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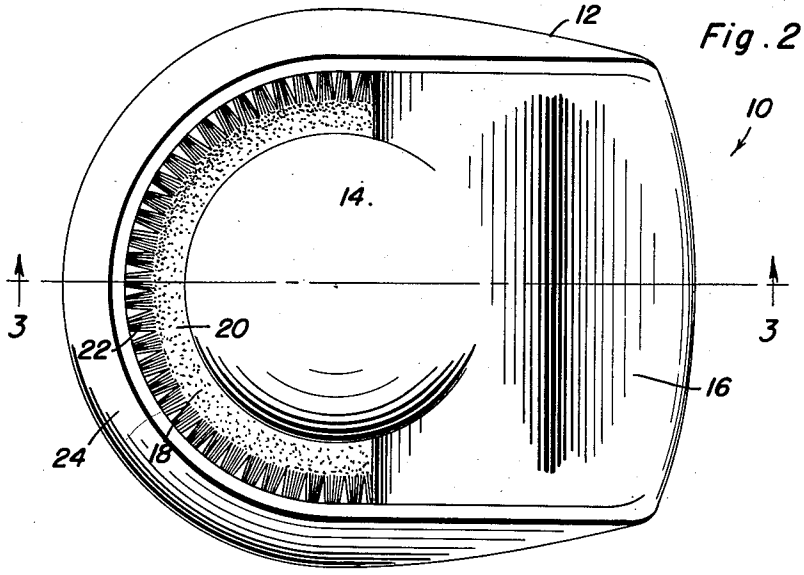


Fig. 3.

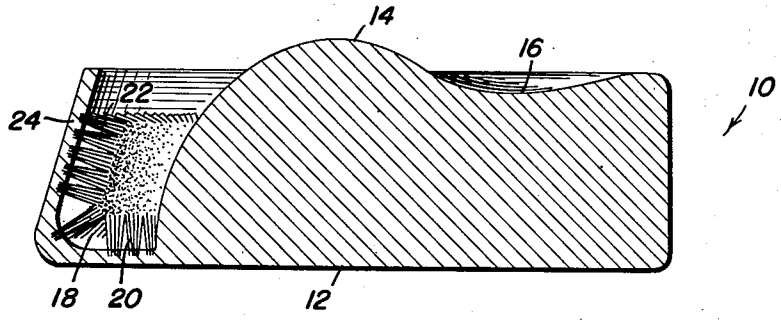
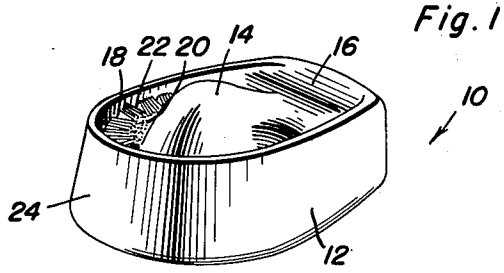


Fig. 1.



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This invention relates to new and useful improvements and structural refinements in manicure bowls, and the principal object of the invention is not only to facilitate soaking of the fingers for softening the skin and fingernails preparatory to the manicuring operation, but also to facilitate brushing of the finger tips and fingernails while they are being soaked.

This object is achieved by the provision of the instant bowl which embodies in its construction a hand rest and a channel for the reception of suitable liquid used for softening the skin and nails, an important feature of the invention residing in the provision of tufts of bristles in the finger-receiving channel, which bristles are intended to brush the finger tips and fingernails while soaking.

Some of the advantages of the invention reside in its simplicity of construction, in its pleasing appearance, and in its adaptability to economical manufacture.

With the above more important objects and features in view and such other objects and features as may become apparent as this specification proceeds, the invention consists essentially in the construction and arrangement of parts as shown in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention;

Figure 2 is a top plan view thereof; and

Figure 3 is a cross-sectional view, taken substantially in the plane of the line 3—3 in Figure 2.

Like characters of reference are employed to designate like parts in the specification and throughout the several views.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings in detail, the invention consists of a manicure bowl designated generally by the reference character 10, the same embodying in its construction a body 12 formed from any suitable material and providing substantially at the center thereof an upwardly convexed rest 14 for the palm of the hand, while the wrist portion of the hand is receivable in a concave wrist rest 16.

The wrist rest 16 is disposed rearwardly of the palm rest 14, and it is to be noted that the body 12 is also provided with an arcuate, substantially semi-circular channel 18 which extends forwardly and at the sides of the palm rest 14, substantially as shown.

The channel 18 is adapted to receive suitable liquid used for softening the fingers, it being understood, of course, that when the hand is applied to the rest 14, 16, the finger tips of all five fingers may be easily inserted into the arcuate channel 18.

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The essence of novelty in the invention resides in the provision of tufts of bristles 20 which extend upwardly from the bottom of the channel 18, together with the provision of additional tufts of bristles 22 which extend inwardly from the outer wall 24 of the channel 18, as is best shown in Figure 3.

When the fingers are inserted in the channel 18, the bristles 20 engage and brush the finger tips, while the bristles 22 similarly engage and brush the fingernails, this brushing operation being effected while the finger tips are being soaked preparatory to the manicuring operation, so that the finger tips, including the fingernails, are substantially softened thereby.

It is believed that the advantages and use of the invention will be clearly understood from the foregoing disclosure, and accordingly, further description thereof at this point is deemed unnecessary.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. In a manicure bowl, the combination of a unitary body providing a dome-shaped palm rest and a concave wrist rest rearwardly of said palm rest, said body being formed forwardly and at the sides of said palm rest with a substantially semi-circular finger-receiving channel having a bottom and inner and outer walls, tufts of finger tip engaging bristles extending upwardly from the bottom of said channel, and additional tufts of bristles extending inwardly from the outer wall of the channel to engage the fingernails.

2. A manicuring device comprising a bowl having a bottom wall and an upward and inwardly inclined substantially semi-circuluar side wall, a substantially semi-circular row of bristles carried by said side wall extending downwardly and inwardly of said bowl, and means in said bowl and spaced from the bristle ends for guidingly retaining the fingernails of the user in contact with the bristles.

3. The combination of claim 2 wherein said last mentioned means include a substantially semi-circular inner wall carried by said bottom wall and spaced from the ends of said bristles on said side wall.

4. The combination of claim 3 including a second substantially semi-circular row of bristles carried by said bottom wall between said inner wall and the ends of said row of bristles on said side wall.

5. A manicuring device comprising a bowl having a bottom wall and a substantially semi-circular upstanding side wall, a substantially semi-

circular row of bristles carried by said side wall and extending downwardly and inwardly therefrom, a second substantially semi-circular row of upwardly extending bristles carried by said bottom wall adjacent said row of bristles carried by said side wall, and means carried by said bottom wall and spaced from the ends of the bristles on said side wall for guidingly retaining the fingernails of the user in contact with the bristles on the side wall.

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