

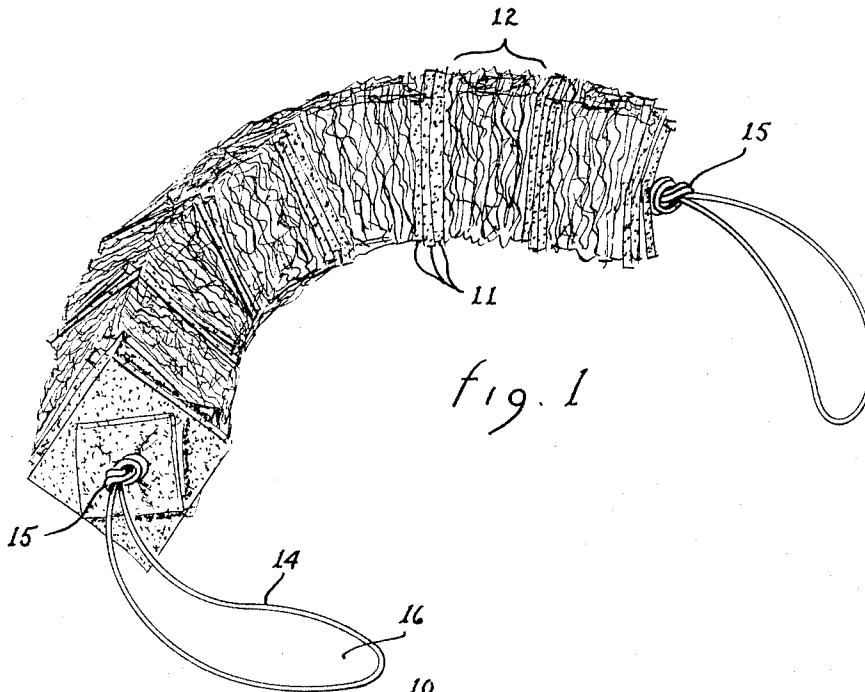
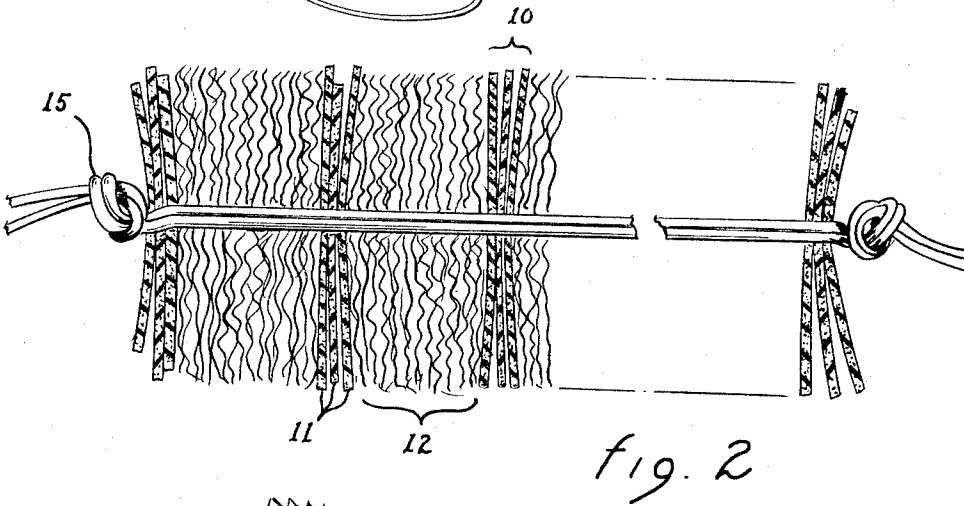
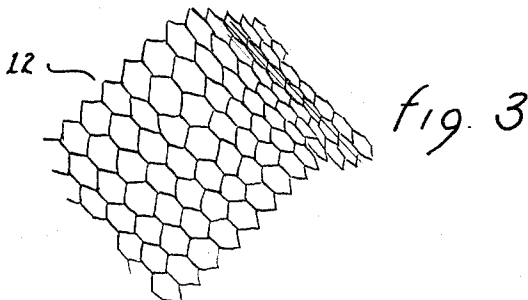
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My invention relates to a scrubber for the human body, and more particularly to a body scrubber which combines the features of water absorption and retention with epidermal stimulation.

A body scrubber in accordance with my invention comprises a plurality of pad members and stimulation members alternately disposed on a flexible operating member.

A better understanding of my invention may be obtained in light of the accompanying drawings in which:

FIGURE 1 is an isometric illustrating a preferred embodiment of my body scrubber;

FIGURE 2 is a partial elevation, partially in section, of a preferred embodiment of my body scrubber; and

FIGURE 3 is a partial isometric illustrating a preferred form of crinoline employed in stimulation members of my body scrubber.

In the drawings, pad members 10 are comprised of substantially rectangular pieces 11 of polyurethane sponge. Other shapes may be employed, of course, if desired. The stimulation members 12 are formed of substantially rectangular portions of nylon crinoline. In forming the stimulation members, individual squares of crinoline may be employed, or a strip of material may be folded or otherwise formed to give a plurality of thicknesses of the desired size and shape. Usually, the stimulation members are slightly greater in effective diameter than the pad members.

Pad members 10 and stimulation members 12 are alternately strung on an operating member 14 which is a waterproof cord of vinyl-covered twine. Sufficient pad members and stimulation members are strung on the cord to provide a washer portion of from about one to about two feet in length and having an effective diameter of from about three to about five inches. The washer portion is positionally secured on the operating member by simply knotting the cord as at 15. Loops 16 at each end of the cord provide handles in the operating member for ease in grasping the body scrubber during use. Of course, other handle means may be provided as desired. Generally, a total length of from about three to about four feet is preferred for my body scrubber as these lengths appear to be most convenient.

Pad members may be of any reasonably durable, water-retaining sponge material. Any crinoline-like material which does not soften appreciably in water and is also not unduly abrasive to the skin may be substituted for the nylon crinoline employed in the stimulation members illustrated.

Ordinarily, I prefer to have my pad members from about 1/4 inch to about 1/2 inch thick. When pad members are less than 1/4 inch in thickness, they tend to lose shape and water absorption and retention may be impaired. Pad member thicknesses greater than about 1/2 inch are operable but may result in an alteration of the

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overall stimulation effect produced by my body scrubber.

Stimulation members are preferably from about 1/4 inch to about 1 inch in thickness. It is not essential that all stimulation members have the same thickness or that all pad members have the same thickness. Further, the pad members and stimulation members may be of different thicknesses, as desired.

To use my body scrubber, a person merely grasps one of the handles in each hand and draws the washer portion across the portion of his body to be washed, preferably using an alternate motion. My body scrubber is particularly useful for hard-to-reach portions of the human body, such as the back. Water retained by the pad members aids in the washing process and the skin is pleasantly stimulated by the slightly abrasive effect of the relatively stiff stimulation members. If desired, my body scrubber can be used dry, such as for a back scratcher, with very pleasing results.

Various modifications may be made in my invention without departing from the spirit or scope thereof, and it is to be understood that I limit myself only as defined in the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A body scrubber comprising a plurality of pad members, each pad member formed of a plurality of sponges and having a thickness of from about 1/4 inch to about 1/2 inch, and a plurality of stimulation members, each stimulation member formed of multi-thickness crinoline material and having a thickness of from about 1/4 inch to about 1 inch, said pad members and said stimulation members disposed on a water-proof cord to provide a washer portion having a length of from about one to about two feet, said cord being knotted to restrain said washer portion and having lops at each end, thereby to provide handles.

2. A body scrubber comprising a plurality of pad members, each pad member formed of a plurality of polyurethane sponges and having a thickness of from about 1/4 inch to about 1/2 inch, and a plurality of stimulation members, each stimulation member formed of multi-thickness nylon crinoline material and having a thickness of from about 1/4 inch to about 1 inch, said pad members and said stimulation members disposed on a waterproof cord to provide a washer portion having a length of from about one to about two feet, said cord being knotted to restrain said washer portion and having loops at each end, thereby to provide handles.

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