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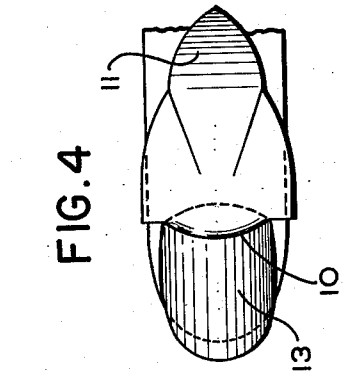


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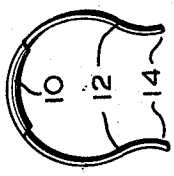


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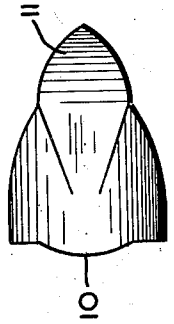


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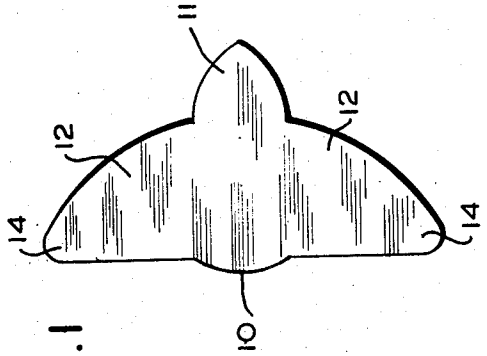


FIG. 1

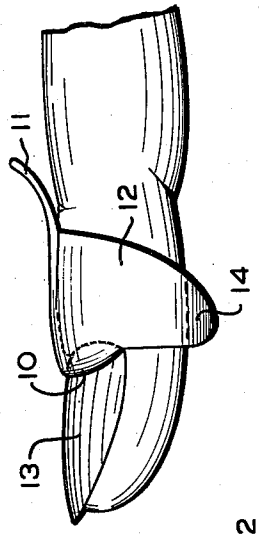


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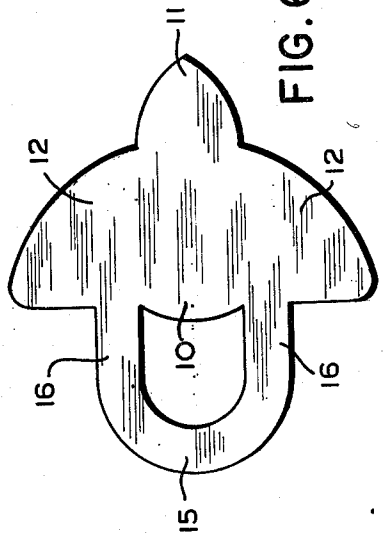


FIG. 6

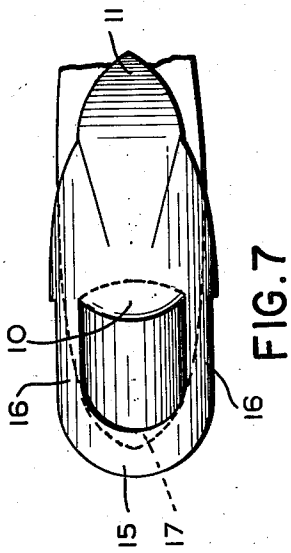


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This invention relates to a device adapted for use in manicuring and/or pedicuring, and particularly in connection with the finishing of finger nails, so that some of the natural characteristics of the regions proximate the cuticle, known as the "moon", and the end of the nail, may be accentuated or separately and differently finished.

It is common practice in manicuring finger nails to employ a liquid polish or dye as distinguished from finishing the surface of the nails by means of buffing. In the use of liquid polish, for instance, it is the practice to apply the liquid by means of a small brush or the like, and in doing so it is found that the nails may be finished more attractively if the moon and end portions of the nails are not so treated. Accordingly, this practice has demonstrated the importance of one's dexterity in being able to apply the polish to the body of the finger nail and leave a carefully defined finish line at the edge of the moon and end portion of the nail respectively.

Accordingly, an important object of my invention is to provide a device which may be securely position over the moon and/or the end portion of the finger nail, so that the exposed portion or body of the finger nail may be properly finished to present the desired effect in a shorter time and with greater facility than heretofore.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device through the use of which the shape of the moons and the tips of two or more nails may be similarly shaped or accentuated.

Other objects and advantages flowing from the use and operation of my device will be specifically referred to hereinafter, or become apparent from the following description thereof written in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which

Figure 1 illustrates a development or blank of suitable material from which may be made one form of my finishing stencil.

Figures 2 and 3 illustrate a construction of the device when the blank shown in Figure 1 is finally formed.

Figures 4 and 5 illustrate plan and elevational views respectively of my device properly positioned at the end of a finger to enable the exposed portion of the finger nail to be finished as desired, and at the same time offering protection to the moon portion of the finger nail.

Figures 6 and 7 illustrate a modified form of my device in which both the end of the nail and moon are protected so that liquid polish or dye may be applied to only the so-called body portion of the nail.

Referring now to the drawing, and particularly to Figures 1 to 5 thereof, it will be seen that my stencilling device may be made from a blank of any suitable sheet material comprising in outline what may be described as a shield portion 10, a removing tab or grip 11, and side pieces 12—12 and that the device as a whole may be formed in such a manner that the stencil may be properly positioned and secured to the end of a finger by means of the side pieces.

Figures 4 and 5 illustrate the manner in which the edge of the shield 10 is made to cover, what, for the want of a better name, may be described as the "moon" portion of the finger nail, and expose the remainder or body portion of the nail, such as illustrated by the numeral 13. The shield portion is held in proper position by means of the gripping action of the side pieces 12—12 when they are suitably formed of more or less resilient material, see Figures 2 and 3.

It will be understood that when the device is so positioned on the finger and the exposed edge of the shield 10 fits closely against the surface of the finger nail, that the body portion 13 of the nail, may be treated as desired without also treating the moon portion of the nail. For instance, liquid nail polish may be applied to the finger nail with a brush, swab, or any other suitable device and because of the protection afforded by the contour of the shield portion 10, the moon portion of the nail will not be finished but instead will cause said finish to terminate at the edge thereof in a smooth regular line.

The device may be formed of paper, if desired, and preferably secured to the finger by means of any suitable adhesive applied to the inside surfaces of the side pieces 12—12 in which case the tab 11 is used to catch hold of the device and remove the same from the finger after the finishing operation. It will be understood that ordinarily a paper stencil of this type, because of its comparative cheapness, would be used for but one application of the finishing material, and would thereafter be destroyed. I prefer, however, making my stencils of more permanent material such as stainless steel, aluminum, celluloid or fibre, such that any finishing material which may accidentally or otherwise be applied thereto in the application of polish to the nail, may be readily removed or wiped off with any suitable substance, and thereby provide a stencil which may be used repeatedly without damage.

It will be understood that where the device is made of such more or less rigid and permanent material, the ends 14—14 of the side pieces

12—12 are made to project a short distance below the under surface of the finger, so that after the polish is applied the device may be readily removed by pressing the finger against the surface of a table or the like, and if need be, assisted by a rocking motion applied to the device when the tab 11 is pressed toward the top of the finger. If the device is removed this way, it may be lifted directly upwardly and away from the liquid polish before it is allowed to dry on the finger nail and leave a sharply defined line proximate the "moon".

Referring now to Figures 6 and 7 it will be seen that I provide a modified form of device which in some respects is similar to that above described and for that reason comprises portions which for means of identification are correspondingly numbered. This form of device, however, is provided with an end shield portion 15 connected to the body of the stencil by means of sides 16—16 spaced from one another a distance equal the width of the finger nail. Figure 7 also illustrates that the shape of the opening formed by the shield 15 and sides 16 is such that finishing material may be applied to the body of the nail throughout the entire width thereof, but cannot, because of the shields 10 and 15 above described, be applied to either the "moon" or the area at the end of the finger nail, see dotted line area 17 of Figure 7.

While I have described what seems now to be the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is conceivable that various modifications in the configuration, composition and disposition of the component elements going to make up my invention as a whole, as well as in the selective combination and application of the respective elements, may occur to those skilled in the art, and no limitation is intended by the phraseology of the foregoing description or illustrations in the accompanying drawing.

What is claimed is:

1. A nail stencil for use in manicuring or pedicuring to cover and protect the moon-shaped section of the nail which comprises a projecting portion at the forward end of the stencil to cover the said moon-shaped section of the nail, integral side pieces for extending over the adjacent member portion for holding the said stencil in place and a rearwardly extending portion whereby the said stencil may be readily removed.

2. A nail stencil for use in manicuring or pedicuring to cover and protect the moon-shaped section of the nail which comprises a projecting portion at the forward end of the stencil to cover the said moon-shaped section of the nail, integral side pieces for extending over the adjacent member portion for holding the said stencil in place, an end shield portion integral with the body portion of the stencil and leaving an opening to expose the body portion of the nail while protecting the end portion thereof and a rearwardly extending portion whereby the stencil may be readily removed.

3. A nail stencil for use in manicuring or pedicuring to cover and protect the moon-shaped section of the nail which comprises a projecting portion at the forward end of the stencil to cover the said moon-shaped section of the nail, and integral side pieces for extending over the adjacent member portion for holding the said stencil in place.

4. A finger nail stencil for use in manicuring to cover and protect the moon-shaped section of the nail which comprises a projecting portion at the forward end of the stencil to cover the said moon-shaped section of the nail, and integral side pieces for extending over the adjacent finger portion for holding said stencil in place, said side pieces extending below the palm-side of the finger.

5. A nail stencil of unitary construction for use in a manicuring or pedicuring operation to cover and protect the moon-shaped section of the nail during said operation which comprises a body portion of substantially resilient material conforming in shape to the curvature of the upper end portion of a finger or toe, a projecting portion integral with and at the forward end of the body portion conforming in shape and form to the corresponding nail portion to cover the said moon-shaped section of the nail, and side pieces integral with said body portion to extend over the side portions of the finger or toe and having a curvature conforming therewith so as to obtain gripping action on the said finger or toe to hold said stencil in place, both said integral projecting portion and said integral side pieces being of said resilient material.

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