

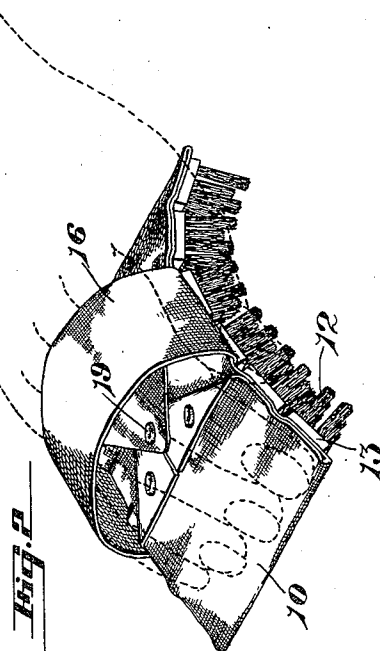
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EDMON R. POIRIER, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city and county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Bath and Massage Brushes, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a bath brush, and particularly pertains to a flexible bath brush adapted for use in bathing and massage.

It is the principal object of the present invention to provide a flexible bath brush formed with means whereby it may be conveniently used to rub the back of the person using the brush and to be readily adapted for use as a flexible hand brush, which will easily conform to the contour of the body surface over which the brush is passing.

The present invention contemplates the use of a flexible backing, upon which sets of brush bristles are secured, said backing having a hand strap across the center thereof and being fitted at its opposite ends with attaching means for extension straps which may be used when bathing the back.

The invention is illustrated by way of example in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Fig. 1 is a fragmentary view in perspective, showing the completely assembled brush with parts broken away for the sake of convenience.

Fig. 2 is a view in perspective, showing the brush used on the hand, and further disclosing the manner in which it may flexibly conform to the contour of the surface to which it is applied.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, 10 indicates a flexible backing, here shown as formed of a sheet of flexible webbing or any other desired material of a similar nature, such as leather, rubber or canvas. Secured transversely of the back and in parallel relation to each other is a plurality of brush units 11; each of these units comprising sets of bristles 12 carried by a bristle board 13. These boards are here shown as being made of wood and may, if desired, be formed of any other suitable material. The opposite ends of these boards are secured to the backing by means of fastening elements, such as the rivets 14. The opposite ends of the webbing 10 are folded over and receive snap fasteners 15, for a

purpose which will be hereinafter described.

Extending transversely of the webbing, and across the other side from that on which the bristles are fastened, is a hand strap 16, which may be used, as indicated in Fig. 2.

The fasteners 15, disposed at the opposite ends of the webbing 10, are provided to receive extension straps 17. These straps conveniently permit the brush to be used when applied to the back of the user, and the opposite ends of the straps are fitted with rings 18, by which the straps may be more securely grasped.

When the brush is to be used in the hand, the straps 17 may be removed and the surplus extension portions of the webbing 10, at opposite ends of the bristle portion of the brush, may be folded over the back of the brush and secured in overlapping relation to each other by a snap fastener 19. These ends extend through the loop formed by the hand strap 16, and will lie within the palm of the hand of the person using the brush, as indicated in Fig. 2. Attention is directed to the fact that the rigid bristle boards 13 are spaced a short distance from each other, thus making it possible for the webbing to flex between the sets of bristles and thereby insuring that the separate sets of bristles may have a desired flexible independent movement, which will permit them to conform to any surface over which the brush is passed.

It will thus be seen that the invention here disclosed provides a simple and durable brush, which may be used for bath or massage purposes, and which conveniently lends itself for use on inaccessible parts of the human body as well as conforms to the contour of the surface over which it is passing.

While I have shown the preferred form of my invention as now known to me it is to be understood that various changes might be made in the combination, construction and arrangement of parts by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention as claimed.

Having thus described my invention what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. A brush comprising a flexible backing, a plurality of sets of brush bristles secured transversely of said backing and arranged that the flexibility of said backing will not be impaired, extension straps disposed at op-

posite ends of the backing and detachably connected thereto, a hand strip extending transversely of the backing and secured at its ends thereto, the ends of the backing being of a length whereby they may be folded over the backing and their contiguous ends detachably connected beneath the hand strap.

2. A brush comprising a flexible backing, a plurality of inflexible brush bristle supports arranged transversely of the central portion of the flexible backing and secured thereto at spaced distances apart to permit separate movement thereof with relation to each other, a hand strap arranged across the backing and secured at its ends thereto, flexible extension straps, mechanical fasteners at the ends of the straps and the opposite ends of the backing whereby the straps may be detachably connected to opposite ends of the backing, said ends of the backing being of a length permitting them to be folded over the central portion of the backing and under the hand strap, and cooperating mechanical fasteners on said ends whereby they may be detachably connected in said position.

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