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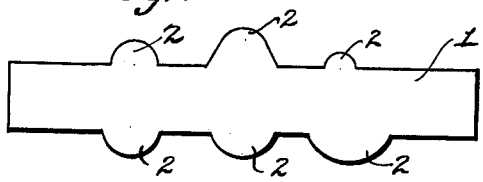


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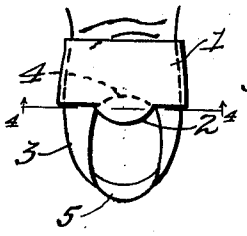


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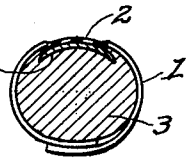


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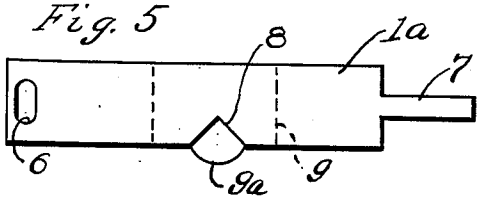


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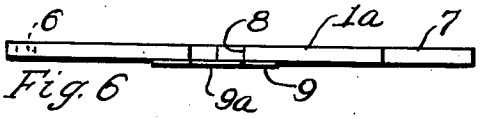


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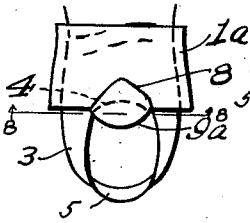


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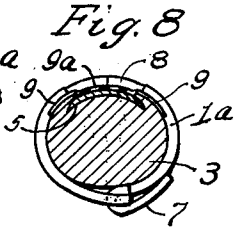


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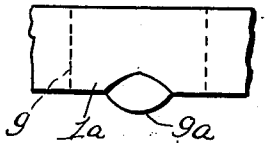


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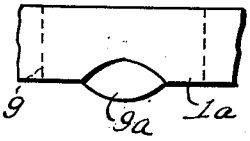


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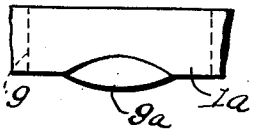
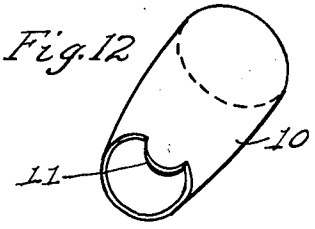


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This invention relates to improvements in manicuring devices. More especially it has to do with a simple device for shielding the lunule of a finger nail.

It is considered a mark of beauty to have a well-shaped lunule at the base of a finger nail. This is commonly known as the "moon" of the nail, being naturally a crescent-shaped whitish part or marking just forward of the mantle of the nail. The present-day use of nail polishes, especially those of a liquid nature, make it somewhat of a task to preserve this so-called moon when the polish is applied to the body of the nail. Great care must be exercised to prevent the polish flowing over the lunule, and a very considerable time is expended in exercising this care.

The object of the present invention is to provide a simple device which can readily be applied to the finger and serve as a most effective shield for the lunule during the application of the nail polish—polish being here used broadly to embrace stains and the like now commonly used in the manicuring art. It is a further object to provide a device of the character described which can easily be adjusted, as it were, or adapted to nails and fingers of different shapes and sizes, which can be easily placed in protecting position, held there while the polish is applied and then readily removed.

The best modes in which I have contemplated applying the principles of my invention are shown in the accompanying drawing but these are merely illustrative and it is intended that the patent shall cover by suitable expression in the appended claims whatever features of patentable novelty exist in the invention disclosed.

Referring to the drawing:

Figure 1 is a plan view of the simplest device in which I have embodied my invention;

Figure 2 is a front edge view of the same;

Figure 3 is another plan view showing the device applied to a finger;

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken as on line 4—4 of Figure 3;

Figure 5 is another plan showing the preferred embodiment of the invention;

Figure 6 is an edge view of the same;

Figure 7 is a plan showing the preferred device wrapped about a finger;

Figure 8 is a sectional view, taken as on line 8—8 of Figure 7;

Figures 9, 10 and 11 are plan views of a portion of the preferred device, showing how the lunule protector may be changed in shape to accommodate different sizes of lunule; and

Figure 12 is a perspective of a modified form of the device.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the invention may be embodied in a simple form of device such as is shown in Figures 1 to 4 inclusive. In this form it consists of a strip 1, preferably of light elastic material such as thin rubber, having one or more partially-circular portions 2 outstanding along the longitudinal edges. These portions may be of different shapes and sizes to more readily accommodate different lunules. In using the device, the strip is simply wrapped about a finger 3 (or thumb, of course) with a selected portion 2 overlying the lunule 4 of the nail 5. One end of the strip is overlapped on the other as seen clearly in Figure 4, being held so by the thumb, or an ordinary rubber band may be employed. By pulling the strip tightly about the finger the portion 2 is pressed firmly in contact with the nail and prevents any of the polish applied to the body of the nail from flowing over the lunule.

The preferred form of the device is shown in Figures 5 to 11 inclusive. This comprises a relatively heavy strip 1*a* of elastic material having a hole 6 near one end and a tongue-like portion 7 at the opposite end adapted to be passed through the hole when the strip is made into a loop. Intermediate its ends the strip is provided with a marginal indentation 8, such as the triangular notch shown. The marginal opening of this indentation is preferably of slightly less extent than the width of a small finger nail.

A relatively light strip 9 of elastic material is attached to the strip 1*a*, being so arranged that it extends across the indentation 8 and has a partially-circular-shaped portion 9*a* outstanding from the opening of the indentation. This portion is also preferably smaller than the lunule of a small finger nail.

To use the preferred form of the device as a shield or protector, the composite strip or band is wrapped around the finger as shown in Figures 7 and 8, the tongue 7 being passed through the hole 6 and then folded back on the strip where it can easily be held.

By stretching the heavier strip, and with it the lighter strip, the portion 9*a* of the latter is forced tightly against the nail over the lunule thereof. This simple composite strip can be used with nails of different sizes by varying the amount of stretch given the strips. This is illustrated in Figures 9, 10 and 11, where the same strips (or portions

thereof) are shown stretched in different amounts thus causing the partially-circular portion 9a to assume the required shape to accommodate itself to nails of different widths.

The modification of Figure 12 is in the form of a tube 10 preferably of elastic material which can be slipped over the finger. On one circular edge of the tube is an outstanding portion 11 of the characteristic partially-circular shape which will bear firmly against the nail over the lunule thereof.

While I much prefer to employ a suitable elastic material which readily holds the device tightly against the nail, I do not wish to be understood as limited thereto as other material such as "cellophane", thin celluloid, and the like may be shaped and used in the same manner as the device specifically described.

I claim:

1. A device comprising a band of elastic material adapted to be wrapped tightly around a finger or toe and having a partially-circular portion arranged to overlie and press tightly against the lunule of the nail.

2. A device comprising a strip of elastic material adapted to be wrapped tightly around a finger or toe and having a partially-circular portion extending from the edge of said strip to overlie and press tightly against the lunule of the nail.

3. A manicuring device constructed and arranged to be applied to a finger, having a hole near one end and a tongue-like portion at the other end adapted to be passed through said hole to hold the strip around a finger; the said strip having a partially-circular portion intermediate its ends which overlies the lunule of the nail.

4. A manicuring device constructed and arranged to be applied to a finger, comprising a strip of material adapted to be extended around a finger and having a marginal indentation intermediate its ends; and a strip of relatively lighter material overlying said indentation and having a partially-circular portion outstanding beyond the edge of the first mentioned strip and adapted to overlie the lunule of the nail.

5. A device comprising a strip of elastic material constructed and arranged to be wrapped around a finger or toe and having a partially-circular portion outstanding at the edge of said strip adapted to overlie the lunule of the nail; the said strip and portion being stretched in the said wrapping of said strip to thereby hold the said portion tightly against the nail.

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