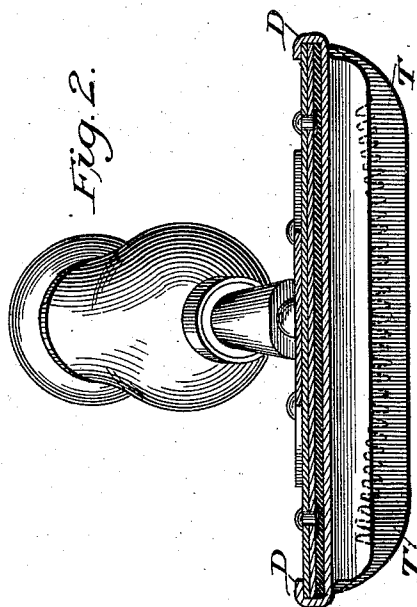
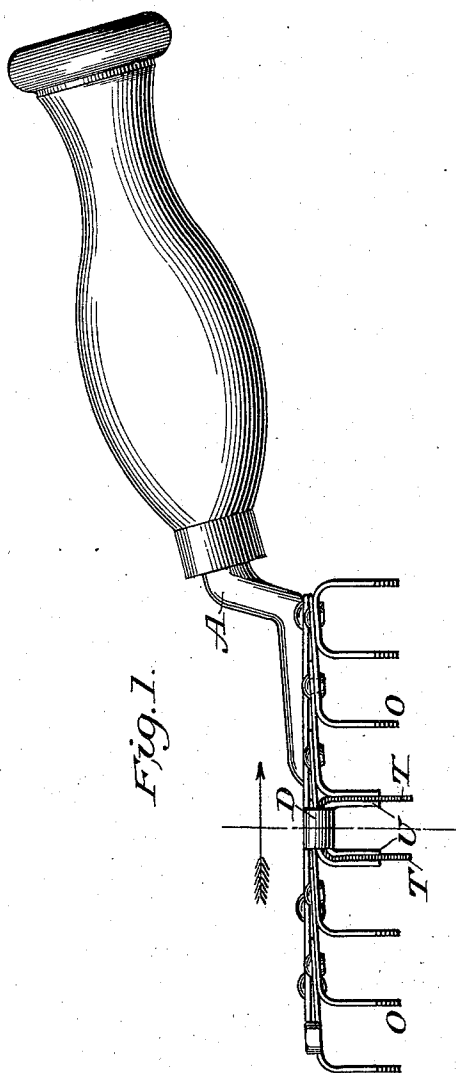


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MATTHEW L. BACON and JOHN E. FINLEY, citizens of the United States, residing at Memphis, in the county of Shelby and State of Tennessee, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Currycombs, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in 10 currycombs in which a currycomb is used in conjunction with a U-shaped blank bar with projecting ends or lugs to bend over the sides of the currycomb in such a manner as to hold 5 firmly a piece of rubber, leather, or textile fabric in place, which rubber is cut in the shape of the U-shaped bars of a currycomb, but slightly above them, for the purpose of removing the dirt and loose hair from the animal and preventing the scratching and ir- 15 ritation consequent upon using the currycomb without this attachment.

The object of our invention is to provide an attachment to currycombs in such a manner that while the currycomb is being used 25 on the animal all the dirt and loose hair will be removed and no irritating injury be done to the skin of the animal. We obtain these objects by means of the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in 30 which—

Figure 1 is a cross-section of a currycomb. Fig. 2 is a view of the rubber, leather, or

textile fabric held in position by the U-shaped piece of metal.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout both views.

O O represent the ordinary teeth in a currycomb A.

U represents the U-shaped piece of metal; D D, ends or lugs of the same; T T, the rubber, leather, or textile fabric extending above 40 the bars of the currycomb.

We construct our currycomb in the usual manner and by means of the U-shaped piece of metal with its ends or lugs D D. 45

We secure the rubber, leather, or textile fabric T T firmly in place by pressing the U-shaped metal between the bars of a currycomb, under which we have placed the rubber, leather, or textile fabric T T, cut in 50 proper shape, and then bending the ends D D over the back of the currycomb, thereby firmly securing the same in place.

What we claim as our invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is— 55

The combination with the comb bars O, of the flexible shedder T, and the U shaped bar with projecting ends D, D, adapted to rigidly bind the shedder against the comb bars.

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