An apparatus for cleaning excess nail coating with an elongated planar base comprising a converging end and cotton attached to the converging end.
DISPOSABLE MANICURE AND NAIL CLEANING DEVICE

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] It is a common desire to appear more attractive. One common practice for achieving this goal is the desire to clean and paint ones nails and to apply a nail coating thereto. This practice is referred to as manicuring.

[0002] During the cleaning and painting of ones nails it is not uncommon to have areas of paint which extend beyond the nail. This is unsightly and contrary to the desire of increased attractiveness. There has been a long felt need for an efficient way to remove the excess paint without smearing or otherwise fouling the nail coating which is correctly applied to the nail.

[0003] Cotton swabs are currently used with limited success. With cotton swabs it is difficult to precisely remove the excess nail coating without also disturbing the properly applied coating.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.

[0004] It is an object of the invention to provide an improved apparatus, and method, for manicuring ones nails.

[0005] It is another object of the invention to provide an apparatus, and method, for cleaning excess nail coating without disrupting that which is properly applied.

[0006] These and other advantages, as will be realized, are provided in an apparatus for cleaning excess nail coating comprising an elongated planar base comprising a converging end and cotton attached to the converging end.

DESCRIPTION OF FIGURES

[0007] FIG. 1 illustrates an embodiment of the present invention.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0008] The invention will be described with reference to the figure forming an integral part of the present invention.

[0009] An embodiment of the present invention is illustrated in perspective view in FIG. 1. In FIG. 1 the manicure tool comprises an elongated base, 1. The base is preferably planar although other cross-sectional shapes such as cylin-

drical can be used to demonstrate the invention. At least one end, 2, and preferably both ends, converge thereby providing a substantially sharpened end. The end preferably converges over a length of about 1 to 2 cm. Covering the converged end of the base is cotton, or a similar material, in sufficient amount to absorb small amounts of liquid yet not so much as to obscure the overall shape of the end. The cotton is preferably about 0.1 to about 0.9 mm in depth.

[0010] The length of the device is preferably about 10-18 cm with about 12-15 cm being more preferred. The width of the device is preferably about 1-3 cm with about 1.5 to 2 cm being preferred.

[0011] The base can be made of wood, plastic, metal or cardboard and is preferably disposable. Plastic is most preferred due to the low cost.

[0012] In practice, the device is used by dipping the end into a paint remover and carefully contacting the excess nail coating with the wetted end of the device. One of skill in the art would readily appreciate alternative embodiments and alternate methods without departing from the scope of the invention as set forth in the claims which are integral hereto.

1. An apparatus for cleaning excess nail coating comprising an elongated planar base comprising a converging end and cotton attached to said converging end.

2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said cotton is 0.1 to 0.9 mm in depth.

3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said apparatus is about 10 to 18 cm in length.

4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said base apparatus is about 1 to 3 cm in width.

5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said converging end converges over a length of 1 to 3 cm.

6. A method of manicuring nails comprising:

applying a coating to a nail wherein said coating comprises an excess;

obtaining an apparatus of claim 1;

dipping said converging end into a liquid to form a wetted end;

contacting said wetted end with said excess to remove said excess.

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