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Fig. 1.

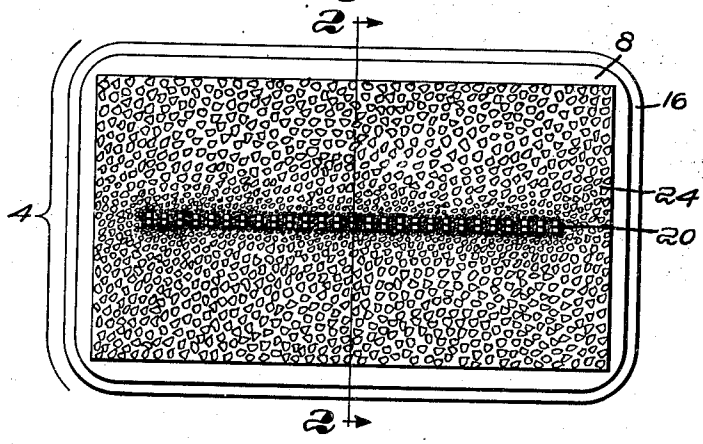
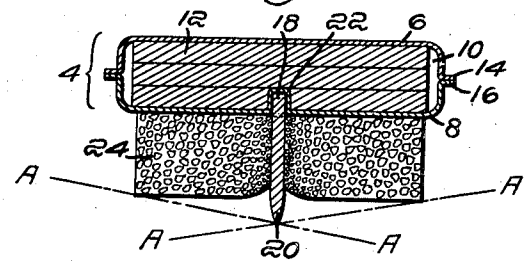


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to a novel and improved grooming device for animals, and particularly for dogs. The device combines in one implement a comb and a pad, for example, a rubber sponge for cooperation with the comb. The invention will best be understood by reference to the following description when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing of one specific embodiment thereof, while its scope will be pointed out more particularly in the appended claims.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a plan of a grooming device embodying the invention; and

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Referring to the drawing and to the embodiment of the invention illustrated therein by way of example, there is shown a grooming device comprising a base 4 of suitable construction, the one shown as an example comprising two sheets 6 and 8 of appropriate material such as pyroxylin, each having a concavo-convex form, the concave sides facing each other and forming a chamber 10, within which is a reinforcing body 12 herein comprising superposed sheets of heavy cardboard which substantially fill the chamber and make the base practically solid. The margins of the sheets 6 and 8 are appropriately attached to each other as by providing them with outwardly directed flanges 14 and 16 conveniently united as by heat and pressure or by pyroxylin cement.

A comb 18 having teeth 20 is suitably secured to the base as by providing the latter with a groove 22 in which the comb is appropriately held as by the use of suitable adhesive such as pyroxylin cement. A pad 24 of appropriate material such as sponge rubber is suitably applied to the base as by thrusting the teeth 20 of the comb 18 through the pad and securing the pad to the base as by pyroxylin cement. As herein shown, the points of the teeth project a substantial distance beyond the face of the pad so that the teeth will enter the dog's hair until the face of the pad engages the hair. Furthermore, the pad, being resilient, is capable of yielding and permitting the teeth to enter the hair to an extent determined by the pressure exerted on the implement.

If the implement is applied in a somewhat inclined position, as indicated by either broken line A—A, and moved in a direction transverse to the comb and with the latter in advance, the teeth of the comb will separate the tangled and matted hairs into small groups and will remove loose hairs, after which the trailing surface of the pad will smooth the hairs. However, if desired, the device may be applied flatwise with similar effect. The mode of application will naturally vary somewhat according to the nature of the dog's coat. On a short-haired dog only a light pressure is exerted and the pad is but little compressed, so that the teeth do not penetrate the dog's coat too deeply, but in the case of a long-haired dog, the pad is compressed to a greater extent and the teeth penetrate to a correspondingly greater distance. If desired, a finishing operation can be performed by the pad alone by tilting the device so that only the pad engages the hairs.

The base has a marginal portion which projects beyond the pad to such an extent as to afford a good grip for the fingers, and the thin flange about the base helps in securing a good grasp so that the base is unlikely to slip from the fingers.

Having thus described one embodiment of the invention but without limiting myself thereto, what I claim and desire by Letters Patent to secure is:

1. In a grooming device, the combination of a base comprising two concavo-convex sheets whose concave sides face toward each other and whose margins are secured together, one sheet being formed to provide a groove, a comb held in said groove and having teeth projecting from said base, and a pad attached to said base and disposed about said teeth,

2. In a grooming device, the combination of a base comprising two concavo-convex sheets whose concave sides face toward each other and whose margins are secured together, said concave sides bounding a chamber, a reinforcing body within said chamber, a comb attached to said base, and a pad attached to said base adjacent to said comb.

3. In a grooming device, the combination of a base comprising two concavo-convex sheets whose concave sides face toward each other and whose margins are provided with flanges secured flatwise to each other, and a comb and a pad secured to one of said sheets.

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