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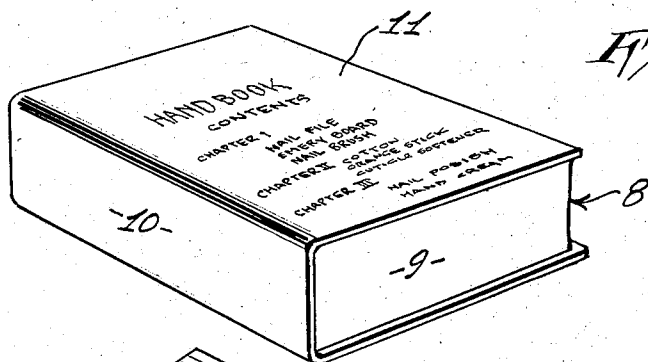


Fig. 1

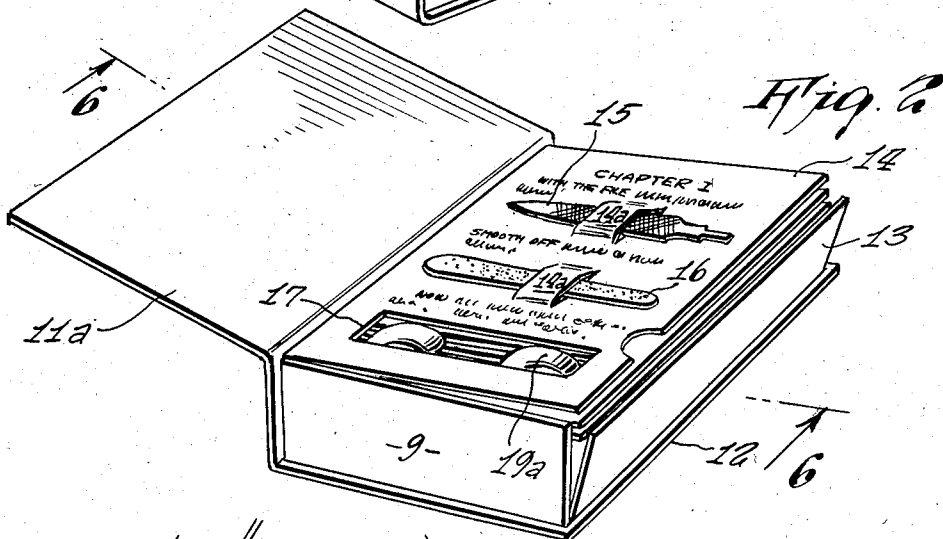


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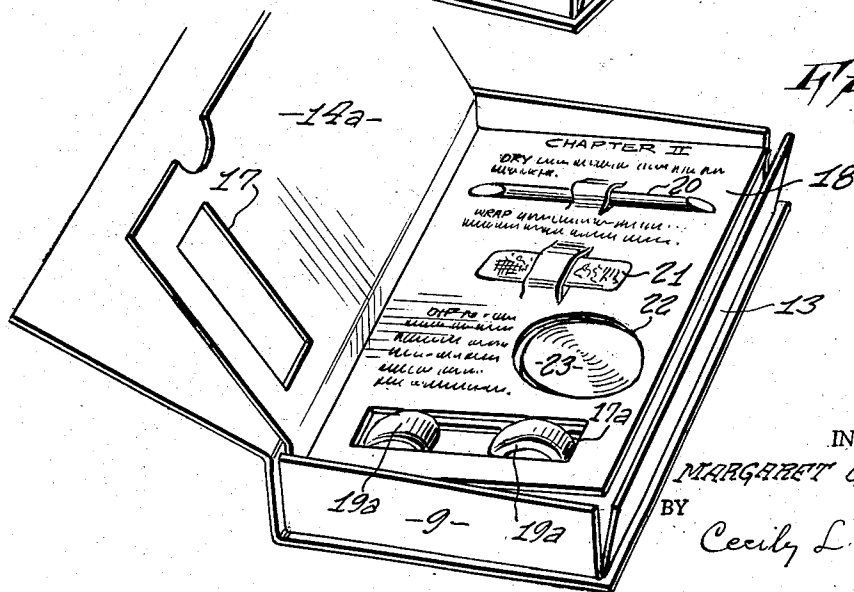


Fig. 3

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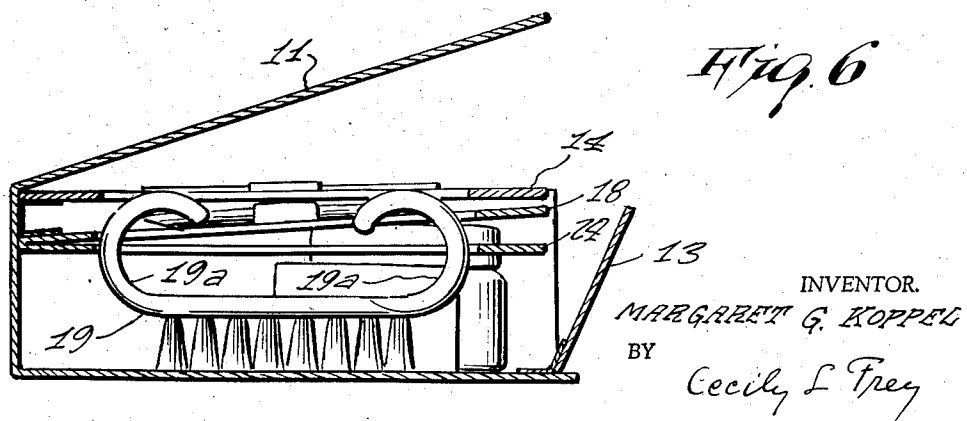
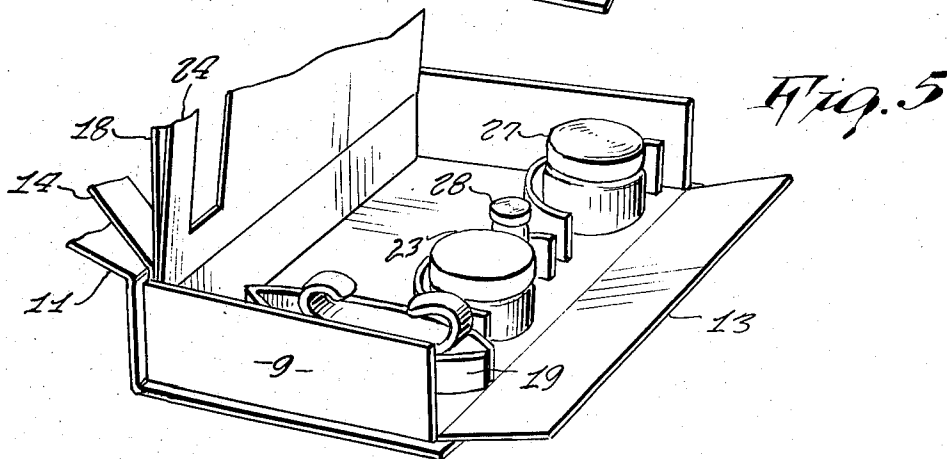
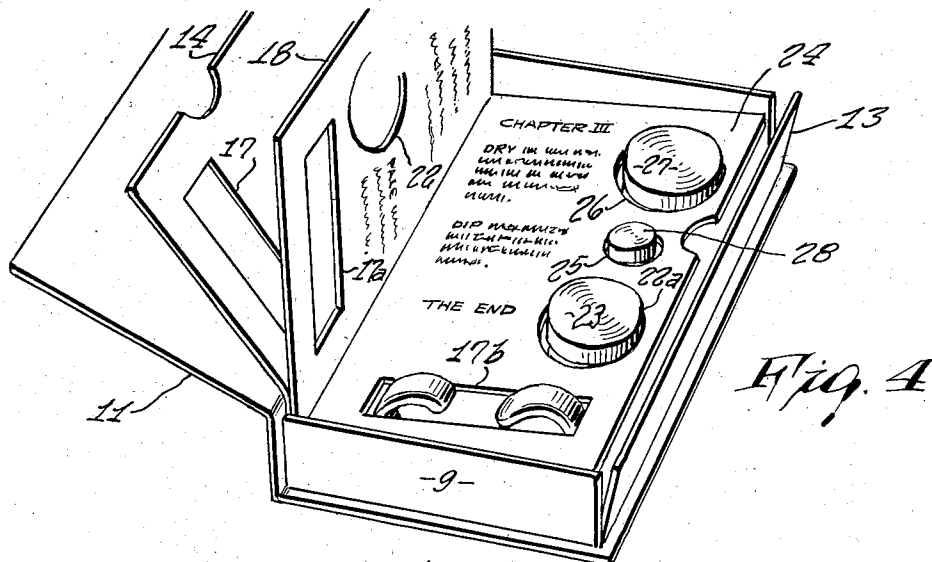
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The present invention relates to a manicure kit, more particularly to be used by young girls.

It has been observed that girls of the pre-adolescent age have a certain reluctance to take care of their hands and nails. Frequently this dislike of any cosmetic refinement is accompanied by a predilection for reading and studying. The article according to the invention therefore aims at utilizing these tendencies by associating the attraction produced by a book with the unwelcome care of the hands, similarly to the method used in drug preparations by flavoring or sugar-coating an unpleasant remedy; or, in other words, it is the object of the invention to provide a psychological aid for the training of young girls of that age group in attending to their manicure.

The kit according to the invention comprises a box which has the appearance of a book. Within, the tools and lotions used for the care of the hands and nails are mounted in leaf-like partitions which also bear imprints giving hints or directions for the use of each item.

The article of the invention will be described in further detail with reference to the accompanying drawings, but it should be understood that this description is given by way of illustration and not of limitation and that many changes in the details can be made without departing from the spirit of the invention.

In the drawings,

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the kit according to the invention in closed position;

Fig. 2 is a view of the box with the cover-flap turned to open position, exposing the first leaf;

Fig. 3 is a similar showing of cover and first leaf, turned over, exposing the second leaf;

Fig. 4 similarly illustrates the third leaf;

Fig. 5 shows the bottom of the box, and

Fig. 6 is a section drawn along line 6—6 of Fig. 2.

Referring now to the drawings, Fig. 1 shows the box, generally designated by 8, in closed position. The box comprises a lid 11, a bottom 12, and four side walls, two of which are seen in Fig. 1. The wall designated by 10 simulates the back of a book, whereas 9 is at the bottom when the box is in upright position, e. g. when placed in a book shelf. The lid 11 bears, in the exemplified embodiment of the invention, the title imprint "Hand Book" and a Table of Contents, in which the individual leaves represent, as it were, the chapters of a book.

The side wall 10 is rigidly attached to the bottom of the box and the lid is hingedly connected to the said wall, so that it can easily be turned back.

This is illustrated by Fig. 2, in which the inside of the lid is shown at 11a. The first leaf, which is now exposed, is designated by 14. This leaf, which bears the inscription "Chapter I" has mounted thereon a nail file 15 and an emery board 16, both held in place by cut-out strips or loops 14a. For easier handling, the one side of the box, side 13, is flexibly attached to the bottom 12. This side 13 is shown slightly bent back in Figs. 2—6.

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At the end of leaf 14 near the side wall 9 of the box, an aperture 17 is provided which accommodates the handles 19a of a nail brush 19 mounted at the bottom 12 of the box, as more fully shown in Figs. 5 and 6.

5 An imprint or inscription is provided above each tool describing its use and function.

In Fig. 3 the first leaf 14 is shown bent back to position 14a, whereby the second leaf, 18, is disclosed bearing the inscription "Chapter II." On this leaf are mounted 10 an orange stick 20, and a cotton wad 21. This leaf has two openings; one opening 17a being, in superposed position of leaves 14 and 18, in alignment with opening 17 on the first leaf to form therewith a space for accommodating the nail brush 19, whose handles 19a can be seen in Fig. 3. The second opening in leaf 18 is 22 which serves for receiving the lid of a jar 23 containing cuticle softener.

The third leaf 24, bearing the inscription "Chapter III," is illustrated in Fig. 4. It has two openings 17b and 22b, which register with 17 and 22 described above, for the purpose already mentioned. Further provided in leaf 24 are two more openings, 25 and 26, for receiving the tops of jars 27 and 28 containing hand cream and nail polish, respectively.

25 Fig. 5 illustrates the bottom of box 8 with all leaves turned back. The articles there displayed are the different jars 23, 27, and 28, and the nail brush 19.

Fig. 6, as mentioned before, shows the box in section with brush 19 and one of the jars.

30 It is, of course, not necessary to have all the tools mounted as described, other implements could take their place; also, the order in which they are arranged could be changed. However, as a rule, it will be desirable to follow in the arrangement the order in which the tools and jars have to be used.

35 The box may be made of cardboard, of leather, of plastic material, or any other desired material of appropriate stiffness and texture.

40 As already mentioned, the directions for carrying out the different operations of the manicure, can be imprinted on the leaves near the respective tool or jar. Alternatively, leaves could be interspersed between the leaf-like partitions, which contain not only directions, but other text as well pertaining to the care of the hands and related subjects, some of which may also be in rhymed verse.

What I claim is:

1. In a box-type manicure kit having the outer appearance of a book, with the box having a lid, a bottom, and four side walls, one of said side walls being rigidly attached to the bottom and forming the back of the book, to which the lid is hingedly attached, one of the other walls being hingedly connected to said bottom, a plurality of leaf-like partitions flexibly connected to the back-forming side wall arranged in a definite order for consecutive turning back during use and for exposing the next leaf as needed, with holding strips and apertures in said partitions for accommodation therein of a plurality of tools and jars to be used in the care of the hands and nails, said tools and jars being disposed in the order of their use in the consecutive partitions and on the bottom of the box.

2. The manicure kit according to claim 1, wherein the first leaf-like partition below the lid contains a nail file and an emery board mounted in said holding strips and an aperture in said partition affords access to a nail brush mounted at the bottom of the box.

3. The manicure kit according to claim 1, wherein the second partition mounted below the first one contains an orange stick and a cotton wad mounted in said holding strips, and further has two apertures, one for giving access

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to a jar of cuticle softener and the other one which is in alignment with the aperture in the uppermost partition giving access to the nail brush.

4. The manicure kit according to claim 1, wherein the third partition contains a number of apertures adapted to receive the tops of a plurality of containers mounted at the bottom of the box and one aperture in alignment with the apertures in the two superposed partitions affording access to the nail brush.

5. The manicure kit as claimed in claim 1, wherein inscriptions are associated with each tool and jar directing

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the user to its proper application for the care of the hands and nails.

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