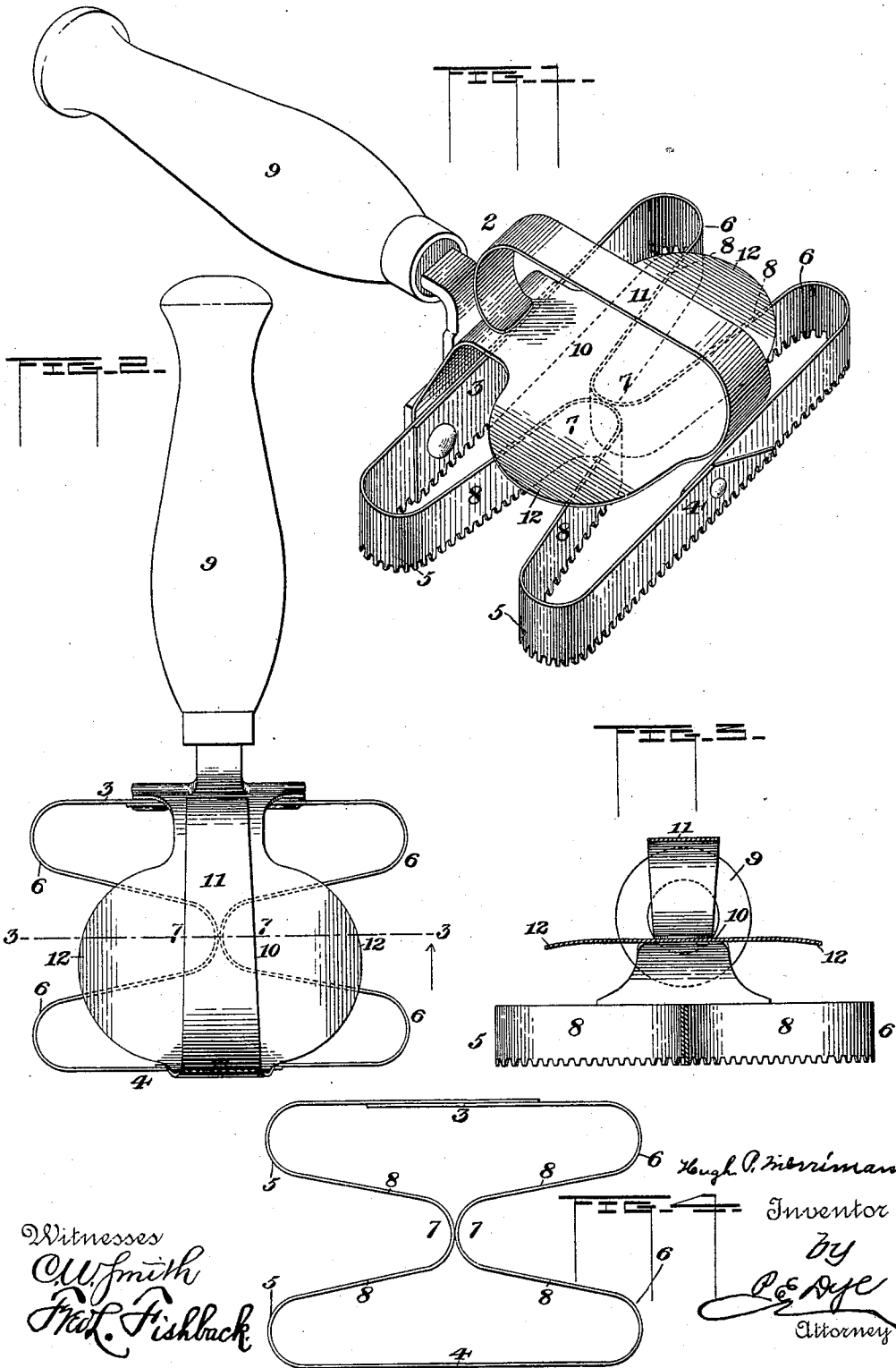


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HUGH P. MERRIMAN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at New Berlin Center, in the county of Chenango and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Currycombs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in 10 curry combs, and particularly to that class which are made so as to be capable of yielding to the unevenness in the thickness of the hair of the animal, and to accommodate itself to different parts of the body as the animal 15 is curried.

The elasticity of the comb is of great importance, and it is the object of my invention to construct a comb, in such a manner that, resiliency, strength and durability are attained, together with cheapness and simplicity. 20

A further object of my invention is to provide said comb with an auxiliary handle. The object of this handle is to permit the 25 comb to be held under more perfect control, and with greater freedom of movement, said handle being preferably yieldingly supported above the back of the comb.

With these ends in view my invention consists in certain features of construction and combination of parts, hereinafter described and particularly pointed out in the claims. 30

In the accompanying drawings, Figure I is a perspective view. Fig. II is a top plan view. 35 Fig. III is a cross-sectional view. Fig. IV is a modified construction of comb.

Like figures of reference indicate like parts wherever they occur.

In the drawings, 2 represents the comb, 40 which is formed from a strip of spring metal. The comb 2, is substantially rectangular in form, but two of its two sides depressed. The sides 3 and 4, are substantially straight, and are parallel to each other, while the sides 5 45 and 6 are depressed. The depressed portions of the strip abut each other, though not rigidly connected.

The strip forming the comb, is serrated upon its lower edge, and as I have arranged 50 them, the teeth do not fall into alignment in such a way as to follow one after the other in

the same place thus pushing the hair aside and lacerating the skin of the animal, the teeth upon the inclined portions 8 of the strip which form the depressions 7 serving to accomplish the result. The comb is provided 55 with the handle 9 attached to the side 3, of the comb, and is attached thereto in any suitable manner.

A convenient means is shown in the drawings, wherein the tang to which the handle is secured is riveted to the end of the strip forming the comb. The forming of the comb 2, in the shape just described permits the comb to accommodate itself to the animal, yielding in 60 all directions to any unevenness in the thickness of hair, or in the body of the animal. The sides 3 and 4 may approach each other, and the depressed sides 5 and 6 where they abut may readily move by each other. The 65 stiffness of the metal normally holds the comb, comparatively rigid, the movement being only sufficient to prevent hurting the animal as it is being curried. 70

A supplemental handle 10, is secured to the 75 side of the comb preferably to that side to which the handle 9 is attached. This supplemental handle extends from the point of its attachment, upwardly and over the back of the comb. The handle 10 is formed with 80 a loop 11, of sufficient width to receive the fingers of the hand grasping it, and said handle is preferably composed of sheet metal, the loop 11 being formed of the end thereof bent back to a point near the point of attachment 85 to the comb.

In order to support the hand, lugs or projections 12 are formed on said handle 10, in order to support the fingers and palm of the hand more perfectly, though it is obvious 90 that such projections may be omitted.

The supplemental handle 10 being formed of sheet metal having more or less elasticity in it, and being supported above the back of the comb, permits the person using same 95 to more perfectly curried the animal, the comb being under more perfect control. The elasticity of the handle allows for the variations in the thickness of hair and the shape of the body in addition to the elasticity of the comb, 100 already described. It is obvious that the same result is attained, whether the comb 2 be

formed as shown in all the figures except the modification or as shown in said modification where I have illustrated the comb 2 formed of a single strip of metal.

- 5 The comb having no back is easily cleaned, and offers no opportunity for accumulation of the combings.

It is obvious in view of the foregoing statements how the device operates and that slight changes in construction may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

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

- 15 1. A currycomb formed of a strip of metal having serrations upon one edge, said comb having two of its sides substantially parallel, and its two opposite sides curved or bent inwardly, and abutting each other, the meeting portions being sufficiently stiff to strengthen the body portion, yet capable of moving by each other in a vertical plane, being held in frictional contact only, and a handle attached

to one of the sides of said comb, substantially as described. 25

2. A currycomb formed of a strip of metal, having serrations upon its lower edge, said body comprising two substantially parallel sides, and two sides bent or curved inwardly until they meet, said sides being held in frictional contact, and serving as a brace to the parallel sides, a handle secured to one of said sides, and a supplemental handle formed of spring metal secured to the body, said supplemental handle extending upwardly from its point of attachment, and above the body of the comb, in the form of a loop, and having a broadened palm supporting portion, adapted to keep the hand from the body of the comb, substantially as described. 30 35 40

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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