

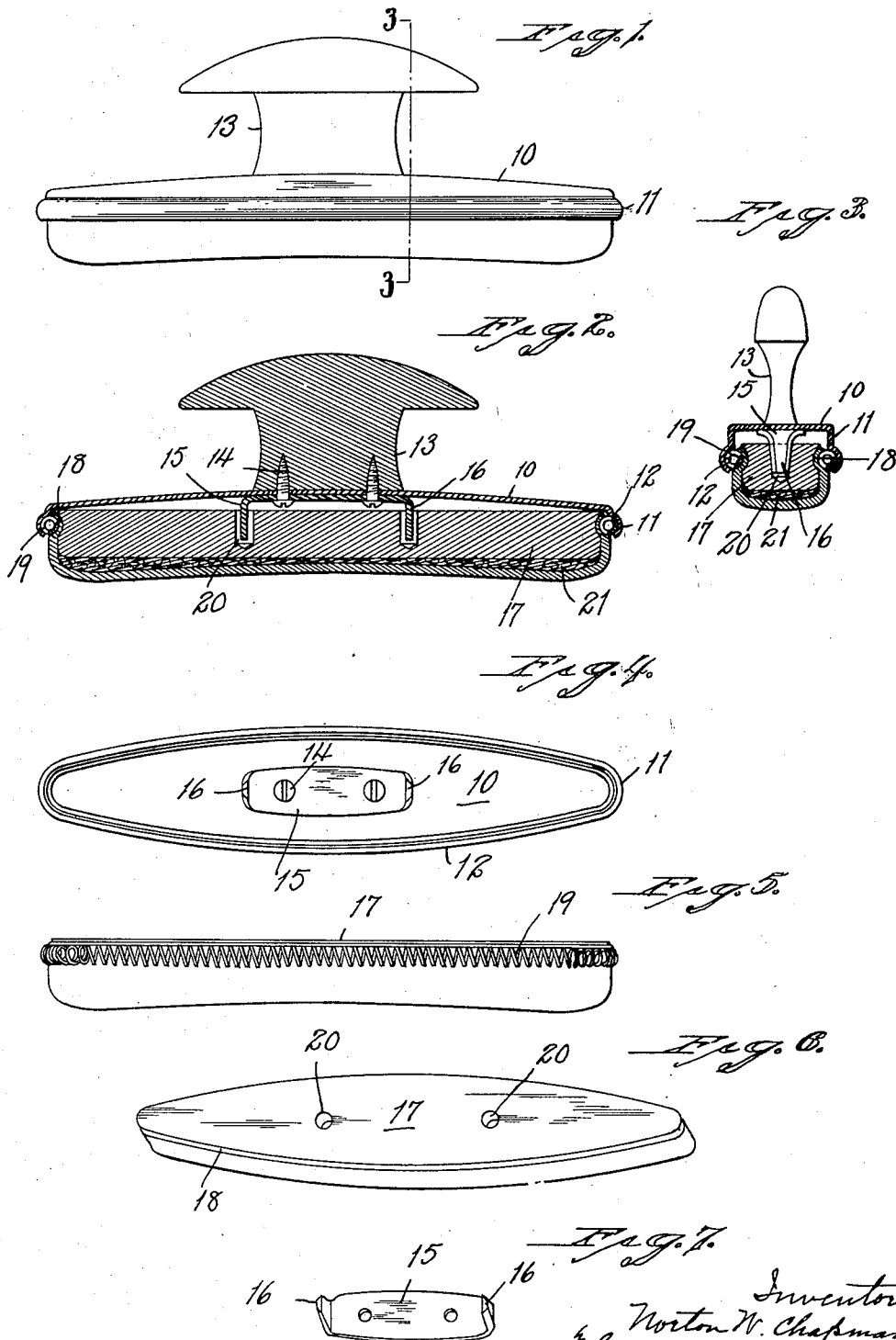
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This invention relates to an improvement in manicurists' buffers which generally include a block covered with suitable material and a handle secured to said block. When the surface of the material is worn out, it is replaced by a new covering which is clamped to the handle-portion.

The object of this invention is to provide the handle-portion with a shell into which a block covered with suitable material may be inserted and then when the surface of the buffer is worn away, the block will be removed and recovered, or replaced by a new one.

The invention consists in the construction as hereinafter described and particularly recited in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings:

Fig. 1 is a side view of a manicurist's buffer constructed in accordance with my invention;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view of the same;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1;

Fig. 4 is an inside view of the shell, removed;

Fig. 5 is a side view of a covered block, detached;

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the same, with the covering removed; and

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of the coupling-yoke detached.

In carrying out my invention, I employ a shell 10 formed from sheet or cast-metal, celluloid or other similar material, and with a downwardly-extending flange 11, and this flange is preferably formed with a channel 12. A handle 13 is attached to the top of the shell by means of screws 14, or otherwise, and preferably secured to the inside of the shell, in line with the handle, will be a yoke 15 having prongs 16 for the purpose as will hereinafter appear.

With a shell and handle thus formed I employ a block 17 of wood or other suitable ma-

terial, somewhat smaller than the inside of the shell, but corresponding in form thereto. This block is formed with a groove 18 corresponding to the channel 12 and is covered with kid, leather, or other suitable material, the edges of which may be held in the groove 18 by a coil-spring or yielding wire ring 19, or the covering may be glued to the block, and usually padding 21 is inserted between the covering and the under-face of the block.

If the prongs 16 are employed, the block will be formed with openings 20 into which the prongs extend and have frictional engagement therewith. When the buffing surface of the device is worn away, the block will be removed and recovered, or another block with its covering will be inserted in its place. The spring or ring forms a rib around the block to fit into the channel in the shell, so as to interlock the block in the shell but permit the two to be separated when necessary.

In marketing the device, a number of covered blocks will be sold with a single shell, or they may be sold entirely separate. The frictional engagement between the shell and block will usually be sufficient to hold the block in place, but to reinforce the shell and assure a firm interlocking of the block therewith, the yoke with its prongs is desirable.

I claim:

1. A manicurist's buffer comprising a shell formed with an integral annular flange, and a block covered with a suitable material and adapted to be entered into and frictionally held in engagement with the flange of the said shell.

2. A manicurist's buffer comprising a shell provided with a handle and formed with a flange, a yoke secured to the said shell its ends forming downwardly-extending prongs, and a block corresponding in shape to the inside of the shell but slightly smaller than it, and formed with openings to receive said prongs, the under-face and sides of the block,

covered with suitable material and adapted to be inserted into said shell.

3. A manicurist's buffer comprising a shell formed with a flange and the flange formed with an internal channel, a block formed with an external groove and covered with suitable material, and a yielding ring located in said groove and adapted to seat in said channel.

In testimony whereof, I have signed this specification.

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