

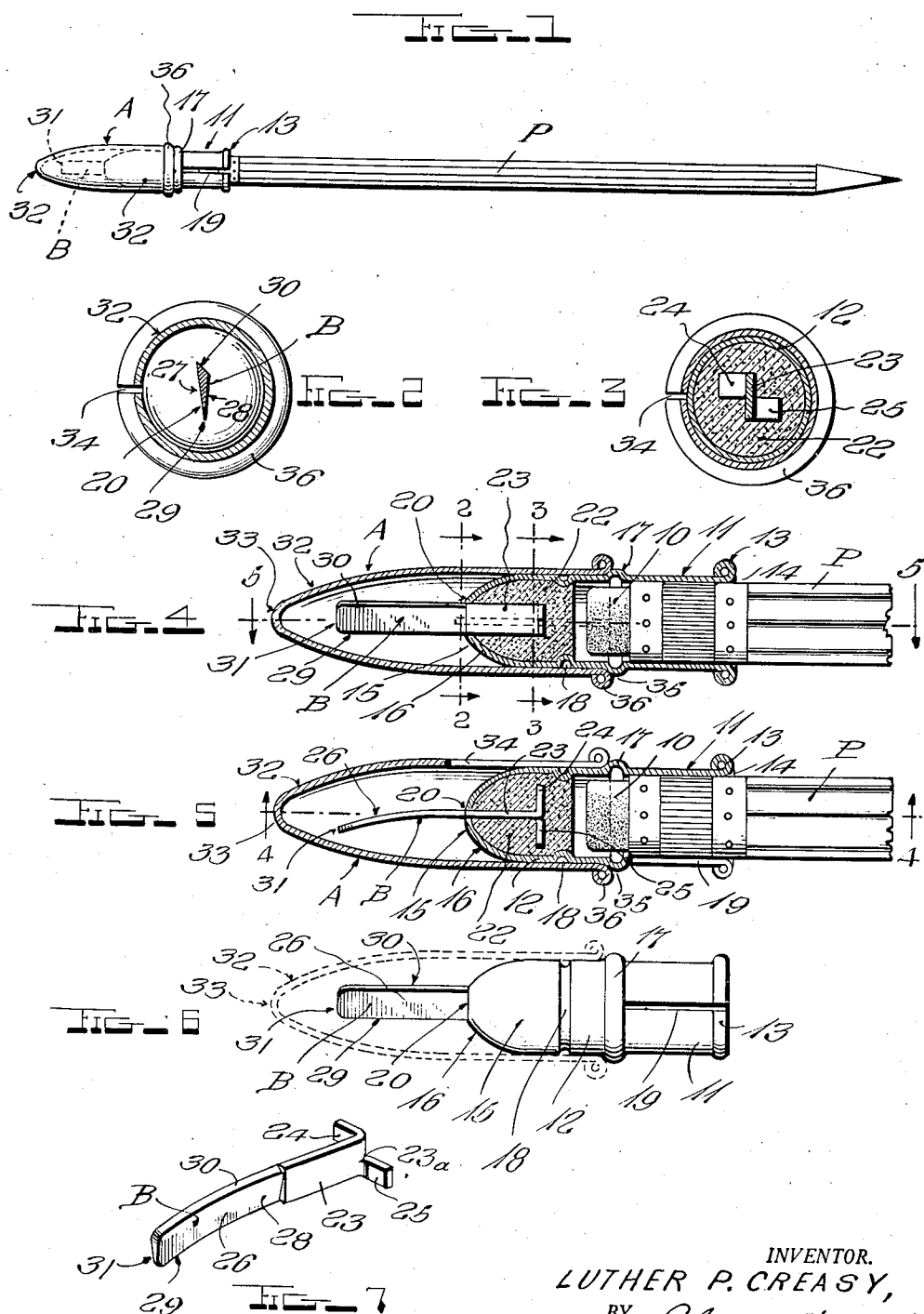
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The instant invention relates to a manicuring device and more particularly to such a device in the form of an attachment.

One of the primary objects of the invention is the construction of an attachment of the character indicated for use with a pencil or the like in which the pencil functions as a manipulating support or handle for the manicuring element proper.

Still another aim is the formation of a manicuring attachment comprising a blade for use as a fingernail cutter and cleaner, said blade being preferably mounted in a hollow cap of metal, hard rubber, plastic or the like, with the cap capable of being removably attached to the end of a pencil, pen or similar support.

Yet another purpose is to produce a manicuring attachment of the type specified which will be efficient in use and inexpensive to manufacture.

The above and other aims and objects will be apparent from the detailed description hereinafter appearing when taken in conjunction with the appended drawing showing a preferred embodiment of the invention, like numerals designating like parts in the several views, and in which

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of a pencil with the manicuring attachment in position on the eraser end of said pencil and showing a protecting cap covering in part the blade-carrying or supporting cap;

Fig. 2 is a sectional view on line 2-2 of Fig. 4 showing the manicuring blade in transverse section;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on line 3-3 of Fig. 4 showing the oppositely-struck projections or tines forming one end of the blade, with the tines embedded in a hardened plaster composition;

Fig. 4 is a sectional view on an enlarged scale taken on line 4-4 of Fig. 5 showing the mounting of the attachment on the eraser end of the pencil;

Fig. 5 is a sectional view similar to Fig. 4 taken on line 5-5 of the latter figure;

Fig. 6 is an elevational view of the cap carrying the manicuring blade, the protecting cap being shown in outline; and

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the manicuring blade to be used as a fingernail cutter and cleaner.

Before referring in detail to the drawing by reference numerals, it is desired to point out that it is now common practice to carry a manicuring implement upon the person or in a purse. Such an implement usually consists of a sepa-

rate device or devices, and comprises scissors, files and clippers. All of these are apt to be frequently lost or misplaced due to their necessarily limited size and because of this each is difficult and unsatisfactory in use. With the instant invention, although the manicuring attachment may be small in size, yet it can be detachably secured to a pencil serving as a handle permitting use of the manicuring blade as in a full size device. Means are provided to cover or protect the blade when not in use and the entire attachment may be employed as a hood for the sharpened point of the pencil when so desired.

Referring to the drawing by reference characters, the letter A in Fig. 1 designates the attachment in toto which is shown as frictionally engaging and detachably mounted on the eraser end 10 of pencil P. The attachment embodies a hollow cylindrical cap member 11, the body wall 12 of which may be made of thin metal, hard rubber, plastic or the like. Wall 12 of the cap member 11 is provided with an integral intumed, annular reinforcing bead 13 adjacent the open end 14 thereof, the opposite end 15 of the cap member being characterized by a blunt, bullet-like nose 16. The wall 12 is further formed with an intermediate, external, hollow, reinforcing annular bead 17 and an internal, hollow, annular bead 18 spaced therefrom, the function of the latter to be described hereinafter.

A longitudinal slit 19 in body wall 12 extends from intermediate bead 17 to terminal bead 13. This slit construction lends resiliency to the cap when the latter is formed of spring metal or the like.

Nose 16 of cap member 11 is apertured as at 20 and supports a metal manicuring blade B, the major portion of the blade projecting through said aperture beyond the cap. For supporting the blade the nose of the cap is filled with a composition 22 capable of hardening, such as plaster of Paris or the like. The supporting end or base 23 of blade B is split as at 23a to provide a pair of oppositely extending lugs, tines or projections 24, 25 embedded in the soft composition 22. The internal rib or annular bead 18 serves to lock the plaster of Paris in place when the latter hardens in the nose 16 of the cap member 11.

The elongated portion of the blade B projecting through aperture 20 of cap 11 from base or end portion 23 is generally designated as 26. As will be seen by reference to Fig. 7, the blade portion 26 is curved longitudinally and has op-

posed flat surfaces 27, 28 which meet to produce a fine edge 29 constituting the cutting edge of the blade. The other edge of the blade is characterized by an inclined surface 30, see Fig. 2, joining flat surfaces 27 and 28. The relatively blunt end 31 of blade portion 26 is formed by slightly converging forwardly the blade surfaces 27 and 28. End 31 and a proximate area of inclined surface 30 constitute a fingernail cleaner.

To protect the blade when not in use the attachment A further includes a removable cap 32 also formed of metal or plastic, said removable cap having a blunt nose 33, a slit 34, an open end 35 defined by an intumed annular bead 36. As will be seen by reference to Figs. 3, 4 and 5 the external bead 17 of cap member 11 constitutes a stop for cap 32 when the latter frictionally engages the former.

It will now be understood that in the use of the attachment the cap 32 is first removed and the pencil P grasped in the hand of the user and the blade manipulated either using fine edge 29 as a fingernail cutter or end 31 as a fingernail cleaner. When the pencil is used in writing the protecting cap 32 is replaced. Finally, if desired, the entire attachment may be placed over the point of the pencil to cover the lead thereof to shield same when carried in a pocket or purse.

While the invention has been described in detail, it will be appreciated that various changes may be made in the specific disclosure, and it is contemplated to cover all such and to be limited in this respect only as may be necessary by the scope of the claims hereto appended.

Having described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. An attachment for support by a pencil or the like comprising a hollow cylindrical cap having a blunt apertured nose and an open base with the latter adapted to receive one end of said pencil, a hardening composition within said nose, a manicuring blade having one end embedded in said composition and its other end projecting beyond said cap through the aperture in said nose.

2. An attachment for support by a pencil or the like comprising a hollow cap for frictionally engaging one end of the pencil, said cap having a manicuring blade attached thereto, said blade having oppositely disposed flat surfaces meeting to form a fine cutting edge, the edge opposite said fine edge comprising an inclined surface and the end of said blade being relatively blunt, said blade surfaces tapering toward said blunt end, the entire blade being longitudinally curved.

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