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(54) **EAR CURETTE**

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(57) **CLAIM**

The original and ornamental design for an ear curette, as shown and described.

DESCRIPTION

FIG. 1 is a bottom plan view of an ear curette according to the present design;

FIG. 2 is a side elevational view as shown in FIG. 1; the opposite side elevational view being a mirror image thereof;

FIG. 3 is a top plan view of the ear curette as shown in FIG. 1;

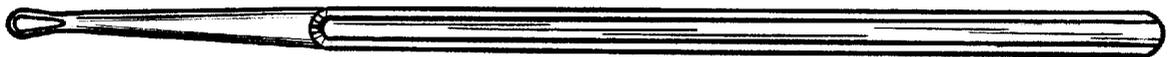
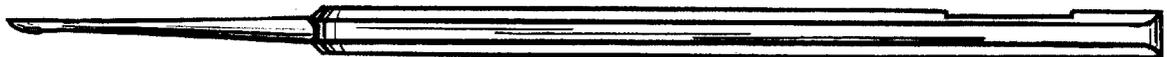
FIG. 4 is an enlarged end view of the rear end of the ear curette shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 5 is an enlarged end view of the front end of the ear curette as shown in FIG. 1;

FIG. 6 is an enlarged, fragmentary, top plan view of the ear curette similar to FIG. 3; and,

FIG. 7 is an enlarged, fragmentary, side elevation view of the ear curette similar to FIG. 2.

1 Claim, 2 Drawing Sheets



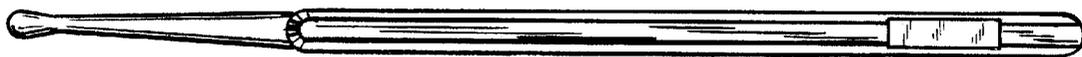


FIG. 1

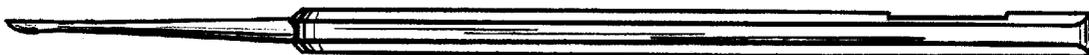


FIG. 2

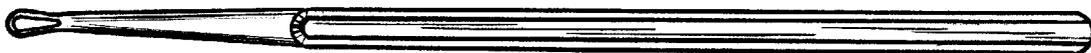


FIG. 3



FIG. 4



FIG. 5

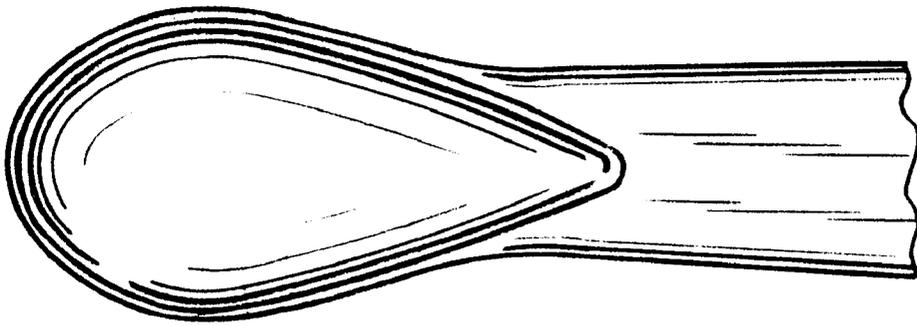


FIG. 6



FIG. 7