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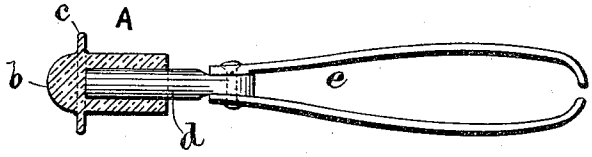


FIG. 1.

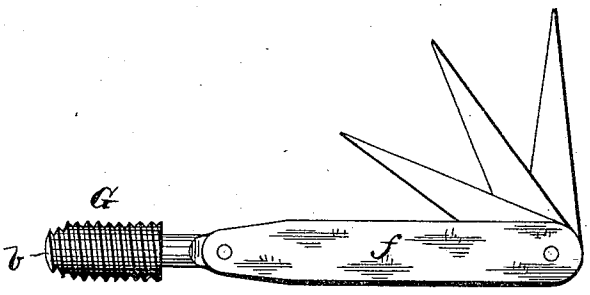


FIG. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB RUOFF, of the city and county of Providence, and State of Rhode Island, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ear-Picks, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The object of my invention is to extract wax and foreign substances from the cavity of the ear.

Figure 1 represents a section of the ear-pick attached to a handle. Fig. 2 represents an ear-pick with screw-thread upon it and handle attached.

A is the ear-pick or ear-cleaner, made of caoutchouc or india-rubber, having spheroidal end *b*, being thus constructed so that the internal structure of the ear may not be injured. The flange *c* is yielding, so that when it is pressed against wax or other substance in the cavity of the ear, flange *c* will pass over the wax or other substance, and by withdrawing the ear-pick from the cavity of the ear flange *c* will extract the wax or other substance from the cavity. Ear-pick A has an aperture, *d*, and it is attached to handle *e* by inserting the end of the handle *e* into aperture *d*.

Handle *e* may be made in the form and be used as a pair of tweezers, as seen in Fig. 1; or made in the form of a bone tooth-pick, as handle *f*, as seen in Fig. 2, or in any other form desirable, as I do not claim any novelty in the handle.

Ear-pick G is constructed of the same materials as ear-pick A, it being without flange *c*, and having a thread similar to a metal screw, which thread may have a greater or less inclination to its perpendicular. Handle *f* is attached to the ear-pick G the same as handle *e*. Ear-pick G, when used, is screwed into the cavity of the ear and drawn out, by which means the wax is extracted from the cavity. I prefer ear-pick G.

I claim—

An ear-pick consisting of the handle, as described, and the rubber pick A, placed on one end thereof having the spheroidal end *b* and projection or projections on the sides thereof, all formed of rubber, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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