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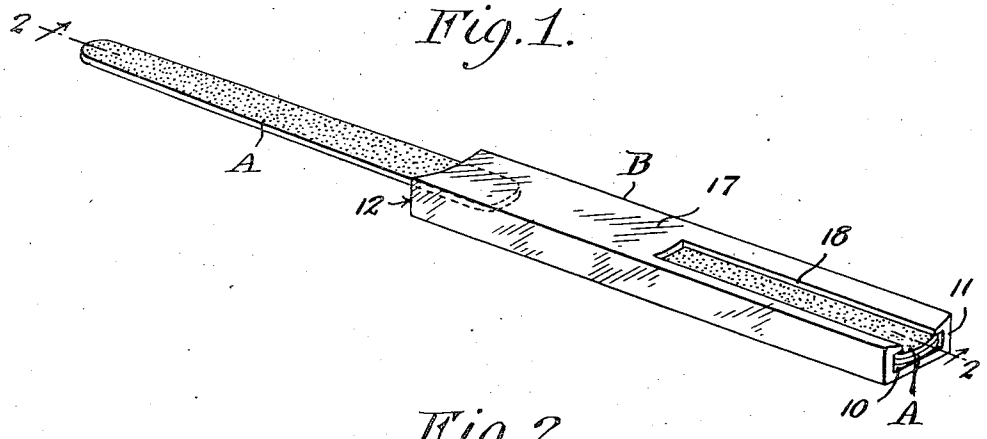

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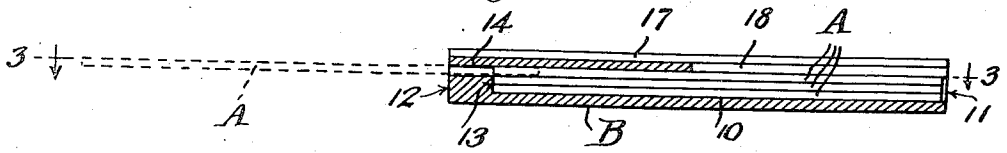

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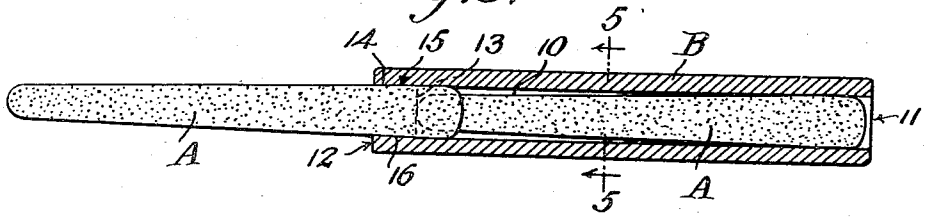

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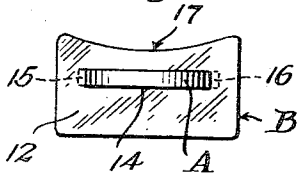

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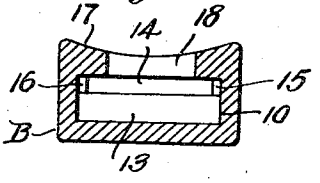

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This invention has general reference to manicure devices or accessories and comprehends a combined holder and handle for emery boards which is so constructed as to completely house a plurality of emery boards while permitting of the optional protrusion of the major length of one of the boards from an end of the holder for use so that the holder may then serve as a handle.

The main purpose of the invention is to provide a device which serves the double purpose of holding a supply of a number of emery boards which may be conveniently carried in a handbag and housed thereby to prevent contact of the emery boards with other articles and the construction of which device is such as to permit of the selective protrusion of the major length of one of the boards from one end thereof so that the device serves as a handle for manipulating the protruding board.

The invention further resides in a manicure device of the indicated character which is extremely simple in its construction and mode of use, which is compact and of light weight to render the same easy to carry in a pocket or handbag, and which may be economically produced to sell at a minimum price.

With the above recited and other objects in view, the invention is described in greater detail in the following specification, particularly pointed out in the appended claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the device with one of the emery boards protruding therefrom for use.

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view therethrough taken approximately on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 with the boards lying wholly within the confines thereof and illustrating in broken lines the uppermost board protruding from the forward end of the device.

Fig. 3 is a longitudinal sectional plan view taken approximately on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is a front end view of the device.

Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Fig. 3 with the boards removed.

Referring to the drawing by characters of reference, A designates generally each of the emery boards which taper longitudinally in the direction of their widths and which are usually provided with convex or rounded opposite end edges.

The combined holder and handle member is designated generally by the reference character B and preferably consists of a generally elongated rectangular body which will preferably be moulded or otherwise fashioned of Lucite, Bakelite or

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any other plastic material, to provide a longitudinally extending chamber 10 which opens through the rear end face 11 of the body and which chamber is of approximately the same length as that of the emery boards and of slightly lesser width than the major width thereof so that the boards will be frictionally retained therein against accidental or unintentional displacement. The height of the chamber 10 is sufficient to accommodate a plurality of emery boards A arranged one above the other, three being shown in the present disclosure. The chamber 10 terminates in spaced relation to the opposite forward end face 12 of the body and defines a shoulder 13 against which the forward smaller ends of the lowermost boards abut while the body is formed with a slot 14 opening at its opposite ends respectively through the forward end face 12 of the holder and the forward end of the chamber 10 and disposed in alignment with the uppermost board, said slot being of a height corresponding approximately to the thickness of the board so as to receive the same when the board is pushed forwardly from within the chamber 10. The opposite side walls 15 and 16 of the slot 14 converge forwardly and are so spaced as to permit passage therethrough of the major length of the board A while frictionally engaging the rear major width of the board to prevent complete withdrawal of the same therefrom as clearly shown in Fig. 3.

The upper longitudinal face 17 of the body is preferably concaved transversely and an elongated notch 18 is formed in the body which opens through the rear end face 11 communicates with the chamber 10 and terminates at a region between the rear and forward end faces 11 and 12.

In use, all of the emergy boards A are normally arranged one upon the other within the chamber 10 of the body of the device B as shown in full lines in Fig. 2, so as to lie wholly within the confines thereof. When it is desired to use a board A, a finger tip is positioned through the notch 18, engaged with the rear end of the uppermost board and employed to push the same forwardly until the forward narrow end of the board passes through the slot 14 and protrudes beyond the forward end face 12 of the body B. The protruding end of the board may then be grasped and pulled until the sides of the wider rear end portion of the board engaging the converging sides 15 and 16 of the slot 14 arrests further movement thereof. With the major length of the board A thus protruding from the body the device B serves as a handle for mani-

pulating the protruding board to shape the finger nails.

Obviously, when not in active use, the protruding board A may be pushed back through the slot 14 and retracted into the chamber 10. When one board has been used to such an extent as to be unfit for further use, it is withdrawn from the holder B and placed beneath the others bringing a fresh one on the top and in alignment with the slot 14 for similar use.

What is claimed is:

1. In a manicure device, a plurality of emery boards and a holder and handle member therefor including an elongated body formed with a longitudinal chamber of a length approximating the length of the emery boards and opening through the rear end face thereof and terminating in spaced relation to the opposite forward end face of the same, said chamber being of a height to accommodate said emery boards arranged in superimposed relation and of a width slightly less than the major width of said emery boards so as to frictionally retain said boards therein, said body having a slot opening through said forward end face and extending therefrom to and communicating with the chamber adjacent the upper portion thereof, said slot being of a height equal to the thickness of a single emery board and having outwardly converging opposite side walls spaced apart a distance slightly less than the spacing of the side edges of the major width of the rear end of the emery board, and said body having an elongated notch

of lesser width than and communicating with the chamber and opening through the rear end face of the body.

2. In a manicure device, a plurality of emery boards and a holder therefor including an elongated body formed with a longitudinally extending chamber opening through the rear end thereof and having an abutment at the opposite end and a slot above said abutment of a height corresponding approximately to the thickness of one of said boards opening through said opposite end and communicating with said chamber, said boards being adapted to be inserted into said chamber through said opening in the rear end of the holder and to be arranged therein in superimposed relation with the lowermost boards engaging against said abutment, said boards being enlarged adjacent the open end of said holder with the enlarged portions thereof frictionally fitting within the chamber for retaining the same therein against accidental displacement and said slot being relatively wider than the portion of said boards respectively forwardly of the enlarged ends thereof and smaller than said enlarged ends to permit one of said boards to be projected therethrough at a time with the enlarged end thereof retained within the chamber, and said body having an elongated notch in the upper face thereof communicating with said chamber to permit of engagement with the uppermost board therethrough for disposing the same in projecting relation from said slot.

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