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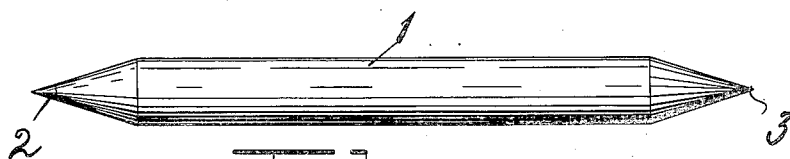


Fig. 1.

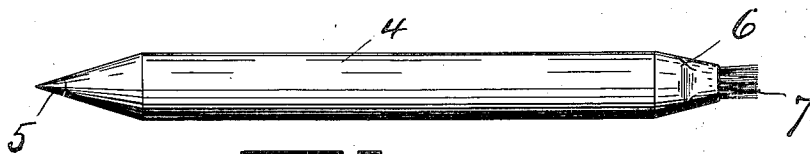


Fig. 2.

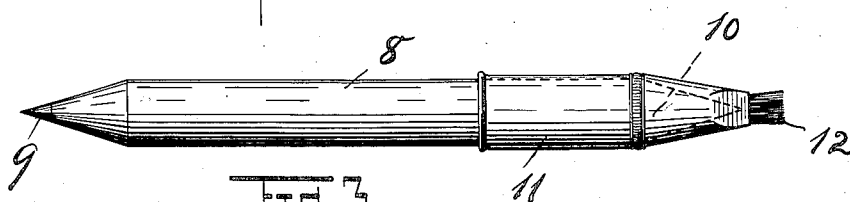


Fig. 3.

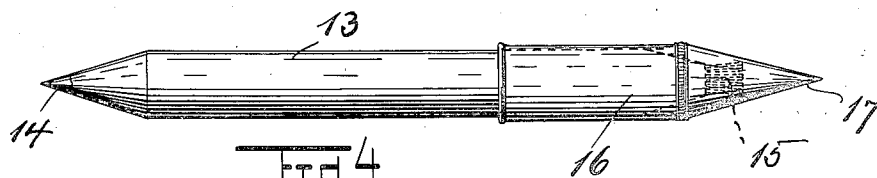


Fig. 4.

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My invention relates to manicure devices and more especially to that kind, which are used for whitening the inside of the projecting finger-nail. Such manicure devices have the outward appearance of a short pencil, preferably round and pointed at one end, like a sharpened pencil, so as to expose the whitening material which forms the core of the device in a similar way as the lead of a lead pencil.

Now, the object of my invention is to combine with the whitener a cleaner, or a brush, or both so as to thereby add to the function of the device, making the same more useful and practical.

For a fuller understanding of my invention, I refer to the annexed drawings wherein, by way of illustration, I have shown various embodiments of the new manicure device, and in which

Fig. 1 is a full view of a manicure device embodying the invention and adapted for use both as a cleaner and a whitener; Fig. 2 is a similar view as Fig. 1, showing a manicure device adapted for use as a whitener and a brush; Fig. 3 is another view, similar to Fig. 1, showing a device which, in addition to the features as a cleaner and a whitener, shows a separate brush adapted to serve as a protecting cap either for the cleaner or the whitener; Fig. 4 finally shows a device, combining a brush with a whitener and having as a separate element a cleaner, which may serve as a protecting cap either for the brush or the whitener.

As shown in Fig. 1, the pencil-like device, preferably made of wood and of round shape, consists of a central body part 1 containing a whitening material in the form of a thin core embedded in or enclosed by the body part 1, which at one end is pointed like a pencil to expose the whitening core shown on the left in Fig. 1 at 2. On the right in Fig. 1 the body part 1 is shaped to form a rather sharp point 3, which is used as a cleaner, prior to the use of the whitener 2. In this manner, a handy manicure device is produced, combining both the functions of a cleaner and whitener.

In the modification shown in Fig. 2, the

central body part 4, similar to the body part 1 in Fig. 1, encloses a core of whitening material, which core protrudes from the pointed end on the left in Fig. 2 as shown at 5. On the right in Fig. 2, the end of the body part 4 has secured thereto a small cap 6, preferably of metal, which has fastened therein tufts of short bristles forming a small brush, as shown at 7 in Fig. 2. In this manner, the manicure device combines with the whitener a brush, whereby the excess of whitening applied to a finger nail can easily be brushed off.

Another modification is shown in Fig. 3, showing the manicure device of Fig. 1, comprising a central body part 8, a whitener tip 9, and a pointed cleaner 10. But, in addition, there is provided a brush in the shape of a protecting cap 11, carrying at its end a small brush shown at 12. The protecting cap 11, which is preferably made of metal, but also may be made of celluloid, bakelite, or other suitable material, forms a separate manicure element and can at the same time be used, either to protect the pointed cleaner or the whitener tip of the device. In this manner, a cleaner, whitener and brush are united in a single device, greatly increasing the uses of the same.

Fig. 4 shows the device of Fig. 2 comprising a central body part 13, a whitener 14 and a brush 15, and in addition thereto a protecting cap 16 made of any desired suitable material and having a pointed end 17, which in this case is used as the cleaner, at the same time serving as a protecting cap for either the brush or the whitener.

Obviously, the central body part of the device may be given any desired shape or cross-section, and it may be made of any desired suitable material, as long as it encloses a core of a whitening material or any other desired color and is shaped to provide at its opposite end either a cleaner or a brush, to be used in combination with the whitener or other coloring element. If the central part is made of wood, the pointed end shown in Figs. 1 and 3 respectively at 3 and 10 may be made of the same wood as the body or a harder wood, or other suitable material may be used which in

any suitable manner or by any suitable means is secured to the body part.

While I have described a device to be used for manicuring purposes, it is readily conceivable that the same may also be used for other purposes, such as for coloring articles, or similar purposes, in which case the brush may be used as an artist's brush.

I claim:

- 10 1. A manicure device comprising a pencil-like body having a manicuring element at each end thereof, a cap for selective engagement over either end of the body, and a third manicuring element carried by the cap.
- 15 2. A manicuring device as set forth in claim 1 in which the manicuring element at one end of the body comprises a pointed formation and in which the manicuring element carried by the cap comprises a brush.
- 20 3. A manicuring element as set forth in claim 1 in which the manicuring element at one end of the body comprises a brush and in which the manicuring element carried by the cap comprises a pointed formation at the
25 outer end of the cap.
- 30 4. A manicure or similar device, comprising a main body part, a core of whitening or coloring material adapted to protrude from one end of said body part, the other
35 end of said body part being formed to provide an additional element to be used in combination with said core, and a protecting cap shaped or equipped to constitute a third element to be used in combination with said
core and said first mentioned element.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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