

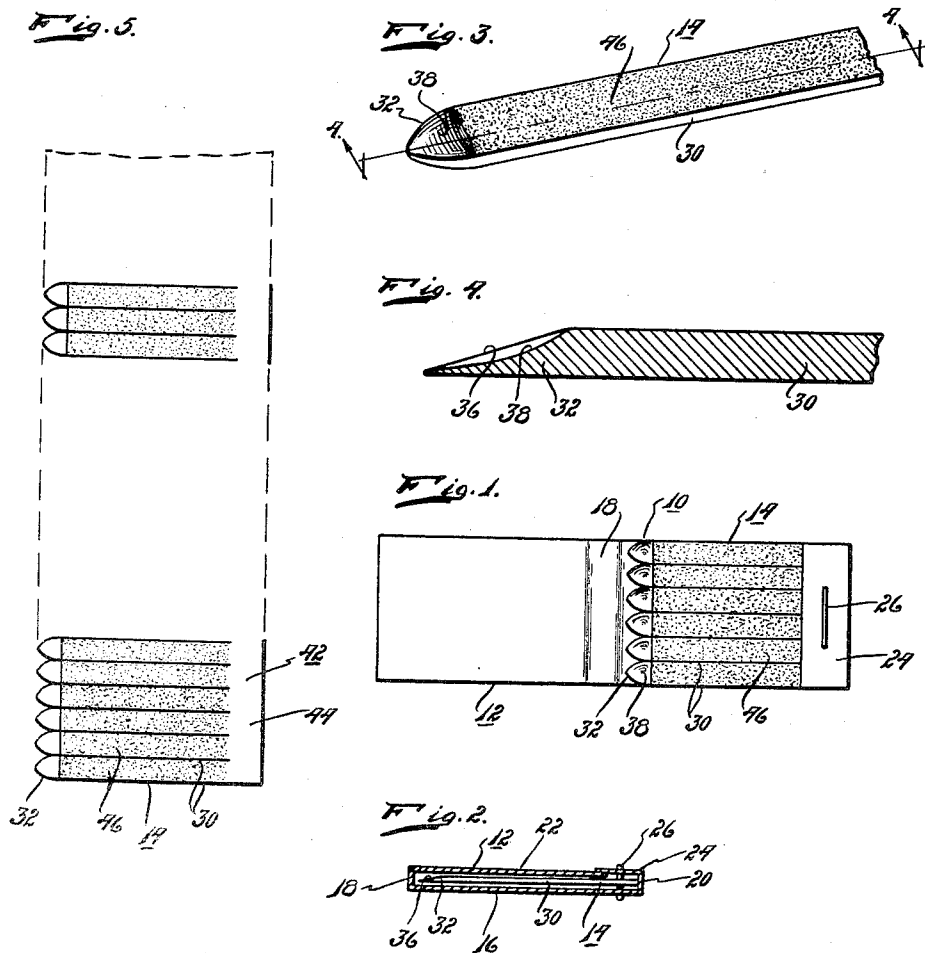
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This invention relates to manicure devices, and more particularly to such devices which are utilized once and then thrown away.

One of the objects of my invention is to provide a compact, inexpensive manicure packet of convenient size and shape, to be carried on the person for use in treating the finger nails and for removing dirt and the like from under such nails.

Another object of my invention is to provide an improved manicure implement for the treatment of the finger nails, which is made up of paper or other fibrous material and reinforced by an application of cementing material impregnated with a finely divided hard substance throughout its handle portion and reinforced about an end portion to provide a durable tip portion.

Further objects and advantages of the present invention will be apparent from the following description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, wherein a preferred form of the present invention is clearly shown.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a packet embodying features of my invention in open position to show the parts thereof;

Fig. 2 is a side view of the packet shown in Fig. 1 in closed position;

Fig. 3 is an enlarged perspective view of one of the nail sticks shown in the packet in Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is a view in cross section, taken along the line 4-4 of Fig. 3; and

Fig. 5 is a view showing a strip of nail sticks united together.

In accordance with my present invention, I have provided a manicure device which consists of a packet containing a plurality of manicure implements or units which may be utilized individually and then thrown away. The packet and implements are made of very inexpensive material which is readily deformable, such as fibrous material, and in order to insure sufficient rigidity the handle portion of the implement is treated with a coating of cementing material impregnated with a finely divided hard substance, to thus render the fibrous material forming the handle more rigid. The implement also is provided with a pointed end portion which is also reinforced to provide a durable tip. The end portion is compressed so as to render the fibrous material more durable about the end portion forming the tip, and the tip is also compressed to provide a tip in the general shape of a spoon which adds rigidity due to this particular shaped tip. The implements

or units along with the cover form a handy packet which may be carried on the person for use at such times as a complete manicure set is not obtainable.

Referring now to the drawing, there is shown in Figs. 1 and 2 a packet 10 which includes cover 12 and a strip of manicure units 14. The cover 12 consists of a strip of cardboard having a main back section 16 which is transversely doubled at two places, 18 and 20, to provide a cover section 22 and a securing tab 24 so as to normally hold the section 22 in closed position. The strip of units 14 is secured to the cover by means of a staple 26.

Referring now to Figs. 3 and 4, there is shown enlarged views of individual units 14. The units 14 include handle portions 30 and tip portions 32. Preferably, these units are made from cardboard, fiber or wood pulp substance and in some instances may be made of a wood stick, Celluloid, plastics, resinous material, or any of the well known vegetable organic compounds or materials. One form of fibrous material is that which is known as "Matrix", which is a composition wood pulp, china clay and "Kalin". This substance is also known as a newspaper mat used for printing.

In order to provide a manicure implement which is made up of suitable material to be carried in a packet 10 so that the units 14 may be individually used, by simply tearing the individual unit from the strip forming the plurality of units, I prefer to make the implement or unit of fibrous material, such as paper, which is very inexpensive but satisfactory for use when properly reinforced. By proper reinforcement, the individual units may be used for treating the finger nails including the removal of dirt and the like from underneath the nails. In the reinforcement of the cardboard implements or units, I have treated the handle portions with cementing material impregnated with a finely divided hard substance, such as emery or fine grade of sand, which, when applied to the handle portion, renders the paper sufficiently rigid for use as a handle when the tip portion 32 is used for removing dirt from underneath the finger nails. The abrasive material may also serve, if desired, for filing the finger nails. In order to reinforce the tip 32, I have compressed same so as to provide a tapered portion 36 and a concave portion 38. The tapered portion 36 permits the ready insertion of tip 32 underneath the finger nail while the concave portion 38, which gives the general shape of a spoon on the end of the tip 32,

provides a suitable edge about the periphery of the tip 32 for scraping and the like underneath the finger nails. By compressing the tip 32 so as to provide the taper 36 and the concave portion 38, the tip is rendered considerably more durable than the paper forming the handle portion 30. The tips may be moistened if desired and then compressed to form the shape of the tip 32 and when the material is dried it will retain such compressed shape. In the use of certain materials, the tip need not be moistened before being compressed as once it is compressed it will retain its compressed shape.

In Fig. 5, I have shown a long strip 42 of individual units or implements 14 which are integrally united along end 44. In the strip 42 it will be noted that the strips are slit from the tip end 32 toward the end 44 but not entirely severed from the end 44, which end is used in the packet 10 for clamping the implements in the cover 12 by staple 26. The implements are made from a long strip of paper and properly severed to provide the aforesaid individual units, treated with cementing and abrasive material, denoted at 46, and compressed and then the strip is severed for obtaining the desired number of units for the cover 12. In some instances, it may be desired to perforate or score the paper at the end of the units along end 44 so that the same may be readily torn from each other in the packet 10. In the present instance, I have shown six such units in the cover 12, however, any desired number of units may be placed in a cover. If desired, two rows of units may be placed in a single cover in parallel. Also, if desired, the tips 32 may be treated with a cementing material, such as lacquer or varnish, so that when the tip is dried it would have a hardened surface to be used as a manicure implement.

From the foregoing, it will readily be apparent that I have provided a new and improved manicure device which consists of individual units united together in packet form to be readily separable by tearing individual units from the others for individual use and then thrown away. It will also be apparent that very inexpensive material

may be employed for making the unit because of the reinforcement of the material making such use possible.

Although only a preferred form of the invention has been illustrated, and that form described in detail, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit of the invention or from the scope of the appended claims.

I claim:

1. A manicure packet comprising a strip of fibrous material subdivided into units and adapted for individual use by tearing the individual units from the strip, and each unit having a reinforced handle portion bearing cementing material impregnated with a finely divided hard substance to add rigidity to the fibrous material and a pointed tip portion compressed to provide a surface of greater durability than the surface of the fibrous material of said handle portion.

2. A manicure packet comprising a strip of material subdivided into units adapted for individual use by tearing the individual units from the strip, said units each having reinforced handle and reinforced end portions, whereby each unit may be utilized individually and thrown away after use.

3. A manicure packet comprising a strip of cardboard doubled at two places to bring its opposite ends into interlocking engagement, a plurality of nail sticks detachably united together and secured to said strip, each of said sticks being made up of readily deformable material reinforced about its handle portion with cementing material impregnated with a finely divided hard substance and being formed on their ends to provide reinforced pointed tips.

4. A manicure packet comprising a strip of tearable material subdivided into units adapted for individual use by tearing the individual units from the strip, said units each having handle and pointed end portions, whereby each unit may be utilized individually and thrown away after use.

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