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Fig. 1.

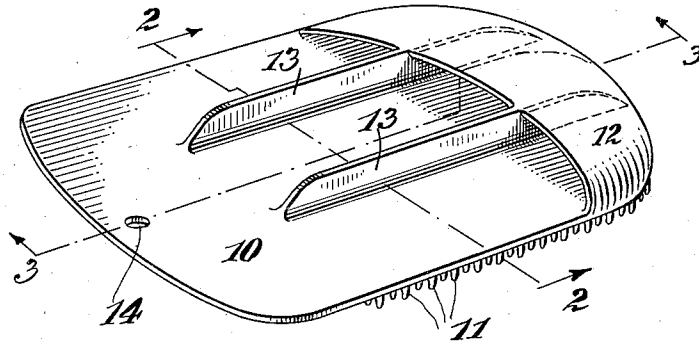


Fig. 2.

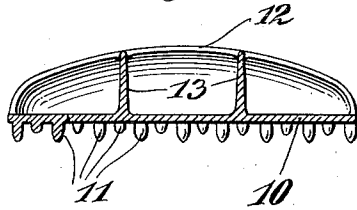
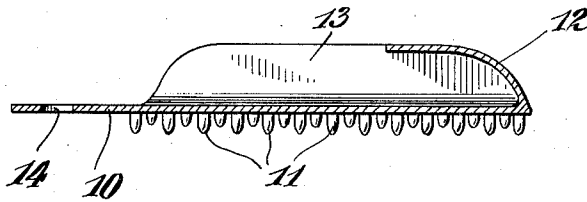


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELSIE W. KIRBY, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York city, county of New York, borough of Manhattan, and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Massaging Devices, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact specification.

My invention relates to toilet devices and refers particularly to devices suitable for the application of creams and pastes to the face or other portions of the body.

In the application of creams and pastes to the face for the purpose of cleansing or softening the skin, it is essential that they be thoroughly massaged into the skin, in order that they may accomplish their effects in the most efficient manner.

The usual method of rubbing the cream upon and into the face by means of the fingers has many disadvantages in that it is unhygienic, inefficient and wasteful and its application to the fingers is, at times, extremely objectionable.

The device of my invention overcomes all of these objectionable features and presents numerous advantages not found in other devices designed for these purposes.

The device of my invention comprises a sheet of soft, pliable, washable material, such as rubber, carrying a plurality of pliable teeth, or projections, upon its one face, the other face of the device having a guard element over one end portion thereof with a plurality of finger receiving compartments the whole being of such size and shape that two, or more, fingers may be separately inserted within the guard and the device held in the hand in such a manner that it may be inserted into a face cream holding receptacle for the removal of a portion of the cream, which may then be massaged into the face without the fingers of the operator coming into contact with either the cream or the skin of the face.

The hygienic, efficient and economic features of the device are evident upon a further consideration of my specification and its accompanying drawings.

In the particular form of the device of my invention, shown in the accompanying drawings, similar parts are designated by similar numerals.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of one form of my device. 55

Figure 2 is a cross-section through the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a cross-section through the line 3—3 of Figure 1. 60

The particular form of the device of my invention, shown in the accompanying drawings, comprises a base member 10, preferably of rubber, having a plurality of resilient projections 11, 11 upon its lower face. 65 The end portion of the base 10 is extended to form a guard 12 and a plurality of partitions 13, 13 divide the guard portion into a plurality of finger receiving receptacles, the partitions 13, 13 being extended somewhat beyond the guard 12. A hole 14 may be employed as a means for suspending the device when it is not in use. 70

A single partition 13 may be employed instead of two, as shown, thus forming two finger receptacles instead of three, as illustrated. 75

The resilient projections 11, 11 may all be of the same length, but I have found that more efficient massaging may be accomplished by making them of alternate rows of different lengths. 80

In operation, the fingers of the operator are inserted into the finger receiving receptacle, the abutment of the fingers with the guard elements and the partitions serving to maintain the device in position, or the thumb of the operator may be placed under the device for a similar purpose. 85

The forward under portion of the device is then introduced into the paste and upon withdrawal carries some of the paste, which is then applied to the face, or other portion of the body, and by a movement of the device is massaged into the skin, thus producing a thorough manipulation of the paste without contact between the hand of the operator and the paste. 90

I do not limit myself to the particular size, shape, number or arrangement of 100

parts, as shown and described, as these are given simply as a means for clearly explaining the device of my invention.

What I claim is:—

⁵ In a massaging device, in combination, a pliable washable base, a plurality of pliable projections carried by one face of the base, a plurality of parallel projections car-

ried by the other base face and an end guard extending over a portion of the base carrying the parallel projections.

Signed at New York city in the county of New York and State of New York this 21st day of April, 1924.

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