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TOILET ARTICLE.

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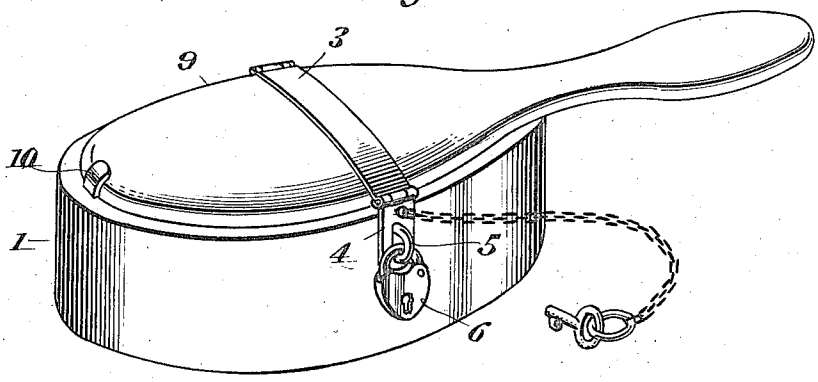

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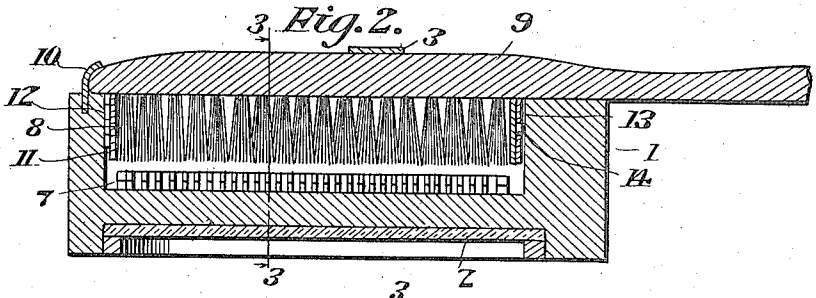

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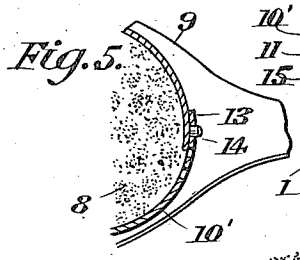

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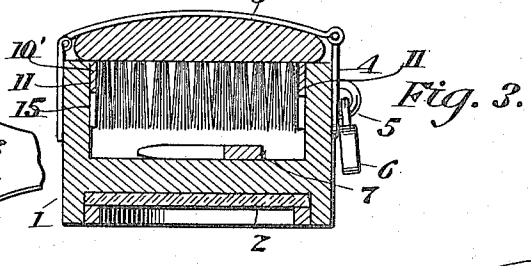

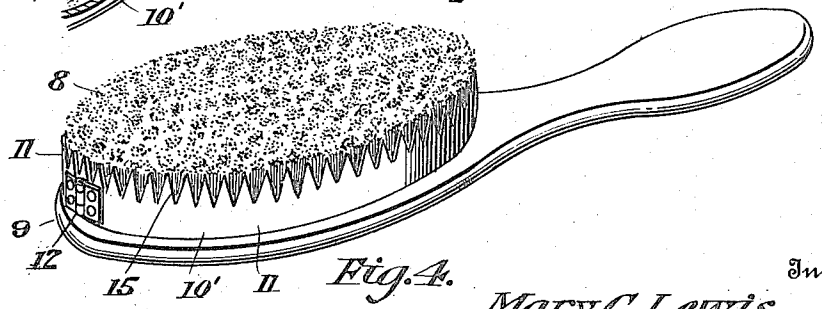

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARY CONN LEWIS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented new and useful Improvements in Toilet Articles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in toilet articles.

In carrying out my invention it is my purpose to produce a toilet article comprising a comb and brush, and a casing for the same, said casing having a mirror arranged thereon and being provided with means whereby the comb and brush may be positioned within the said casing and locked thereto, so that danger of persons, other than the owner, using the comb or brush will be effectively prevented.

It is a further object of the invention to arrange around the bristles of the brush a metallic member provided with teeth which is adapted to reinforce and strengthen the bristles, at the same time holding the said bristles in a compact condition so that the bristles of the brush may be readily inserted within the casing, and further whereby the teeth of the said metallic member may be employed in shampooing or otherwise treating the hair as for irritating the scalp and removing dandruff from the hair.

With the above and other objects in view the improvement resides in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts set forth in the following specification and falling within the scope of the appended claim.

In the drawing:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a toilet article constructed in accordance with the present invention,

Fig. 2 is a central vertical longitudinal sectional view through the same,

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view approximately on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the brush and the reinforcing member for the bristles thereof, and

Fig. 5 is a detail plan view of a portion of the brush illustrating the manner in which the ends of the metallic reinforcing band for the bristles of the brush are connected, said band being in section.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, the numeral 1 designates a suitable casing which may be constructed of any desired material and which has one of its faces open, while its closed face, upon its outer surface, has arranged thereon or embedded therein a reflective surface, such as an ordinary mirror 2. To one side of the casing 1 is hingedly secured a strap 3, the said strap having its free end provided with a pivoted member in the nature of a hasp 4, and the casing 1, to the side thereof opposite the referred to hinge is provided with a staple 5 which is adapted to receive the hasp, and a suitable padlock 6, of a small size and of an artistic nature, is connected with the staple to secure the hasp thereon, and consequently the strap over the open face of the casing.

The casing is of a size sufficient to receive therein a comb member 7 and also to receive therein the bristle portion 8 of a brush 9. The strap is adapted to overlie the back of the brush to secure the bristle portion thereof within the said casing, and as an additional sustaining means the said casing at its open face and adjacent one of the ends thereof is provided with an angularly disposed hook member 10 which overlies the outer edge of the back of the brush. With an arrangement as above described it will be noted that both the brush and comb may be effectively locked in the casing so that unauthorized persons will be prevented from using either of said articles or persons not possessing the key to the lock.

In order to reinforce and strengthen the bristles of the brush as well as to provide the same with additional means for irritating the scalp or removing dandruff from the hair and also to provide means whereby the said bristles of the brush will be compressed to permit of the ready insertion of the said bristle portion of the brush to within the casing, I arrange around the said bristles a metallic strap 10′. The strap comprises two members 11—11 which have their ends hingedly secured, as at 12, and the opposite end of one of the elements comprising the strap overlaps the end of the other element, as indicated by the numeral 13, and the under and overlapping ends of the said members 11 are provided with interengaging elements 14 which effect in locking the said elements. It is to be understood that the locking means 14 may be of any desired or preferred construction, as for instance, the overlapping edge of one of the members 11 may be provided with a compressible head

or stud and the other member 11 may be provided with a plurality of spaced depressions or orifices to receive the said stud, and by this means it will be noted that the ends of the elements may be adjustably connected. The outer edges of each of the members 11 are cut to provide the same with teeth 15, and these teeth while disposed normally below the plane of the active surfaces of the bristles of the brush may be employed for irritating the scalp or for removing dandruff from the hairs of the head when the brush is in use. It is, of course, to be understood that the metallic reinforcing member for the bristles of the brush is necessarily constructed of two elements, but the same may be in the nature of a single element of a bendable nature possessing sufficient natural resiliency to accommodate itself to the shape of the brush when the same is bent around the bristles thereof.

From the above description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing the simplicity of the device as well as the advantages thereof will, it is thought, be perfectly apparent to those skilled in the art to which such invention appertains without further detailed description.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim is:

A casing adapted to hold a mirror, a comb and a brush, having one of its faces depressed to receive the mirror and means for retaining the mirror in said depression, its opposite face formed with a compartment to receive the comb and the bristle portion of the brush, whereby to permit of the head and a portion of the handle of the brush resting upon the said face of the brush, a hook-shaped element upon the said face of the casing to engage with the edge of the brush head, a hinge strap disposed transversely of the casing and adapted to engage with the outer face of the brush head, approximately centrally thereof, and means for locking the strap to the casing.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

MARY CONN LEWIS.