My invention relates to an improved brush, particularly of a type especially adapted for back-washing purposes.

The object of my invention is the provision of a completely flexible brush having elongated, completely flexible handles at its ends, so arranged that the brush may be freely moved back and forth upon the back of the person using the same, without the necessity of indulging in contortious movements of the arms, such as are necessary in using the usual type of bath brush having rigid handles.

I accomplish this object by means of a brush having a body of bristles of sufficient area and of a material such as rubber, to enable the brush to flex or bend in conforming to the curves of the person's back. In this case the flexible tapes or straps which form the handles are arranged with their ends secured to the backing member by being embedded therein, as shown at 8 in Fig. 5.

It is obvious that the structure is of such nature that various changes or modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention, and it is understood that I contemplate such changes as fairly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:

A back bath brush of the class described, comprising a plurality of parallel sections spaced both sides of the structure, the purpose of this arrangement being to render it unnecessary to exercise any particular care in positioning the brushes so that the bristles will contact the body. The individual brushes may be secured back to back and the sections flexibly connected in any suitable manner. In the present structure, I employ flexible fabric tapes or straps disposed adjacent the ends of the sections and clamped between the corresponding backs 1 of the individual brushes. This can be easily accomplished by the use of waterproof glue or cement for fastening the backs of the individual brushes together with the straps therebetween. The portions 4 of the straps between the brush sections act as completely flexible hinge connections for the sections, so that the sections are freely moveable and readily conformable to the surface of the body.

These straps are extended at each end of the brush structure to form flexible handles 5, and their outer ends can be secured together or even made integral so as to form loops convenient for the person to grasp. The handles are sufficiently long so that, with the brush in position against the person's back, as illustrated in Fig. 3, the loops of the handles can be reached by the hands in normal position. The brush can then be manipulated by drawing it alternately back and forth in a see-saw motion.

The structure illustrated in Fig. 4 is a modification of that illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2, to the extent that a single backing member 6 is utilized and provided with a relatively large group of bristles 7 projecting from each side, these groups being equivalent, or nearly so, to the area of combined groups of bristles in the individual sections of the structure of Fig. 1. The backing material 6, however, is preferably made out of any suitable, flexible material, such as rubber, to enable the brush to flex or bend in conforming to the curves of the person's back. In this case the flexible tapes or straps which form the handles 5 are arranged with their ends secured to the backing member 6 by being embedded therein, as shown at 8 in Fig. 5.

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apart, with each section comprising a pair of
backing members having groups of bristles ex-
tending from a face thereof, said backing mem-
bers in each section being secured together back
5 to back, and a pair of flexible straps extending in
parallel relation between the backing members of
said sections, said sections being secured against
movement on said straps to form hinges between
the sections and said straps extending beyond the
opposite end sections to form handles for manip-
ulating the brush.