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NAIL FILE

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Fig. 1. *Fig. 2.* *Fig. 4.* *Fig. 5.*

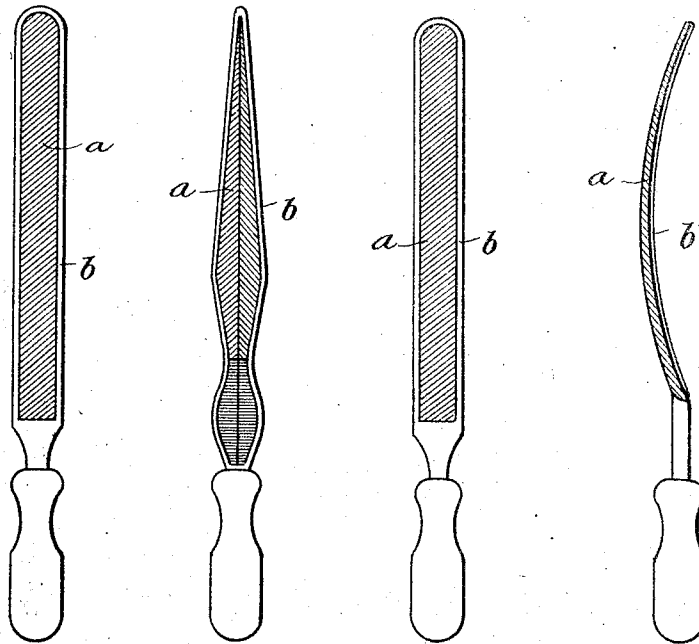
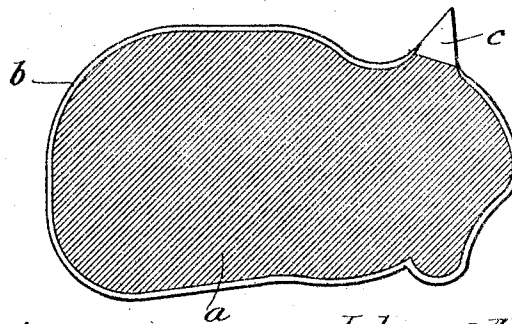


Fig. 3.



Fig. 6.



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NAIL-FILE.

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The invention relates to a nail-file, which differs from those hitherto known for the purpose by a special arrangement of the cut. While the cut extended in the known finger-nail-files up to the edge and the narrow side in the most cases likewise was provided with cuts, the cut of this file stops already somewhat in front of the edge, so that a smooth edge, free from cuts remains. This arrangement has the advantage, that injury to the skin next to the finger-nail is avoided during the manipulation. It has hitherto been necessary to file very carefully in order to avoid such injuries, whereby the manipulation of the file was made difficult. This drawback has been eliminated with the present file, as the smooth edge of the file can touch the skin without injuring the same and offers a good guide during filing of the finger-nails.

A file of this kind is illustrated in several examples in the drawing, in which Fig. 1 shows an ordinary flat file, the cut part of which *a*, stops in front of the edge of the file *b*, which latter is perfectly smooth. Cut and edge can be made in any desired way.

Figs. 2 and 3 illustrate a pointed, hollow file with the same arrangement of cut, in view and section.

Figs. 4 and 5 show the bent hollow file in plan and side-view. The files may be of any other desirable shape.

Fig. 6 illustrates a plate-shaped file, specially adapted for filing foot-nails.

Figs. 2 and 6 show files with curved edge, which is most practicable for filing the nails, as it enables to file the corners of the nails much quicker and above all round without injuring the skin, by placing the fingers into the curve and in filing the fingers of the right hand this shape of the file facilitates the work greatly.

In Figure 6 the file is in the form of a plate having an irregular curved contour and provided with a pointed projection *c*.

Having now particularly described the nature of my invention and the manner of its operation, what I claim is:

As a new article of manufacture, a nail file, comprising an imperforate flat plate having an irregular curved contour with round ends, one end of the plate being narrower than the other and provided with a pointed projection extending from one side adjacent said end, the abrading surface of the plate terminating short of the edges whereby the plate will be formed with a curved smooth edge to facilitate the filing of the whole of the nail and without injury to the flesh.

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