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MANICURING IMPLEMENT

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FIG. I.

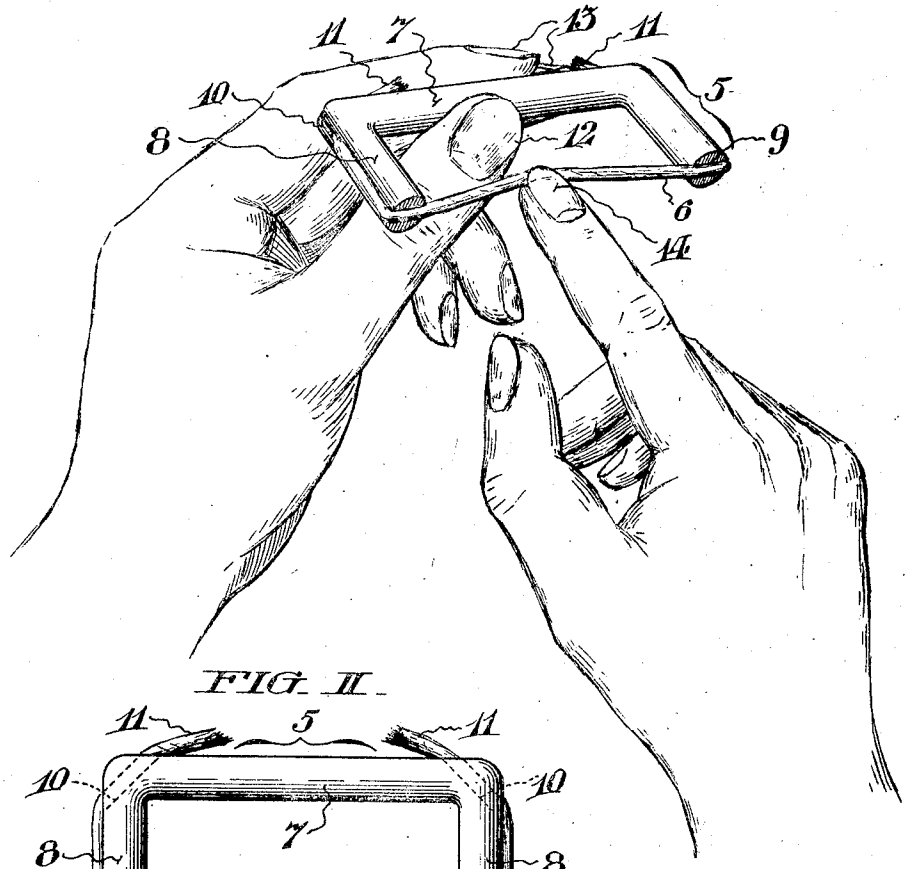


FIG. II.

FIG. III.

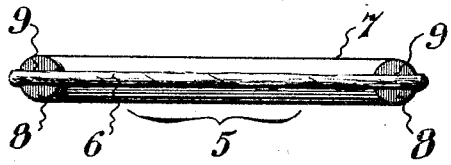
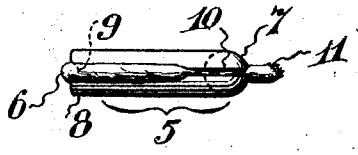


FIG. IV.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANNA E. FREY, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Manicuring Implements, whereof the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

This invention relates to manicuring and it has for an object the provision of an implement useful to hold a length of absorbent-cotton in twine, strand or similar formation, for the purpose of removing incrustation adhering beneath the finger nail tips without injury to the adjacent membrane and local cuticle.

Another object of this invention is to provide a manicuring implement of the type set forth in the preceding paragraph which may be used with equal facility as a nail polisher.

With the foregoing objects in view my invention consists essentially of a bowed implement having kerfs in the ends and body thereof effective to position and firmly grip a length of twined absorbent-cotton.

In the accompanying sheet of drawings I have illustrated a typical embodiment of the invention, while the appended claims serve to succinctly define its character and scope.

Fig. I, is a perspective view illustrative of the use to which my novel manicuring implement is most conveniently put.

Fig. II, is a plan view of the implement on a larger scale.

Fig. III, is an edge view looking toward the cleaner element; and,

Fig. IV, is an end view showing the manner in which the cleaner element is clamped in place.

Referring more in detail to the several views it will be seen that my novel manicuring emplement comprises a rigid bow 5, and a flexible cleaner element or strand 6. As shown, the bow 5 is preferably substantially rectangular; that is to say, it embodies as an integral unit a back 7 and parallel legs 8, 8 conveniently at right angles to the ends thereof, with the angular corners rounded-off to give a neat finish. This bow 5 may be made of hard wood or any other suitable material, while the legs 8, 8 are each alignedly kerfed or grooved at 9 to afford positioning and retaining means, respectively, for the cleaner element or strand 6. It is noteworthy that the kerfs or grooves 9, 9 are of a dimension to snugly accommodate the strand 6 but not to appreciably grip the same.

The means effective to clamp the flexible cleaner element or strand 6 in position embody inclined kerfs 10, 10 cut in the angular corners of the rigid bow 5, and said kerfs are of a width to firmly grip the free ends 11, 11 of the strand 6 when drawn thereinto whereby longitudinal slippage is prevented.

In use, it will be readily apparent that one free end 11 of the absorbent-cotton strip is firstly drawn or forced into one of the inclined kerfs 10, whereupon said strip is twisted to the desired extent and laid in the grooves 9, 9, across the bow 5, with the other free end 11 clamped into the unoccupied kerf 10. The implement is now ready for use and, as shown in Fig. I, it is conveniently gripped by the back 7 between the thumb 12 and one or more fingers 13 of one hand. As so held the flexible cleaner strand or element 6 can be worked back and forth under a finger nail 14 of the other hand. If the strand or element 6 is previously saturated with a suitable cleansing or bleaching fluid, it will be obvious that, the finger nails can be expeditiously manicured by an inexperienced person. Furthermore the novel implement may be employed with advantage by back and forth manipulation over the outer surface of finger nails as an efficient buffer or polisher.

From the preceding description it will be apparent that my invention provides a simple and very useful manicuring implement that is essentially sanitary, as it is obvious the cleaner element 6 may be removed and replaced by a fresh one after it has become worn and soiled; or a fresh strand may be employed for successive customers when the device is used by professional manicurists.

Having thus described my invention I claim:—

1. A manicuring implement consisting of a rectangularly configured bow having aligned grooves in the ends with relatively narrower kerfs in the angular corners thereof, and a length of twined absorbent-cotton stretched across the aforesaid grooved ends with its terminal parts gripped in the kerfs.

2. A manicuring implement consisting of a rectangularly configured bow having

aligned grooves in the ends thereof, relatively narrower inclined kerfs at the angular corners of said bow, and a length of twined absorbent-cotton stretched across the bow with its free ends clampingly retained in the inclined kerfs.

3. As a new article of manufacture for holding a length of twined absorbent-cotton for use in manicuring, a rectangularly configured bow having aligned grooves in the free ends and narrower clamping kerfs at the angular corners thereof.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, this 20th day of May, 1925.

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