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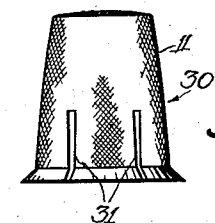


Fig. 7

Fig. 2

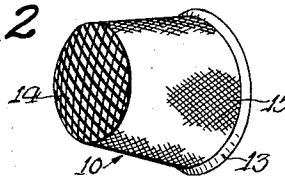
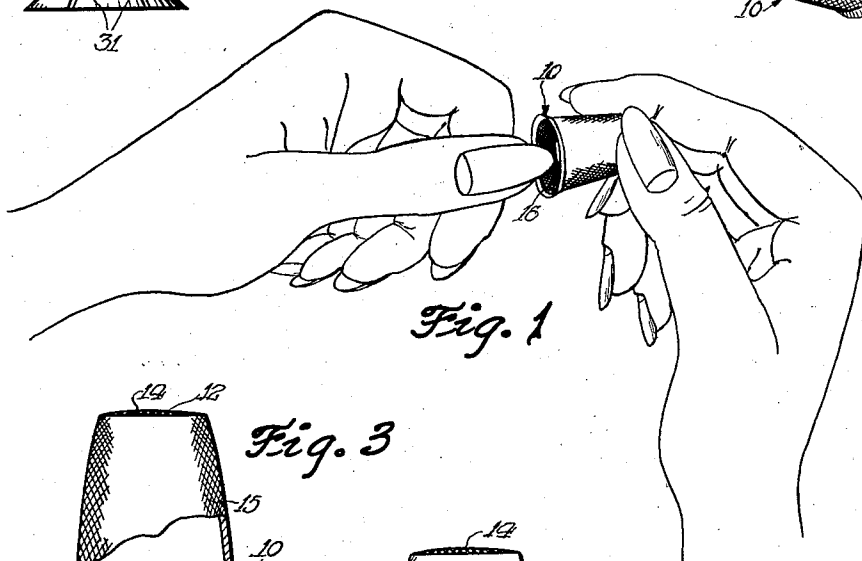


Fig. 1

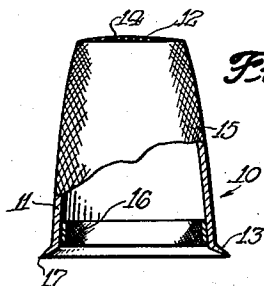


Fig. 3

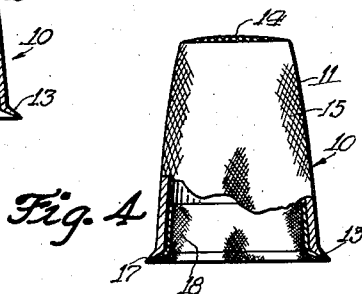


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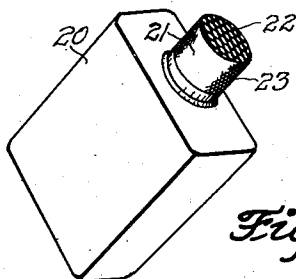
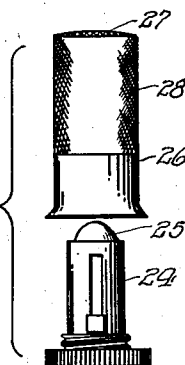


Fig. 5

Fig. 6



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The invention relates to a manicuring device for the care of fingernails and cuticles.

It is an object of the invention to provide a hollow or tubular body in the nature of a thimble which is adapted to permit filing of fingernails and treating of cuticles preparatory to cutting them.

It is a further object to provide a tubular member closed at the top and adapted to serve as a manicuring device.

It is also an object to adapt caps for phials and lipstick covers to be utilized as a manicuring device.

With these and other objects in view which become apparent from a disclosure of the invention, the latter comprises the means described in the following specification, particularly pointed out in the claim forming a part thereof, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a thimble held by a hand, and shown in use for the treatment of the fingernail of the other hand.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of a thimble constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 3 is an elevational view of the thimble with parts broken away to disclose interior construction.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 of slight modification.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of a phial provided with a cap constructed in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 6 shows in elevation a lipstick holder and closure therefor to which the invention has been applied, and

Fig. 7 is an elevational view of a further modification.

Referring to the several views in the drawing 10 generally designates a manipulating member or thimble which comprises a tubular body portion 11 and a slightly arched top 12. The open end of the body portion has a round-walled opening which is flared outwardly as at 13 to provide a flange or rim, the purpose of which will appear.

The top 12 is provided with a serrated or abrasive surface 14 in the nature of a coarse file and the outer surface of the body portion is provided with an abrasive surface 15 which is in the nature of a fine file.

The body portion 11 tapers slightly and on the inner surface a serrated surface 16 is provided which is in the form of an annulus and extends from the lowermost end of the body portion a slight distance thereabove to provide an internal or circular file.

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The use of the device is obvious but it may be pointed out that the surface 14 is used to produce the initial filing of the nail which is then followed up by applying the surface 15. The ring surface 16 is utilized for effecting the rounding of the nail as indicated in Fig. 1.

In view of the taper of the inner surface various sizes of nails may be effectively shaped.

The terminal edge 17 of the flare or rim 13 is rather sharp and is utilized as a curvilinear cuticle knife to loosen and push back the cuticle preparatory to cutting the same.

The modification shown in Fig. 4 differs from the previously described embodiment of the invention in that a serrated surface 18 extends from the edge 17 to a considerable distance thereabove whereby a greater number of different sized nails may be shaped.

In the devices of both Figs. 3 and 4 the serrated portions 16 and 18 are preferably formed on ring inserts, the inner surfaces of which afford files of concave contour, to file the fingernails along a line of convex curvature for rounded shaping.

The modification shown in Fig. 5 shows a phial 20 whose cap 21 is provided with serrated surfaces 22 and 23 to afford a coarse and a fine file.

The modification shown in Fig. 6 discloses a lipstick container or holder 24 adjustable holding a lipstick 25 and a closure cap 26 therefor which also has serrated surfaces 27 and 28 to provide respectively a coarse and fine file.

The modification shown in Fig. 7 discloses a thimble 30 which is identical with the thimble 10 except that it is provided with a plurality of fine slits 31 which originate at the lowermost edge 17 and extend vertically to a point near the horizontal center of the body portion 11. The lower end of the thimble is thus resilient and may be contracted or expanded.

The drawing shows several embodiments of the invention by way of example and not by way of limitation.

All changes, alternations and modifications are included which constitute departures within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

I claim:

A manicuring device comprising a manipulating member in the form of a substantially inflexible tube having at least one open axial end and an outwardly flaring rim at said axial end, said rim being beveled at its outer edge to define a curvilinear cuticle-treating formation, an annulus fitted into said member and secured adjacent the open end and said rim thereof and having

inner surface portions serrated to provide a concave file surface, said annulus having an axial end portion flared outwardly against the inner face of said flange on the manipulating member.

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