] Preferably, in the first position the actuator at least partially obscures the slot.

[0009] In a preferred embodiment, the actuator comprises a surface which interacts with the protrusion when the protrusion engages with the slot.

[0010] Preferably, the surface is adapted to at least partially define the slot at or near the second position.

[0011] In a preferred embodiment, when the protrusion is at a pre-determined position within the slot, the actuator returns towards the first position.

[0012] Preferably, the actuator is biased into the first position.

[0013] In a preferred embodiment, the actuator retains the attachment on the body.

[0014] Preferably, the body extends along a longitudinal axis and the slot extends both radially around and axially along the body.

[0015] In a preferred embodiment, the protrusion comprises a first face for engagement with the actuator.

[0016] Preferably, the first face engages with the surface of the actuator.

[0017] In a preferred embodiment, the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface wherein the slot is a closed channel formed in the inner surface having a closed end defined by a recess formed at the end of the channel.

[0018] Preferably, the recess is defined by a wall of the slot.

[0019] In a preferred embodiment, the protrusion comprises a second face for engagement with the wall of the slot.

[0020] Preferably, the second face is curved.

[0021] In a preferred embodiment, the actuator comprises a second surface which interacts with the protrusion when the protrusion engages with the recess.

[0022] Preferably, the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end.

[0023] In a preferred embodiment, the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.

[0024] Preferably, the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface. The chamfer extends from the inner surface of the wall towards the second end. Thus, at or near the second end, the wall is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis X-X of the body.

[0025] In a preferred embodiment, the attachment comprises a collar extending around the attachment wherein the protrusion extends from the collar. Preferably, the attachment comprises a fluid outlet, a collar and between the fluid outlet and the collar a flange is provided and the flange extends radially outwards from both the fluid outlet and the collar.

[0026] Preferably, the attachment comprises a first end and a second end wherein the collar is adjacent the first end and the collar comprises a further chamfer. Preferably, the chamfer extends between the collar and the flange.

[0027] In a preferred embodiment, the chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

[0028] Preferably, the further chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

[0029] In a preferred embodiment, the chamfer on the body and the further chamfer on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.

[0030] A further aspect of the invention provides a handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.

[0031] Preferably, the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface of the wall.

[0032] Preferably, the attachment comprises a first end and a second end and a collar extends around the attachment adjacent the first end and the collar comprises a further chamfer. Preferably, between the fluid outlet of the attachment and the collar a flange is provided. Preferably, the chamfer extends between the collar and the flange.

[0033] In a preferred embodiment, the further chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.

[0034] Preferably, the further chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.

[0035] In a preferred embodiment, the chamfer on the body and the further chamfer on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.

[0036] Preferably, the appliance further comprises a user operated button which engages with the actuator.

[0037] In a preferred embodiment, actuation of the button moves the actuator from the first position to the second position to facilitate removal of an attachment from the body.

[0038] Preferably, the appliance comprises a second protrusion and a second slot.

[0039] In a preferred embodiment, the second protrusion and second slot are radially spaced from the protrusion and slot.

[0040] Preferably, the second protrusion is adapted to cooperate with the second slot but not the slot.

[0041] In a preferred embodiment, a third protrusion and a fourth protrusion and a third slot and a fourth slot are provided.

[0042] Preferably, the fourth protrusion is adapted to cooperate with the second slot or the fourth slot but not the slot or the third slot.

[0043] In a preferred embodiment, each of the protrusion, second protrusion, third protrusion and fourth protrusion are radially spaced around the attachment.

[0044] Preferably, each of the slot, second slot, third slot and the fourth slot are radially spaced around the body.

[0045] Preferably there are four protrusions and four slots. In a preferred embodiment, the four protrusions and four slots are equally radially spaced around the collar of the attachment and attachment collar of the body respectively. Preferably, one pair of protrusions and one pair of slots are smaller in at least one dimension than another pair of protrusions and one pair of slots. Preferably, a pair of protrusions or a pair of slots is formed diametrically opposite one another. In a preferred embodiment, the one pair of protrusions extend radially out from the collar a smaller distance than another pair of protrusions and the one pair of slots extend radially within the inner surface of the wall of the body a smaller distance than another pair of slots.

[0046] This means that the attachment can only be positioned on the body in two orientations where the smaller pair of slots and protrusions are aligned.

[0047] Preferably, the appliance is a hair care appliance.

[0048] In a preferred embodiment, the hair care appliance is a hot styling appliance.

### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

[0049] The invention will now be described by way of example, with reference to the accompanying drawings, of which:

[0050] Figures 1a and 1b show cross sections through an attachment mechanism according to the invention;

[0051] Figure 2 shows a side view of an actuator for an attachment mechanism according to the invention;



[0052] Figure 3 shows a side view of an attachment mechanism according to the invention;

[0053] Figure 4a shows a side view of an attachment;

[0054] Figure 4b shows an enlarged view of a protrusion used on the attachment of figure 4a;

[0055] Figure 5 shows an alternative cross section through an attachment mechanism according to the invention;

[0056] Figure 6a shows an enlarged view of a protrusion within a slot;

[0057] Figure 6b shows an enlarged view of a slot;

[0058] Figure 7 shows a cross section through a side view of an attachment when attached to the appliance;

[0059] Figure 8 shows an enlarged portion of the attachment of Figure 7;

[0060] Figure 9 shows an appliance on which an attachment mechanism according to the invention can be utilised;

[0061] Figure 10 shows a cross section through another attachment mechanism according to the invention; and

[0062] Figure 11 shows a further appliance which can be used with the attachment mechanism of Figure 10.

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

[0063] Figure 9 shows an example of a hot air styling device 10 together with attachment 20. In order to enable a user to create different styles and to give the appliance multi functionality, the attachment 20 is removable and can be replaced with an alternative attachment. In addition, the attachment 20 can be removed to allow easier storage of the appliance when not in use. The hot air styling device 10 comprises a body 210 having an outer wall which functions as a handle and a fluid inlet 230 at first end 210a, fluid then flows through the body 210 and into the attachment 20 to a fluid outlet 26 from the attachment 20. At the fluid inlet 230 of the handle, an array of apertures 232 extends around and partially along the handle 220. Internally (not shown), is a fan unit which comprises a fan and a motor. In use, the motor drives the fan and air is drawn in through the apertures 232 of the fluid inlet 230, along a fluid flow path which extends within the body 210. The fluid is optionally heated by a heater (not shown) before exiting the hot air styling device at the fluid outlet 26. The appliance 10 may be connected to a power supply via a power cable or could house batteries within the body 210. In this embodiment, the fluid outlet 26 comprises a plurality of slots extending along the attachment 20 and radially around the attachment. The body 210 includes a user interface 90 which typically includes an on-off button and temperature and/or flow control settings and a button 60 for releasing an attachment 20 from the body 210. In this embodiment, the user interface 90 and the button 60 are located approximately diametrically opposite one another on the body 210.

[0064] Referring to Figures 1a to 5, a portion of a handheld appliance 10 is shown. The appliance 10 includes a body 210 having a wall 220. The body 210 also functions as a handle. The body 210 has an attachment collar 230 and the attachment collar 230 includes at least a portion of the attachment mechanism, namely at least one slot 232 in the attachment collar 230 for engagement with at least one protrusion 30 provided on the attachment 20. In this example there are four slots and four protrusions. The attachment comprises the fluid outlet 26 and a collar 22 from which the at least one protrusion 30 extends. Between the fluid outlet 26 and the collar 22 is a flange 234 and the flange 234 extends radially outwards from both the fluid outlet 26 and the collar 22.

The attachment 20 comprises a wall 24 having a radially inner surface 24a and a radially outer surface 24b and the at least one protrusion extends radially outwards from the outer surface 24b.

[0065] In order to secure the attachment 20 to the body 210, the attachment 20 is presented to the attachment collar 230 and turned until the at least one protrusion 30 aligns with the at least one slot 232.

[0066] Referring to Figures 6a and 6b in particular, each of the slots 232 has an opening 236 in an end face 242 of the attachment collar 230. The opening 236 is conveniently conical presenting a larger aperture than required at the end face 242 to facilitate entry of a protrusion into a slot. The slot 232 constantly curves around the attachment collar 230, and thus, as the protrusion 30 is pushed into the slot 232 it automatically twists in the direction of the slot 232. The slot 232 extends radially around the body 210 and axially along the body 210.

[0067] A slot 232a includes an actuator 50 which is adapted to retain the attachment 20 on the body 210 until the user wishes to change the attachment or remove the attachment for storage purposes. The actuator 50 has a first part 52 which physically retains a protrusion 30 within slot 232a and a second part 54 which a user interacts with. The body 210 has a longitudinal axis X-X and the actuator 50 extends along this axis X-X. The first part 52 of the actuator 50 engages with the slot 232a and is movable with respect to the slot 232a. The first part 52 of the actuator 50 functions to retain the protrusion 30 in the slot 232a until the user moves the actuator 50 to allow the protrusion 30 to be removed from the slot 232a.

[0068] The body 210 includes a first aperture 110 which extends into the attachment collar 230 and a second aperture 212 which extends along the wall 220. The first aperture 110 is for housing the first part 52 of the actuator 50 and the second aperture 212 is for housing the second part 54 of the actuator 50 and a spring 214. The spring 214 extends between the distal end 54a of the second part 54 from attachment collar 230

and the distal end 212a of the second aperture 212 from the attachment collar 230. Retaining pips 216 are provided on the actuator 50 and second aperture 212 over which a respective end of the spring 214 is placed (spring not shown in Figure 3). The spring 214 biases the actuator 50 towards the attachment collar 232.

[0069] The second part 54 of the actuator 50 is, in this embodiment, rectangular and is provided with feet 56 which are adapted to engage with ledges 218 provided along two edges of the first aperture 212. This provides stability for the actuator 50 as it slides within the first aperture 212. The bias is overcome by a user sliding the actuator 50 against the force of the spring 214.

[0070] In order for a user to interact with the actuator 50, a button 60 is provided. The button 60 has a protrusion 62 which engages with a recess 58 within the second part 54 of the actuator 50. The body 210 has wall 220 in which the first aperture 212 for housing the actuator 50 is located. The body 210 also has an outer tube 222 which extends radially around the external periphery of the wall 220 and it is the outer tube 222 that a user holds. The outer tube 222 includes another aperture 224 through which the button 60 extends so it can be activated by a user. The button 60 is typically glued to the actuator 50.

[0071] Referring in particular to Figure 2, the actuator 50 will be described in more detail. As previously described, the second part 54 of the actuator is generally rectangular. The first part 52 has a number of different regions. The first part 52 is smaller in cross section than the second part 54 firstly, as it moves within a slot 232 the first part 52 determines the size of the slot 232 and hence the size of the protrusion 30 which engages the slot 232. Secondly, the second part 54 provides a platform for a button 60 and for the user to engage with so a wider part is more stable.

[0072] The first part 52 has a first side 52a which extends along the length of the first part 52 and is aligned with the longitudinal axis X-X of the body 210. The first part 52

has a first region 150 which extends from the second part 54 and is generally rectangular and narrower than the second part 54.

[0073] A second region 152 extends from the first region 150 and has one side 152a which is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis X-X causing the first part 52 to narrow in this second region 152 producing a wedge shape. The one side 152a is angled between 8 and 59° to the longitudinal axis X-X. Preferably, between 20 and 57° to the longitudinal axis X-X. More preferably between 30 and 40° to the longitudinal axis X-X. Most preferably, 33.3° to the longitudinal axis X-X.

[0074] A third region 154 extends from the second region 152 and has one side 154a which extends along the longitudinal axis X-X of the body 210. At the distal end of the first part 52 from the second part 54 a surface 156 is provided. The surface 156 is an end face of the actuator and is angled with respect to the first side 52a, which will be explained with reference to Figures 1a and 1b in particular.

[0075] The actuator 50 is also a non-uniform shape through the thickness of the actuator 50. Referring in particular to Figure 5, the second part 54 of the actuator 50 has a nominal thickness  $t_1$  apart from recess 58 for accommodating the protrusion 62 of button 60. The first part 52 is initially thinner  $t_2$  than the second part 54 then towards the surface 156 of the actuator it thickens  $t_3$ . The thin central section 80 moves through the first aperture 110 provided in the attachment collar 230. It is thin so the first aperture 110 can be small so the structural integrity of the attachment collar 230 is not compromised. The two thicker sections also provide stop features that inhibit movement of the actuator 50. The end wall 64 of the second part 54 of the actuator 50 formed at the junction between the first part 52 and the second part 54 of the actuator 50 by the reduction in thickness of the actuator 50 between the first part 52 and the second part 54 retains the second part 54 of the actuator 50 within the second aperture 212. Towards the surface 156 of the first part 52 of the actuator 50, the actuator thickens 66. In this example the increase in thickness is on an inner surface 52a of the first part 52 of

the actuator 50. This prevents a user from sliding the first part 52 of the actuator 50 out of the first aperture 110.

[0076] The first aperture 110 in the attachment collar 230 is a guiding channel which, along with the stop features – end wall 64 and localised thickening 66 – maintains the actuator within a housing formed by the attachment collar 230, second aperture 212 and outer tube 222.

[0077] Figure 1a shows the attachment 20 when attached to the body 210. Figure 1b shows the attachment 20 either being attached or detached from the body 210. Due to the action of the spring 214 the actuator is biased into a first position, shown in Figure 1a, where the end wall 64 of the second part 54 of the actuator 50 is adjacent the attachment collar 230 and the first part 52 of the actuator 50 obscures the slot 232a.

[0078] The surface 156 of the actuator 50 is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis X-X of the body 210 and mimics the curve of the slot 232a. Thus, as the protrusion 30 is pushed into the slot 232a, the actuator 50 is pushed along the longitudinal axis X-X of the body 210 towards a second position (Figure 1b). This opens the slot 232a and enables the protrusion 30 to enter the slot 232a. Once the protrusion 30 has passed the surface 156 of the actuator 50 the actuator returns towards the first position.

[0079] Each slot 232, 232a is a closed channel within an inner surface 220a of the wall 220 and is located within the attachment collar 230. The slot 232a has an opening 236 for receiving a protrusion 30 and it curves along and partially around the circumference of the attachment collar 230 to an end 238 of the channel. The end 238 of the channel provides a recess 240 adapted to receive a protrusion 30. The recess 240 is defined by a wall 130 of the slot 232a.

[0080] In the first position, the actuator 50 prevents the protrusion 30 from being removed from the slot 232a as the second region 152 of the actuator 50 and in particular

the one side 152a which is angled pushes the protrusion 30 towards the end 238 and into the recess 240.

[0081] In order to remove an attachment 20, a user slides the button 60 away from the attachment collar 230. This causes the actuator 50 to move within the second aperture 212 against the biasing force of the spring 214 and moves the first part 52 of the actuator 50 with respect to the slot 232a until the slot 232a is no longer obscured by the actuator 50 and the protrusion 30 can move along the slot 232a towards the slot opening 236.

[0082] The protrusion has a first face 32 which engages with the actuator 50 when it is presented to the slot 232a. The protrusion has a second curved face 34 which is shaped and sized to fit within the recess 240. In this example, the protrusion 30 has the shape of a teardrop. The attachment 20 has a longitudinal axis Y-Y which is parallel to the longitudinal axis X-X of the body 210 when attached thereto. The first face 32 of the protrusion 30 is parallel with the longitudinal axis Y-Y of the attachment 20.

[0083] Having a curved slot 232, 232a is advantageous over a traditional bayonet fitting. A bayonet fitting has two sections which are angled with respect to one another and the user pushes along a first axis and then twists about a second axis to cause attachment. This results in an attachment mechanism that is relatively large which relies on the path length and change in direction within the fitting to maintain attachment. In contrast, the curved slot of the present invention in conjunction with the actuator enables the user to push along a first axis only until the first face 32 of the protrusion 30 bypasses the one side 152a of the actuator 50 which is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis X-X. After this point, the biasing action of the spring 214 causes the first part 52 of the actuator 50 to move towards the slot opening 236 and pushes the protrusion 30 into the recess 240 formed in the slot 232a. Thus, the user only has to push the attachment 20 onto the body 210 a relatively short amount and then the actuator 50 completes the movement. Due to the action of the spring 214, the first part 52 of the actuator 50 pushes the protrusion 30 towards the recess 240.

[0084] In addition having the curved slot and actuator allows for a relatively short path length compared to traditional bayonet fittings so the attachment collar 232 may be significantly smaller; perhaps by a factor or two of three times shorter.

[0085] The use of an actuator 50 having the one side 152a which is angled also assists in the stability of the attachment 20 on the body 210. The actuator 50 and in particular the one side 152a pushes the protrusion 30 into the recess 240 at the end of the slot 232a and any differences in the size of the protrusion 50, slot 232a and actuator 50 are accounted for as the first part 52 of the actuator 50 will rest in slightly different positions with respect to the slot 232a dependent on these differences.

[0086] Another feature that can improve the stability of the attachment, will be discussed with reference to Figures 4b, 7 and 8 in particular. The attachment 20 and the attachment collar 230 on the body 210 have respective mating faces 120a, 120b. The mating face 120a of the attachment 20 is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis Y-Y of the attachment. The mating face 120b of the attachment collar 230 is angled with respect to the longitudinal axis X-X of the appliance. Both of the mating faces 120a, 120b are formed as chamfers 26, 222 which extend radially around the attachment 20 or attachment collar 230 respectively. In this embodiment the mating faces 120a, 120b have the same but opposite angle of inclination from the respective longitudinal axis of the attachment Y-Y or the appliance X-X. This is not essential, the angles must be opposite so they are coincident but they need not be the exact same angle. The angle can be between 15 and 75°, and is preferably 35 to 50° and more preferably around 40°. When an attachment 20 is presented to the body 210, the protrusions 30 first align with slots 232, 232a. The protrusions 30, once they are pushed passed the third region 154 of the first part 52 of the actuator 50 are automatically pushed towards the recess 240 formed at the end 238 of the channel by the second region 152 of the first part 52 of the actuator 50.



[0087] The body 210 has a first end 210a and a second end 210b and the attachment collar 230 which houses at least a portion of the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end 210b. The body has a wall 220 having an outer surface 220b and an inner surface 220a and at the second end 210b, the wall 220 comprises a chamfer 222 extending around the inner surface 220a. The chamfer 222 extends from the inner surface 220a towards the outer surface 220b towards the second end 210b.

[0088] The attachment 20 has first end 20a which attaches to the body 210 and a second end 20b distal to the body 210. At the first end 20a, a collar 22 extends around the attachment 20. The protrusion 30 extends from the collar 22 and extends radially outwards from the outer surface 24b of the wall 24 of the attachment. Between the collar 22 and the fluid outlet 26 a flange 234 is provided. The flange 234 extends radially outwards from the outer surface 24b of the attachment 20. The collar 22 includes a further chamfer 26 which extends between the flange 234 and the collar 22. The further chamfer 26 extends from the collar 22 radially outwards and towards the second end 20b of the attachment 20. Thus the further chamfer 26 is oppositely inclined to the chamfer 222 so as to produce mating faces 120a, 120b. Therefore when the attachment 20 is attached to the body 210 the chamfer 222 on the body 210 and the further chamfer 26 on the attachment 20 engage each other.

[0089] Whilst this further automatic twist of the attachment 20 with respect to the body 210 occurs, the mating faces 120a and 120b of the attachment 20 and attachment collar 230 engage radially around the attachment 20 and attachment collar 230 to further secure the attachment 20 to the body 210. The use of the actuator with different surfaces 156, 154a, 152a that engage with different faces 32, 34 of a protrusion 30 along with the mating faces 120a and 120b provide a self-tightening joint between the attachment 20 and the body 210 reduce wobble between the two when joined together. This is particularly useful for embodiments where hair is intended to wrap around the attachment during use as tangential forces can be applied to the joint formed between the attachment 20 and the body 210.

[0090] In the embodiment so far described, the attachment 20 can be attached to the body 210 in any orientation. For some embodiments, it may be desirable for the attachment to have fewer orientations. Referring now to Figures 10 and 11 the attachment 70 has a directed flow from a single fluid outlet 72. One way to achieve fewer orientations is to provide the protrusions 140, 142 and slots 144, 146 as matched pairs.

[0091] Referring now to Figure 10, a first pair of protrusions 140 extends further from the radially outer surface 24b of the collar 22 than a second pair of protrusions 142. Thus, the first pair of protrusions 140 protrudes more than the second pair of protrusions 142. A first pair of slots 144 is formed by a channel which extends further radially into the inner surface 220a of the wall 220 than a second pair of slots 146. Thus, the first pair of slots 144 has a greater depth than the second pair of slots 146. Whilst the second pair of protrusions 142 will fit into either of the first and second pairs of slots 144, 146, the first pair of protrusions 140 will only fit into the first pair of slots 144. This thus limits the number of orientations of the attachment 20 with respect to the body 210 to two. Thus, the orientation can be limited to the single fluid outlet 72 being aligned with either button 60 or the user interface 90 providing a user with a comfortable position to hold the appliance whilst being able to access the button 60 and user interface 90 without changing grip.

[0092] For the attachment shown in Figures 1 to 8, the flange 234 is an external feature that can be seen when the attachment 20 is attached to the body 210. In Figures 9 and 11, the flange is an internal feature which has been recessed within the thickness of the outer wall. Both embodiments fall within the scope of the invention.

[0093] The invention has been described in detail with respect to a hot styling device however, it is applicable to any appliance that draws in a fluid and directs the outflow of that fluid from the appliance.

[0094] The appliance can be used with or without a heater; the action of the outflow of fluid at high velocity has a drying effect.

[0095] The fluid that flows through the appliance is generally air, but may be a different combination of gases or gas and can include additives to improve performance of the appliance or the impact the appliance has on an object the output is directed at for example, hair and the styling of that hair.

[0096] The invention is not limited to the detailed description given above. Variations will be apparent to the person skilled in the art.

**CLAIMS**

1. A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body comprising an attachment mechanism having a first slot and an actuator, the attachment comprising a first protrusion configured to engage with the first slot, wherein the actuator has a first position and a second position and the actuator is moved from the first position towards the second position as the first protrusion engages with the first slot.
2. The appliance of claim 1, wherein in the first position, the actuator at least partially obscures the first slot.
3. The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator comprises a surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the first slot.
4. The appliance of claim 3, wherein the surface is configured to at least partially define the first slot at or near the second position.
5. The appliance of claim 1, wherein when the first protrusion is at a pre-determined position within the first slot, the actuator returns towards the first position.
6. The appliance of claim 1, wherein the actuator is biased into the first position.
7. The appliance of claim 5, wherein the actuator retains the attachment on the body.
8. The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body extends along a longitudinal axis and the first slot extends both radially around and axially along the body.
9. The appliance of claim 3, wherein the first protrusion comprises a first face for engagement with the actuator.

10. The appliance of claim 9, wherein the first face engages with the surface of the actuator.
11. The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and wherein the first slot is a closed channel formed in the inner surface and has a closed end defined by a recess formed at the end of the channel.
12. The appliance of claim 11, wherein the recess is defined by a wall of the first slot.
13. The appliance of claim 12, wherein the first protrusion comprises a second face for engagement with the wall of the first slot.
14. The appliance of claim 13, wherein the second face is curved.
15. The appliance of claim 11, wherein the actuator comprises a second surface which interacts with the first protrusion when the first protrusion engages with the recess.
16. The appliance of claim 1, wherein the body has a first end and a second end and the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end.
17. The appliance of claim 16, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.
18. The appliance of claim 17, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface.
19. The appliance of claim 1, wherein the attachment comprises a collar extending around the attachment and the first protrusion extends from the collar.

20. The appliance of claim 19, wherein the attachment comprises a first end and a second end, the collar is adjacent the first end, and the collar comprises a chamfer.
21. The appliance of claim 20, wherein the chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.
22. The appliance of claim 21, wherein the chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.
23. The appliance of claim 19, wherein the body has a first end and a second end, the attachment mechanism is adjacent the second end, the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface, and wherein the attachment has a further chamfer that engages the chamfer of the body as the attachment is attached to the body.
24. The appliance of claim 1, further comprising a user operated button which engages with the actuator.
25. The appliance of claim 24, wherein actuation of the button moves the actuator from the first position to the second position to facilitate removal of an attachment from the body.
26. A handheld appliance having a body and an attachment, the body having a first end and a second end and comprising an attachment mechanism adjacent the second end, wherein the body comprises a wall having an outer surface and an inner surface, and wherein at the second end, the wall comprises a chamfer extending around the inner surface.
27. The appliance of claim 26, wherein the chamfer extends from the inner surface towards the outer surface towards the second end.

28. The appliance of claim 26, wherein the attachment comprises a first end, a second end, a collar extending around the attachment adjacent the first end, and the collar comprises a further chamfer.
29. The appliance of claim 28, wherein the further chamfer is at the distal end of the collar from the first end of the attachment.
30. The appliance of claim 28, wherein the further chamfer extends from the collar radially outwards and towards the second end of the attachment.
31. The appliance of claim 28, wherein the chamfer on the body and the further chamfer on the attachment engage each other as the attachment is attached to the body.
32. The appliance of claim 1, comprising a second protrusion and a second slot.
33. The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion and second slot are radially spaced from the first protrusion and the first slot.
34. The appliance of claim 32, wherein the second protrusion is configured to cooperate with the second slot but not the first slot.
35. The appliance of claim 32, wherein a third protrusion and a fourth protrusion and a third slot and a fourth slot are provided.
36. The appliance of claim 35, wherein the fourth protrusion is adapted to cooperate with the second slot or the fourth slot but not the first slot or the third slot.
37. The appliance of claim 35, wherein each of the first protrusion, the second protrusion, the third protrusion, and the fourth protrusion are radially spaced around the attachment.

38. The appliance of claim 37, wherein each of the first slot, the second slot, the third slot, and the fourth slot are radially spaced around the body.
39. The appliance of claim 1, wherein the appliance is a hair care appliance.
40. The appliance of claim 39, wherein the hair care appliance is a hot styling appliance.



**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

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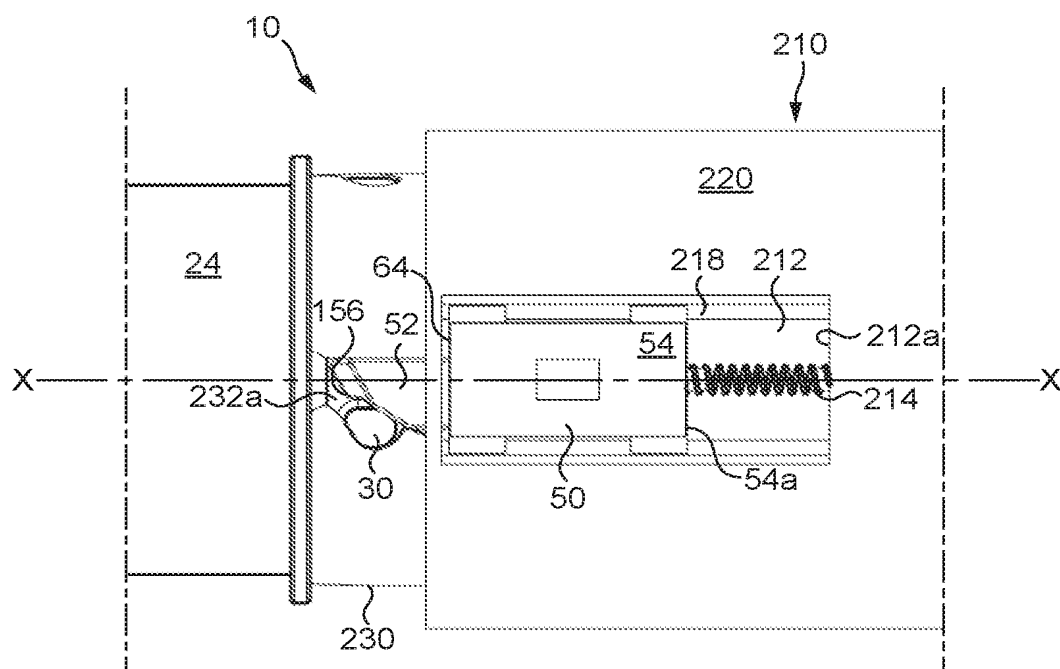


FIG. 1a

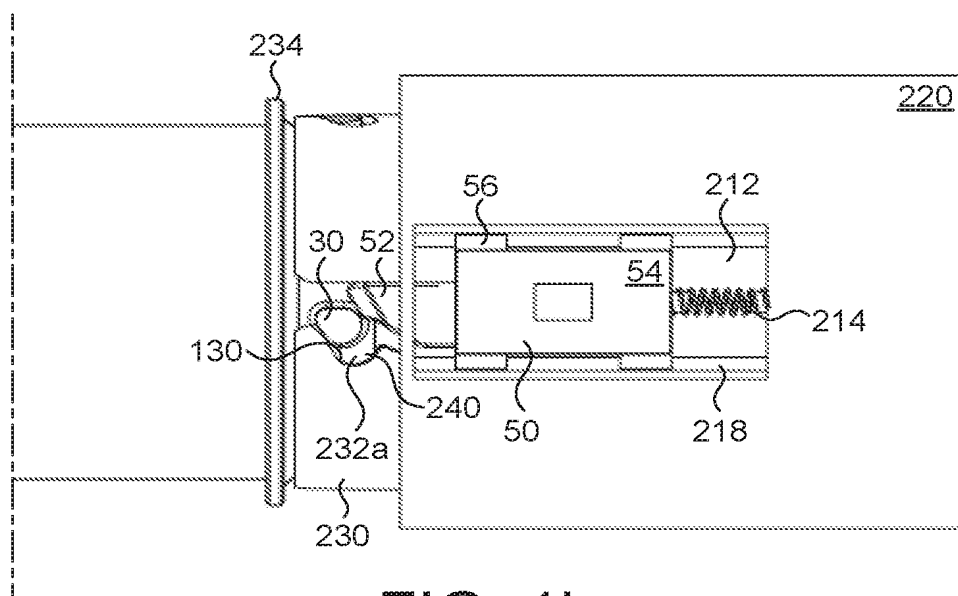


FIG. 1b

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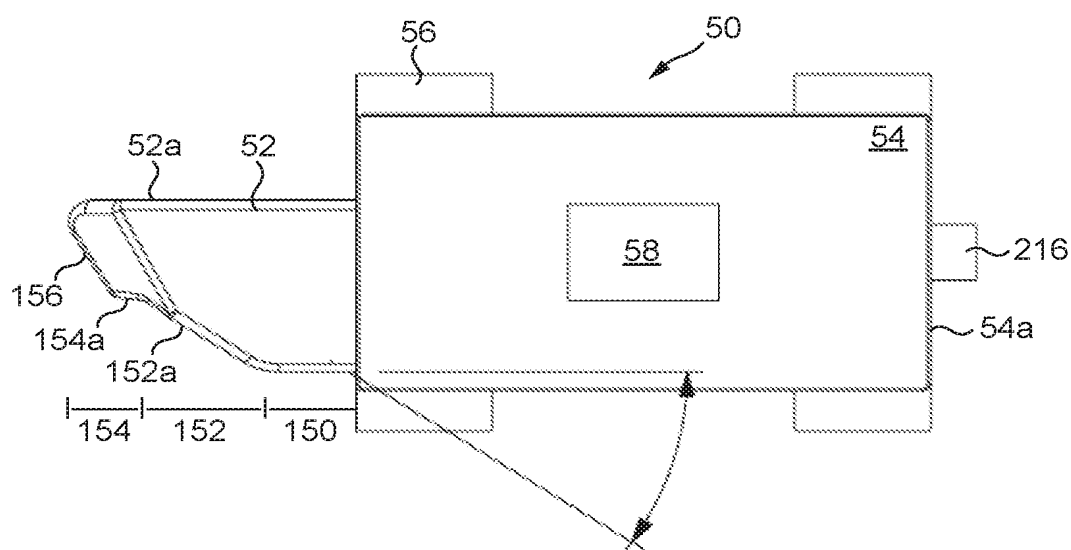


FIG. 2



FIG. 4a

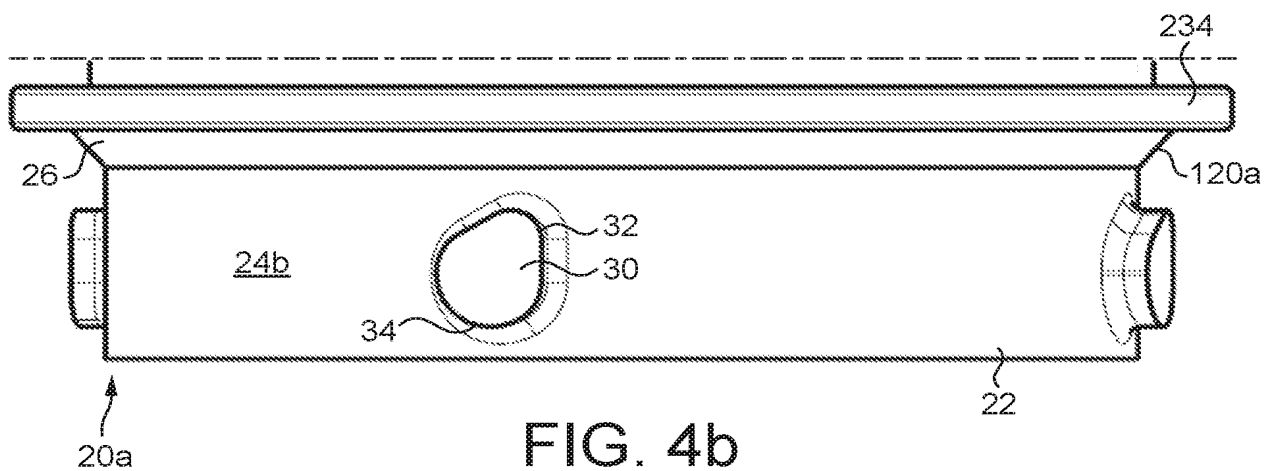
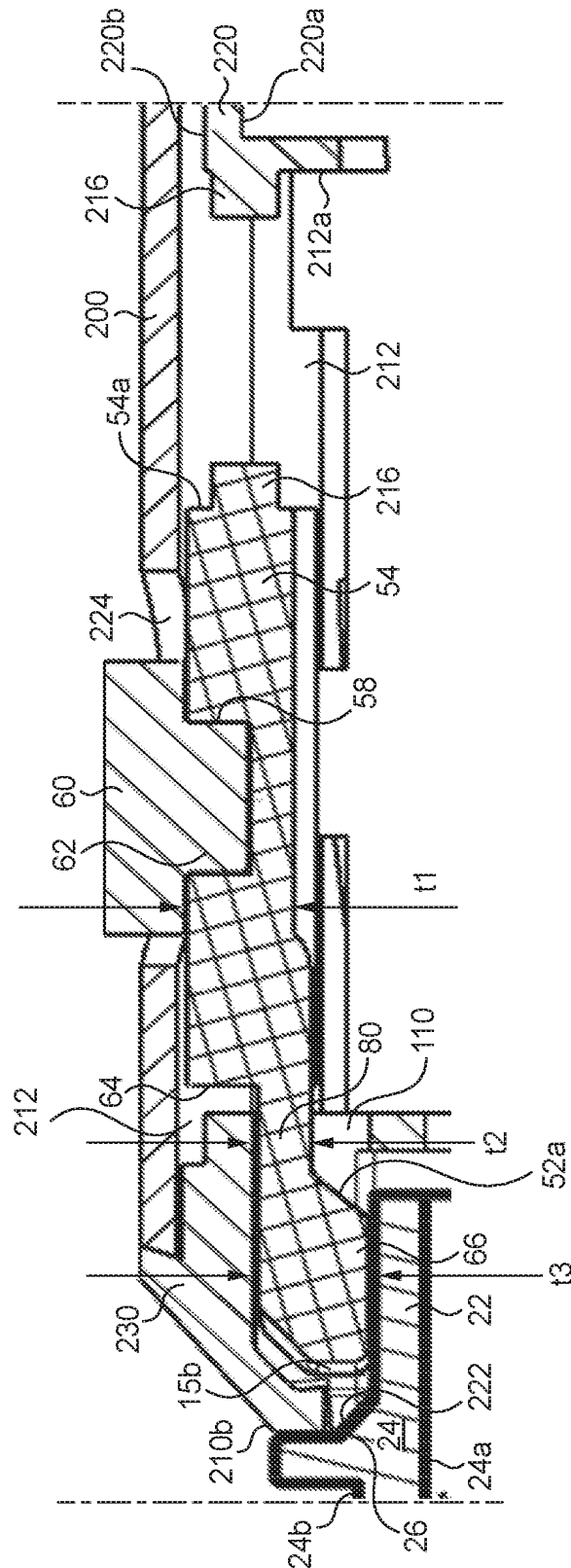


FIG. 4b





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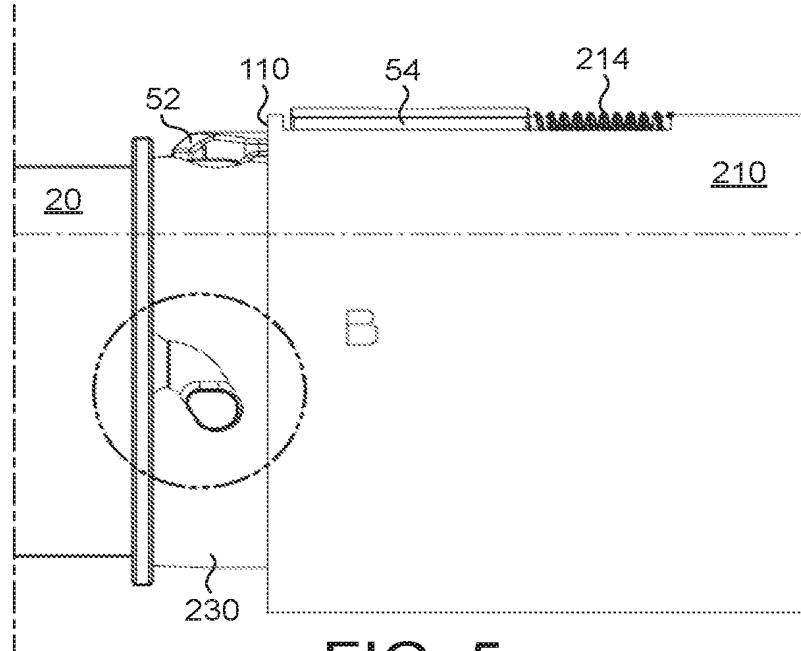


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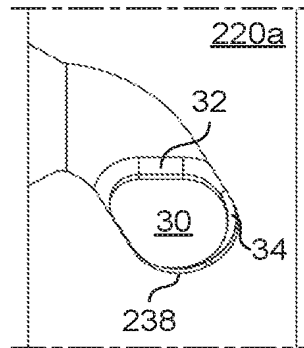


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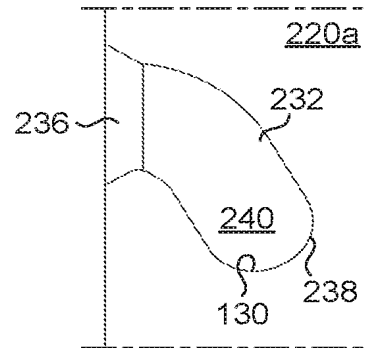


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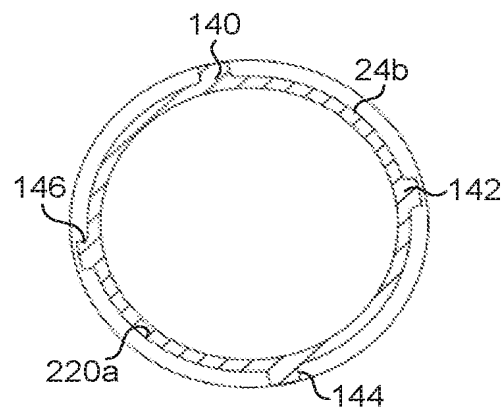


FIG. 10

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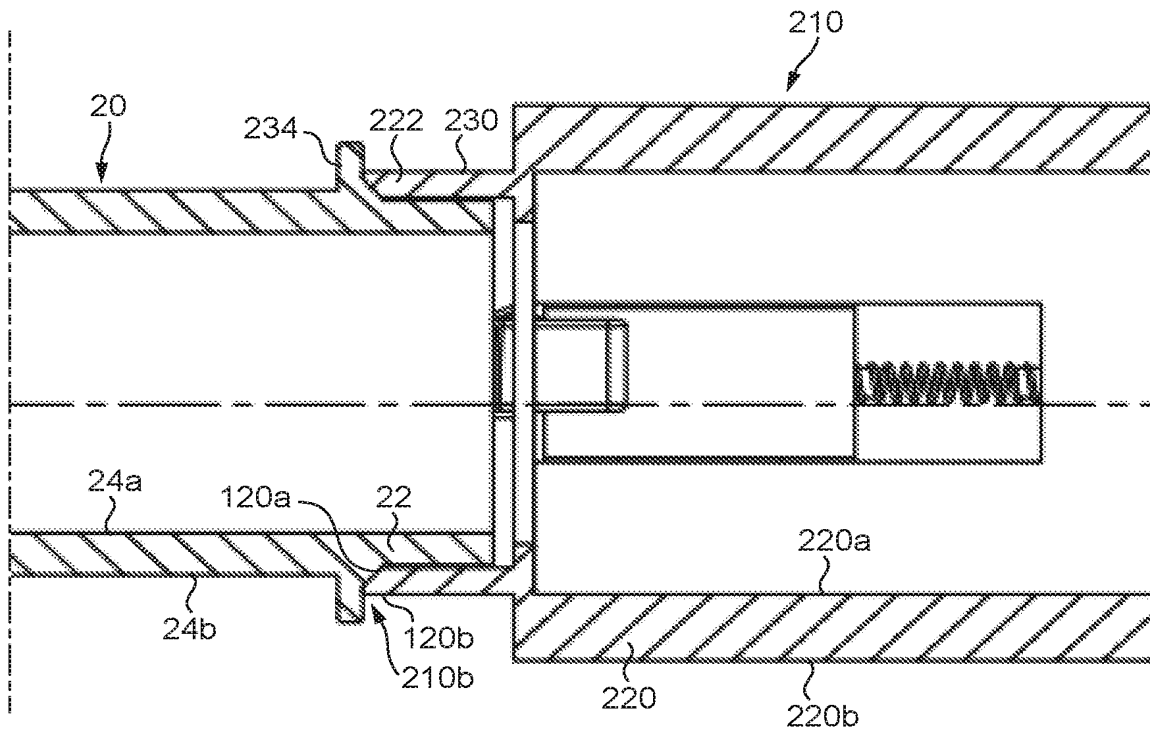


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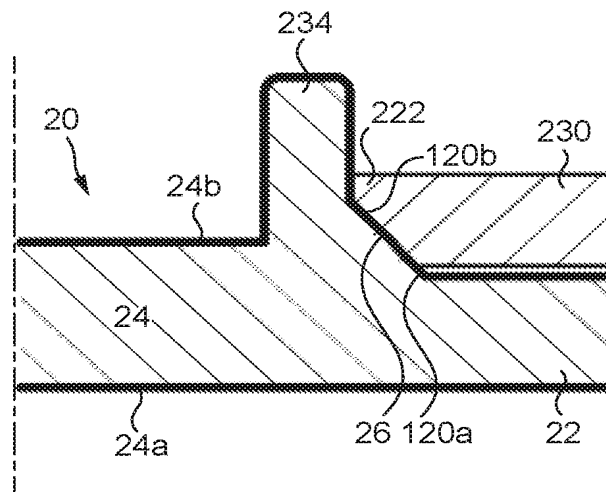


FIG. 8

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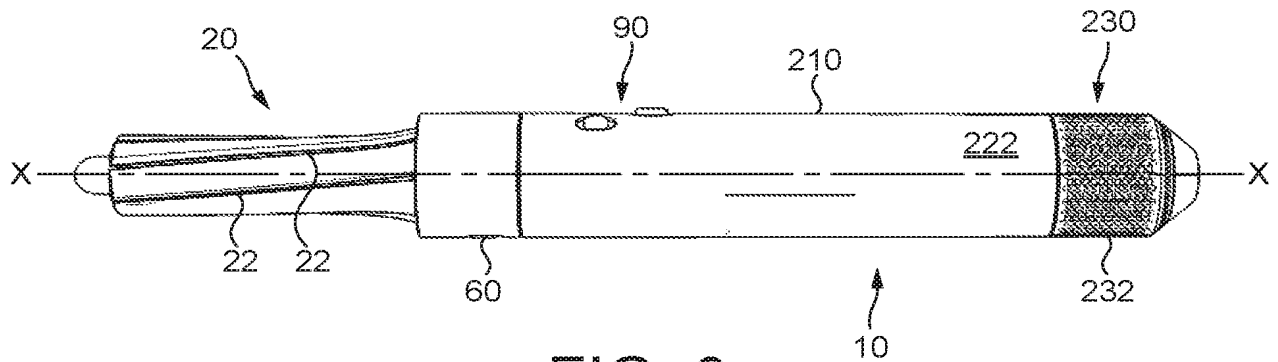


FIG. 9

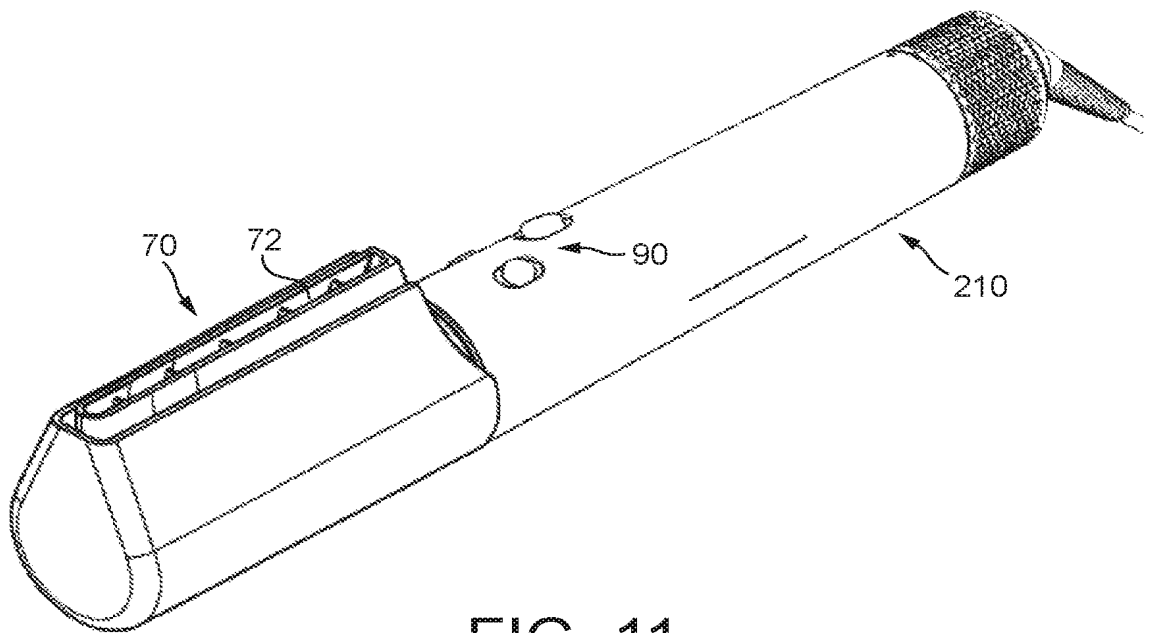


FIG. 11