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Curry Comb.

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Fig. 1.

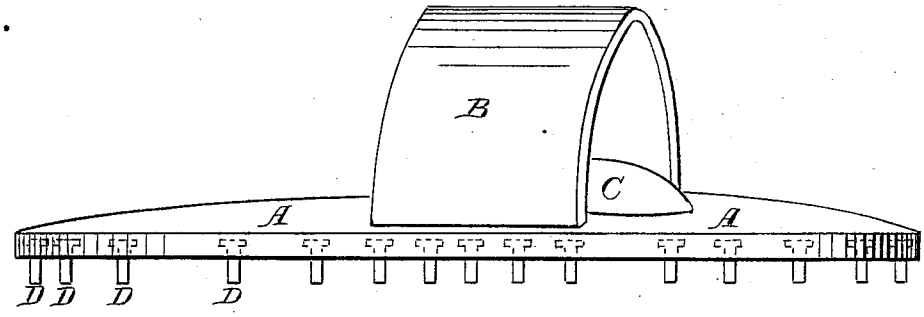
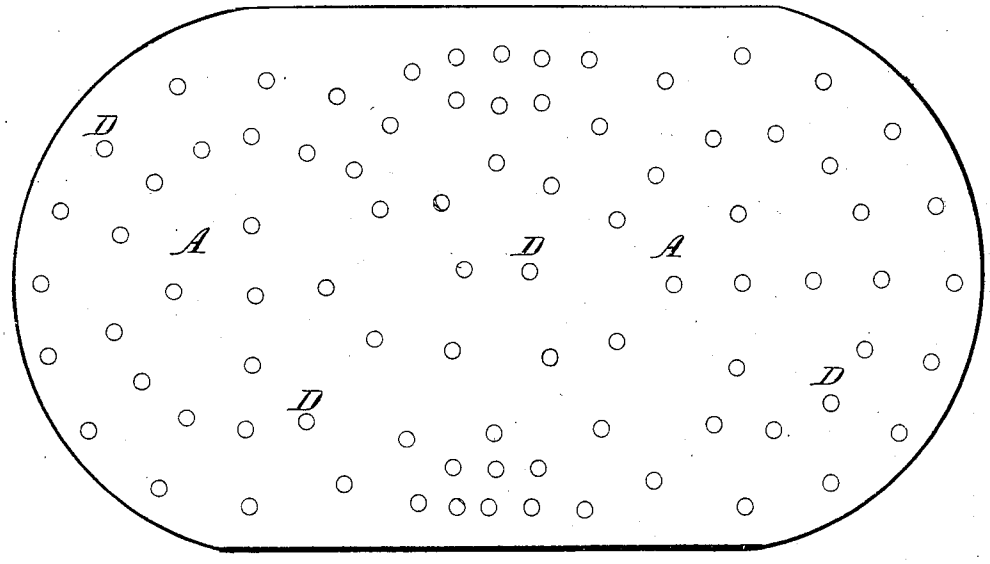


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED CURRY-COMB.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEMUEL P. JENKS, of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and improved Curry-Comb; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, with letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention is that of a curry-comb, with metallic teeth, the teeth being so embedded in an elastic medium, as that they themselves, though inelastic, have an elastic action.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is a view in perspective, from the side or corner, of my curry-comb.

Figure 2 is a view from above, of the face of the same, showing the teeth.

And in the drawings—

A A, figs. 1 and 2, are the back of the curry-comb, (which I prefer to have elastic.)

B, fig. 1, is the handle, which is fastened to the upper side of the device, as seen in fig. 1, and is composed of rubber, or leather, or cloth, or of other flexible substance, being fastened in any convenient manner to the curry-comb back.

C, fig. 1, is a protuberance of rounded conical shape, but longer than it is wide, which is fastened on the back of the curry-comb, underneath the middle of the handle, and its purpose and function are to enter into the hollow of the palm of the hand, to prevent the slipping of the same.

D D D D, &c., figs. 1 and 2, (it has not been thought necessary to letter them all,) are teeth of metal, (copper, brass, iron, or other metal,) which are formed like machine-made rivets, (or like carpet-tacks, with their points blunted,) being short solid cylinders, with disks attached to their tops. These teeth are embedded, at their head-ends, in the rubber which forms the body of the back of the curry-comb.

The operation of my device being similar to that of the ordinary well-known curry-combs, need not be further described, other than to say that the rubber between the face of the curry-comb and the face or under side of the disk-heads of the teeth gives, in action, an elasticity to the teeth, which metallic teeth would not otherwise possess.

And I do not confine myself to any particular mode of constructing my curry-comb, while embodying the main features. Sometimes I embed the headed teeth in the rubber, the back being one solid plate of rubber. And sometimes I use two plates of rubber, or of thick rubber cloth, causing the teeth to protrude through the lower layer, and cementing the teeth-perforated layer to the upper or back layer. And sometimes I intersperse, among the metallic teeth, bosses or projections of rubber, or other flexible substance, which act as teeth. And sometimes I use an elastic back, and sometimes the face only is elastic. And sometimes I dispense with the palm-boss C.

And I do not claim an elastic back to a curry-comb. Nor do I claim any arrangement where bosses of rubber, in the form of ridges and cones, projecting from the face of the curry-comb, to support metallic teeth, are used. Nor do I claim any device where the teeth are screwed into the back of the comb; but

What I claim as of my own invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In curry-combs, the metallic teeth shown, when the same are in combination with and held by an elastic front, and are provided with heads, held immovably between the front and the back of the comb, all substantially as described.

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