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ARTIFICIAL FINGER NAIL

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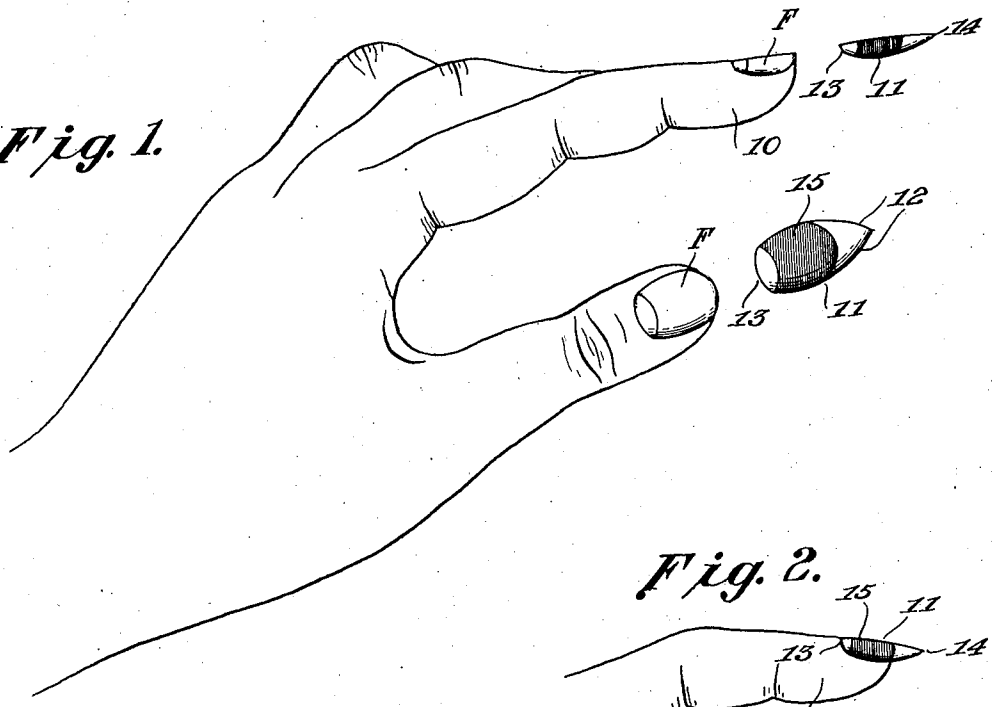



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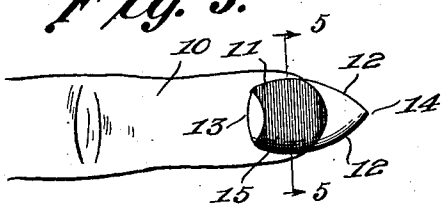



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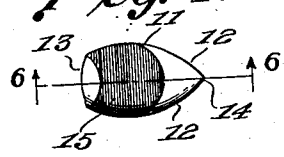



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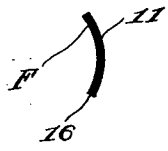



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This invention relates to finger nails and more particularly to artificial finger nails or shields.

An object of this invention is to provide a member shaped similar to a finger nail which may be mounted upon the natural finger nail and attached thereto by any suitable securing means in the form of a cementitious material, the member being formed at the exterior thereof to project beyond the end of the finger.

Another object of this invention is to provide a shield or finger nail covering which may be suitably colored to suit the tastes of the user thereof and which may be secured on the natural finger nail in such manner that it can be readily removed therefrom without injury to the natural nail.

A further object of this invention is to provide a covering or shield of this kind which can be constructed of either transparent or non-transparent material having a portion thereof suitably colored and the remaining portion thereof either colored or uncolored, a portion of the member extending beyond the end of the finger so as to simulate a relatively long pointed finger nail.

A still further object of this invention is to provide a shield or covering which is constructed of relatively flexible material so that it will not readily break or crack and thereby permit the user to trim the natural nail relatively short while permitting the artificial nail to project the desired distance beyond the end of the finger, this projecting portion of the artificial nail being of a construction such that it will not break or crack as readily as will the natural nail.

The above and various other objects and advantages of this invention will in part be described in and in part be understood from the following detailed description of the present preferred embodiment, the same being illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a detail side elevation of a hand showing the manner in which the devices constructed according to the preferred embodiment of this invention are mounted.

Figure 2 is a detail side elevation of a finger having a device constructed according to this invention mounted thereon.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of a finger having the device mounted thereon.

Figure 4 is a top plan view of the finger nail protector removed from the finger nail.

Figure 5 is a sectional view taken on the line 5—5 of Figure 3.

Figure 6 is a sectional view taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 4.

Referring to the drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the letter F designates generally a natural finger nail which may be trimmed so that it will not extend beyond the outer end of the finger 10.

Disposed on top of the finger nail F is a shield or covering, generally designated as 11, which is formed to simulate the natural contours of the natural nail F, being arcuate or curved in transverse section so as to snugly fit on the top of the nail F. The outer end of this shield 11 has the edges thereof converging, as at 12, so as to provide a relatively pointed end portion 14 which projects outwardly beyond the tip of the finger 10. The inner end portion of the shield or covering 11 is curved, as at 13, so as to conform to the natural contours of the exposed portion of the natural nail F at the inner end thereof. The body portion of the shield 11 is provided with a colored portion 15.

In this manner, each of the finger nails of the fingers of the hand may be provided with a shield having a selected color, and these shields or covers 11 may be formed with various colors or shadings which may either simulate the color of the natural finger nail or any other desired color.

This shield or artificial nail 11 is preferably attached to the natural nail F by means of a cementitious member 16 which may be of suitable composition such that it will firmly hold the shield 11 on the natural nail but at the same time permit the shield 11 to be removed therefrom by dipping the finger into a suitable dissolving solution which will dissolve the cement or securing means 16. The pointed or tip portion 14 of the shield or nail 11 may be colored or uncolored and of any desired length, and due to the composition of the shield 11, the extended portion or tip 14 will not break upon bending as will the natural nail.

While the shield 11 has been disclosed as being mounted on a natural finger nail, which finger nail F is trimmed so that it will not extend beyond the tip of the finger, I, of course, do not wish to be limited to a mounting means of this kind, as the shield or artificial nail 11 may be mounted on a nail which terminates inwardly of the tip of the finger 10, the nail being broken off or otherwise disfigured so that a person having disfigured natural finger nails may use the artificial nail herein disclosed so as to give the effect of a natural nail which extends beyond the tip of the finger. As will be noted from the drawing, the

inner marginal edge portion of the coloring 15 is curved so as to provide a crescent which is present in the natural finger nail.

It is, of course, understood that various changes and modifications may be made in the details of construction and design of the above specifically described embodiment of this invention without departing from the spirit thereof, such changes and modifications being restricted only by the scope of the following claims.

What is claimed is:—

1. An artificial finger nail comprising a member initially shaped to conform to the configuration of the natural nail and having a degree of flexibility substantially equal to the natural nail, securing means interposed between the member and the nail, said member being of transparent composition and having a portion thereof colored.

2. An artificial finger nail comprising a member shaped to conform to the configuration of the natural nail and having a degree of flexibility substantially equal to the natural nail, a tapering projecting portion formed with the member and adapted to project beyond the tip of the nail or finger, and cementitious means interposed between the member and the nail to hold the member on the outer surface of the nail.

3. An artificial finger nail comprising a relatively flexible member shaped to conform to the configuration of the natural nail, said member including a body portion adapted to overlie the outer surface of a finger nail, a projecting portion extending forwardly of the body, and a coloring means disposed on the body, said latter means having an outer curved inner marginal edge portion to simulate the inner end of the natural nail, the outer marginal edge of the coloring terminating at the tip of the nail.

4. An artificial finger nail comprising a relatively flexible member shaped to conform to the configuration of the natural nail, said member including a body portion adapted to overlie the outer surface of a finger nail, a projecting portion extending forwardly of the body, a coloring means disposed on the body, said latter means having an outer curved inner marginal edge portion to simulate the inner end of the natural nail, the outer marginal edge of the coloring terminating at the tip of the nail, and a cementitious means interposed between the member and the nail to releasably attach the member to the outer surface of the nail.

5. An artificial finger nail comprising a relatively flexible member shaped to conform to the configuration of the natural finger nail, and means for attaching the member to the nail.

6. An artificial finger nail adapted to be attached to a natural nail, comprising a relatively flexible member shaped to conform to the configuration of the natural nail.

7. An artificial finger nail adapted to be mounted on a natural nail comprising a member shaped to conform to the configuration of a natural nail and having a degree of flexibility substantially equal to the flexibility of the natural nail, said member being substantially transparent, and coloring disposed on a portion of the member.

8. An artificial finger nail adapted to be mounted on a natural nail comprising a relatively flexible member shaped to conform to the configuration of a natural nail, said member including a body portion adapted to overlie the exposed portion of the natural nail adhering to the finger, and a projecting portion extending outwardly of the body portion.

9. An artificial finger nail comprising a relatively flexible member shaped to conform to the configuration of the natural nail, and means interposed between the member and the nail to secure the member on the outer surface of the nail.

10. A device adapted to be applied to the outer face of a finger nail in order to simulate the same consisting of a thin sheet of flexible non-brittle material.

11. A device adapted to be applied to the outer face of a finger nail in order to simulate the same consisting of a thin sheet of transparent flexible non-brittle material.

12. An artificial finger nail comprising a member shaped to conform to the configuration of a natural nail of the finger, and means for securing the said artificial finger nail to the natural nail.

13. An artificial nail simulating a natural nail of an animate being and adapted for placement over a natural nail, and means for securing said artificial nail to the natural nail.

14. A device adapted to be applied over the outer face of a natural finger nail to simulate the same, and comprising a thin sheet of material.

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