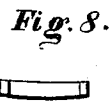
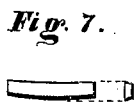
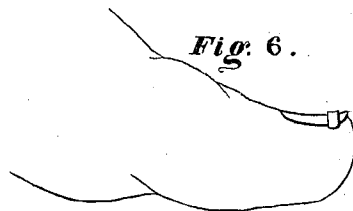
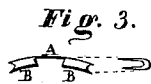
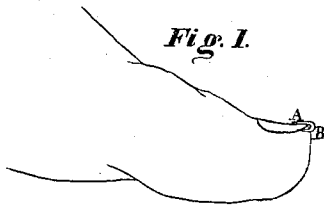


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDWARD E. STEDMAN, of Ravenna, in the county of Portage and State of Ohio, have invented a certain new and Improved Tip for the Prevention of the Ingrowing of Toe and Finger Nails; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and complete description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making part of the same.

Figures 1 and 6 show the application of the tips. The other figures are views of the tips detached from the toe.

Like letters of reference refer to like parts in the several views.

The object of this invention is to prevent the corners of toe-nails from growing into the flesh; and which invention consists of a metal tip having under-turned edges forming a hook, which is caught under the nail, and which tends to lift the nail and prevent its downward growth.

Of the above-specified device the following is a more full description: The tip consists of a plate of metal, A, of the shape shown in Fig. 2, which is that resembling the fore part of the toe-nail. A portion of the front edge of the plate is turned down and back under it, forming two narrow flat hooks, B, on the front edge of the plate with a space between them, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, which represent a front and back view of the edge of the plate, whereas Fig. 5 shows an under-side view.

The application of the above-described tip is shown in Fig. 1, in which it will be seen that the plate covers the end of the nail, whereas the hooks are pressed under it, as shown. The result of this application of the tip will cause an upward growth of the nail—a growing away from instead of into the flesh, thereby correcting the evil and relieving those afflicted with ingrowing nails from the consequent distress and trouble.

Fig. 9 shows a modification of the above tip, which consists of a narrow strip of metal with both ends turned down and under. The application of this tip is shown in Fig. 6. This form of tip is desirable in some severe cases, as it can be slipped further back on the nail, so that the hooks will be caught under the more ingrowing corners.

The tips are not painful to wear, and in all cases to which they have been applied they have proved very efficient in curing the evil specified.

Claim.

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

The herein-described tip or tips, constructed substantially as described, and for the purpose specified.

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