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POWDER PUFF.

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fig. 1.

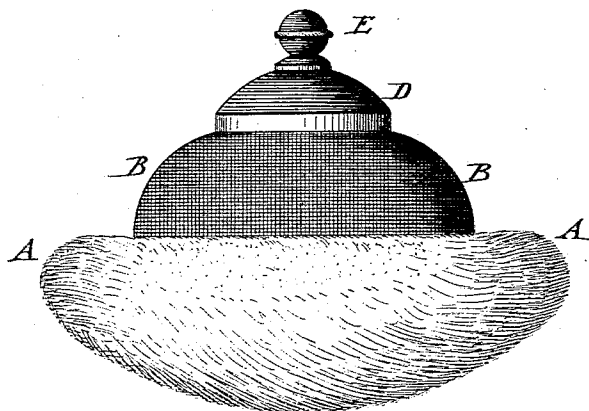
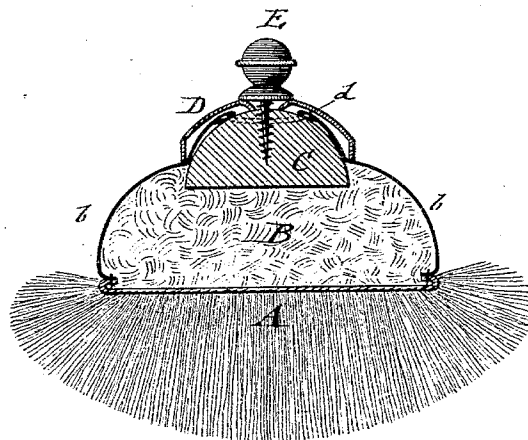


fig. 2.



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POWDER-PUFF.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUST BENDER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Powder-Puffs, of which the following is a specification.

The powder-puffs heretofore in use with powder-boxes by ladies and barbers were made of a piece of goose-skin covered with down, which was attached to a cushion provided with a handle. These puffs are objectionable, as they wear out quickly by use, and are then thrown away.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved powder-puff of strong and durable construction; and the invention consists of a powder-puff made of a piece of rabbit-skin, that is trimmed to the proper shape and attached to a cushion provided with a handle.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side elevation, and Fig. 2 a vertical central section, of my improved powder-puff.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A represents a circular piece of white rabbit-skin, which is stitched to the edge of the silk, velvet, or other covering *b* of the cushion B, that is filled with horse-hair or other suitable material. The filling material of the cushion is compressed by a disk-shaped wooden head, C, to which the covering of the cushion is tightly

applied by a shirring-string, *d*, passed through the upper edge of the covering *b*. A sheet-metal cap, D, is placed over the head C, and retained in position on the same and the cushion B by a metallic handle, E, that is passed through a central opening of the cap D and screwed into the head C.

In place of the fastening of the handle E, any other means of fastening the handle to the cushion may be used. After the puff is finished, the hairs of the rabbit-skin are trimmed off to the proper shape, shown in the drawings, by a curved pair of scissors.

Powder-puffs thus made are very strong and durable and take up a large quantity of powder, owing to the nature of the hair of the rabbit-skin.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A powder-puff consisting of a facing of rabbit-skin trimmed to proper shape, and of a cushion provided with a handle, substantially as set forth.

2. A powder-puff consisting of a facing of rabbit-skin and of a cushion having a handle attached thereto, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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