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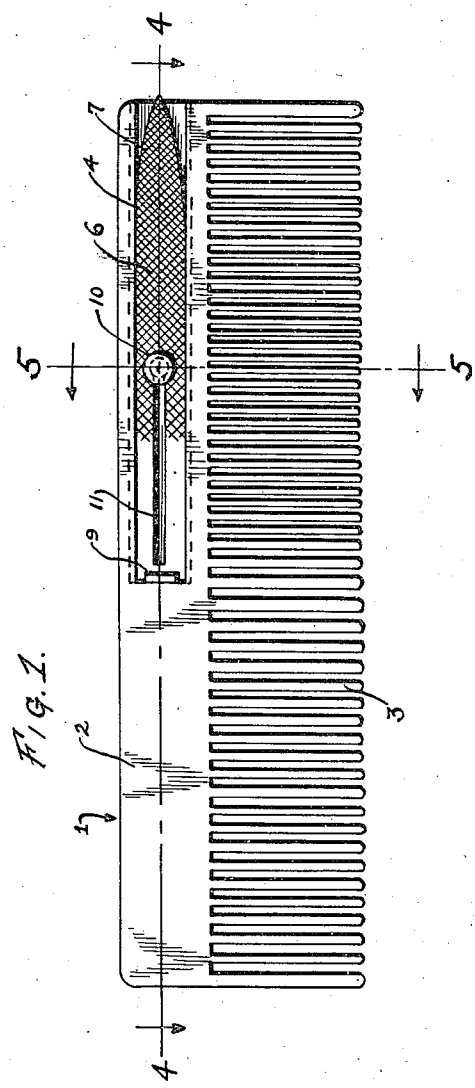


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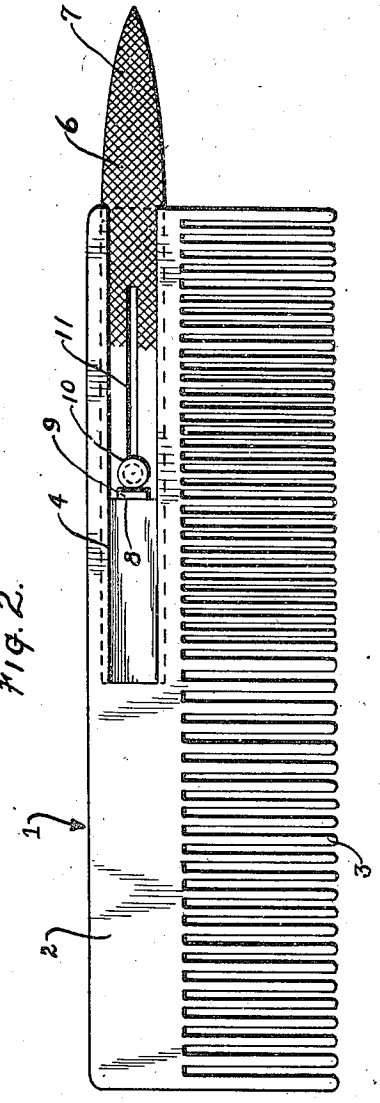


FIG. 2.

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FIG. 3.

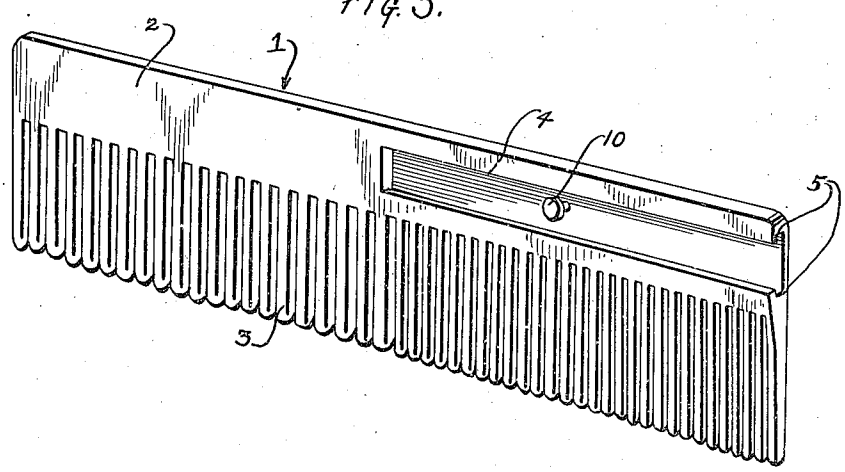
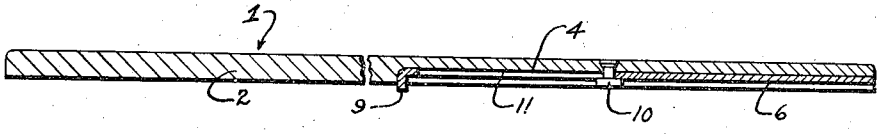


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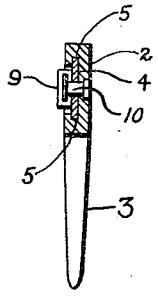


FIG. 5.

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My invention relates to combination toilet implements, the primary object in view being to combine a hair comb and a finger nail file in a manner such that the hair comb may be used as a handle for the finger nail file and as a carrier in which said finger nail file may be retracted when not in use in an out-of-the-way safe position.

Other and subordinate objects are also comprehended by my invention, all of which, together with the precise nature of my improvements, will be readily understood when the succeeding description and claim are read with reference to the drawings accompanying and forming part of this specification.

In said drawings:

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of my improved toilet implements in a preferred embodiment thereof, showing the finger nail file retracted,

Figure 2 is a similar view showing the finger nail file projected,

Figure 3 is a view in perspective of the hair comb with the finger nail file removed,

Figure 4 is a view in longitudinal section taken on the line 4—4 of Figure 1 and drawn to an enlarged scale, and

Figure 5 is a view in transverse section taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, according to my invention, a hair comb 1 having the usual back 2 and teeth 3 is provided in one side of said back 2 with a slideway 4 extending inwardly along said side from one end of the comb for a suitable distance and provided with undercut longitudinal edges forming guide grooves 5 along opposite sides of said slideway.

A finger nail file 6 of flat form is slidably mounted in the grooves 5, said file having the usual front end portion 7 tapering edgewise, a straight rear end 8, and being of the same length as that of the slideway 4. A laterally extending lug 9 is provided on the rear end 8 of the finger nail file 6 to extend out of the slideway 4 and provide a finger grip for use in manipulating said file. A headed stop-forming stud 10 is suitably fixed in the back 2 with the head thereof in a common plane with said side of the back 2, the stud extending through a longitudinal slot 11 in the finger nail file 6. The stud 10 and slot 11 are relatively arranged to limit projection of the finger nail file 6 out of the slideway 4 so that a substantial portion of said finger nail file is retained in the slideway 4 in the fully projected position of said finger nail file.

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The manner in which the described invention is designed to be used will be readily understood. The finger nail file 6 may be projected out of the slideway 4 so that the portion 7 may be used in the usual manner and the comb 1 utilized as a handle. In this projected position thereof, substantially the entire filing face of said finger nail file may be used including that retained in the slideway 4, and the back of the slideway 4 forms a solid backing for said finger nail file in the use of said filing face in the rear of said portion 7. As will be clear, said finger nail file may be retracted completely in the slideway 4 in an out-of-the-way position but with the filing face exposed through said slideway for use if desired. The lug 9 provides for easy access to the finger nail file 6 in projecting or retracting the same. A friction fit may be provided for between the finger nail file 6 and the grooves 5, if desired.

The foregoing will, it is believed, suffice to impart a clear understanding of my invention without further explanation.

Manifestly, the invention, as described, is susceptible of modification without departing from the inventive concept and right is herein reserved to such modifications as fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:

A toilet implement comprising a holder having a back and a longitudinal slideway in one side of said back extending along said side from one end of the holder, a finger nail file in said slideway having sides interfitting with the sides of said slideway and slidable therein whereby said file is adapted to be projected out of the slideway and retracted into the same, and a lateral lug on said file forming a finger grip extending out of the slideway for use in projecting and retracting said file, said file being provided with a longitudinal slot therein, and said back having a stud thereon extending through said slot for limiting projection of said file, said file in the limit of projection thereof having a substantial filing portion disposed in said slideway and accessible for use through said slideway while being backed by said holder to render said portion rigid while in use, said slideway being open to said end of the holder to expose the entire length of the file for use even when said file is retracted.

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