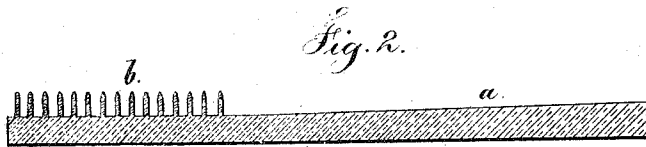
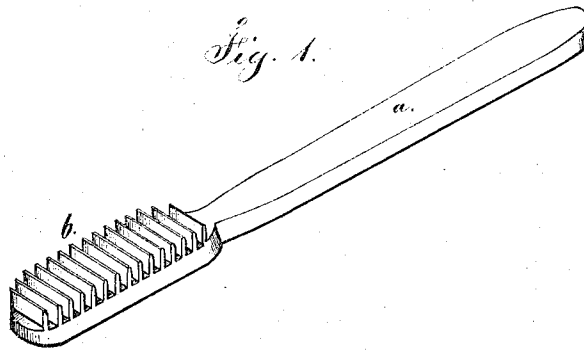


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE M. ALLERTON, of Dover Plains, in the county of Dutchess and State of New York, have invented an Improved Flexible-Handle Brush for Teeth, &c.; and the following is declared to be a full and exact description of the same.

My invention consists of a tooth-brush made with an elastic India-rubber handle that allows the brush to assume any desired positions in cleaning the teeth, instead of being rigid, like the ordinary stiff-handle brush.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved brush, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal-section of the same.

a is the elastic rubber handle, and *b* is the brush upon the same, which may be made of numerous cleaning-points. I, however, have represented transverse elastic plates formed upon the handle, the whole brush being mold-

ed and vulcanized as usual. These elastic transverse plates are made tapering from their base to the upper edges.

My elastic-handle brush is a new and useful article of manufacture. The handle bends sufficiently when in use to conform to the shape of the mouth or the general conformation of the teeth; hence it is more efficient and agreeable in use than the ordinary brush with a rigid handle.

I claim as my invention—

The tooth-brush made with an elastic India-rubber handle and head to accommodate the shape of the mouth, substantially as specified.

Signed by me this 9th day of May, A. D. 1872.

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