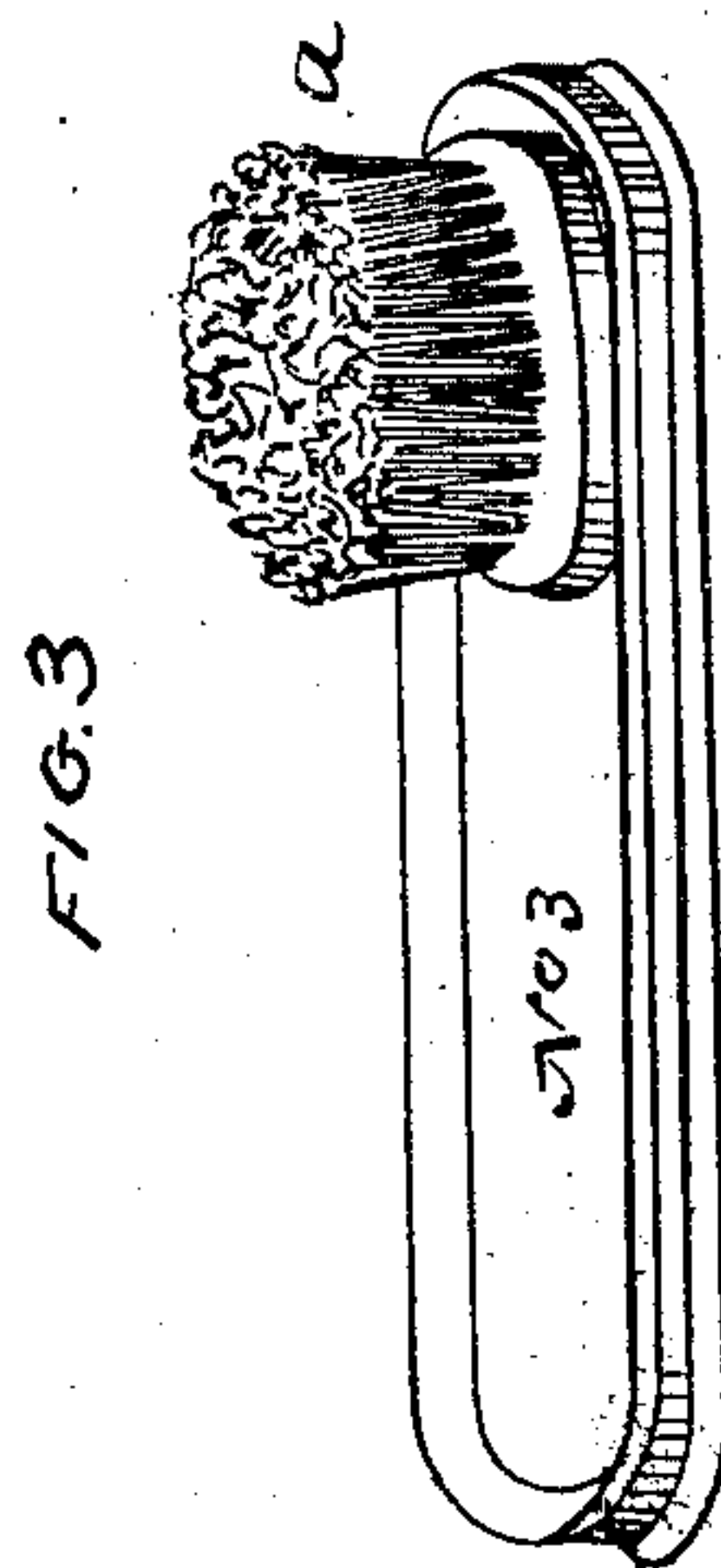
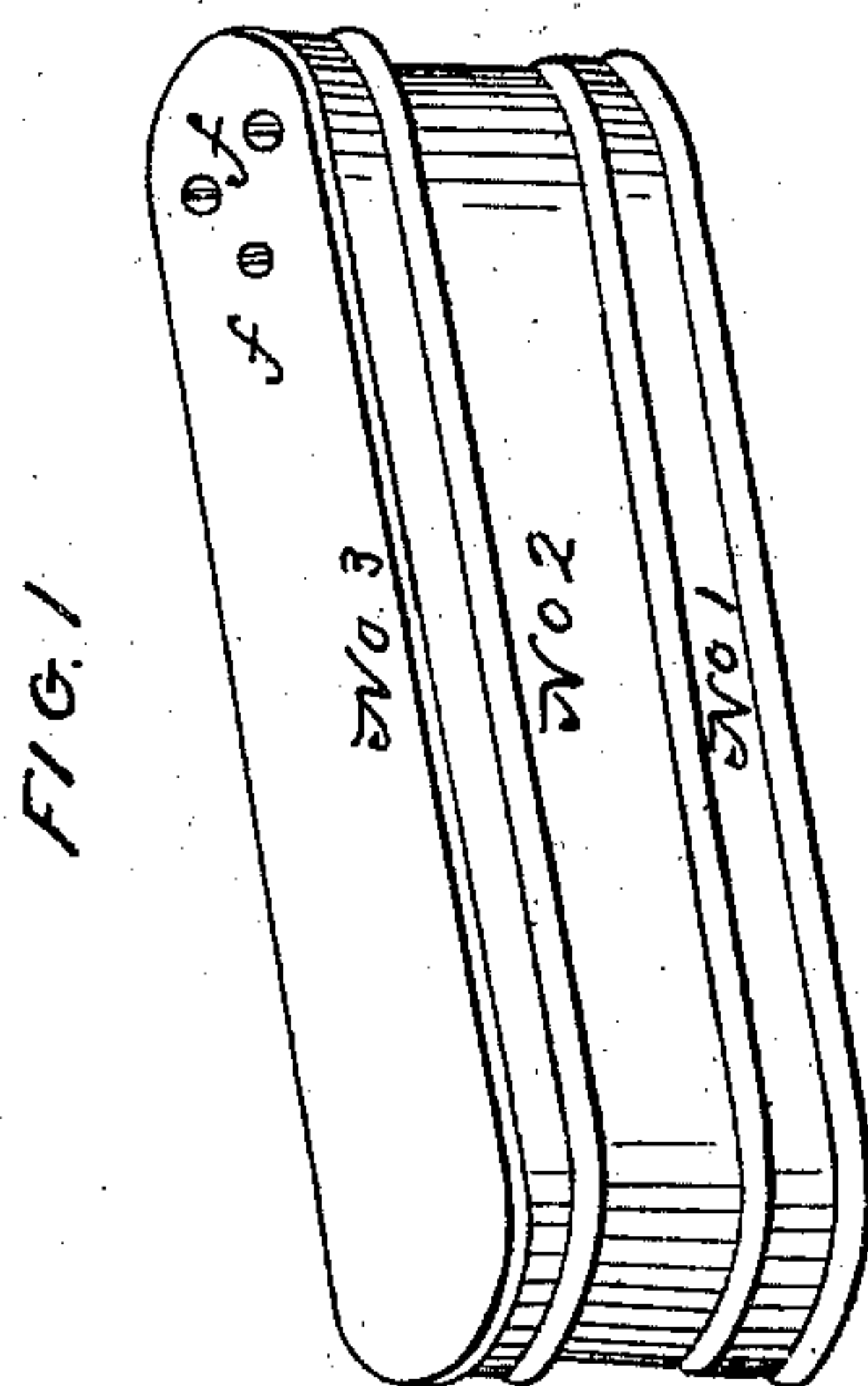
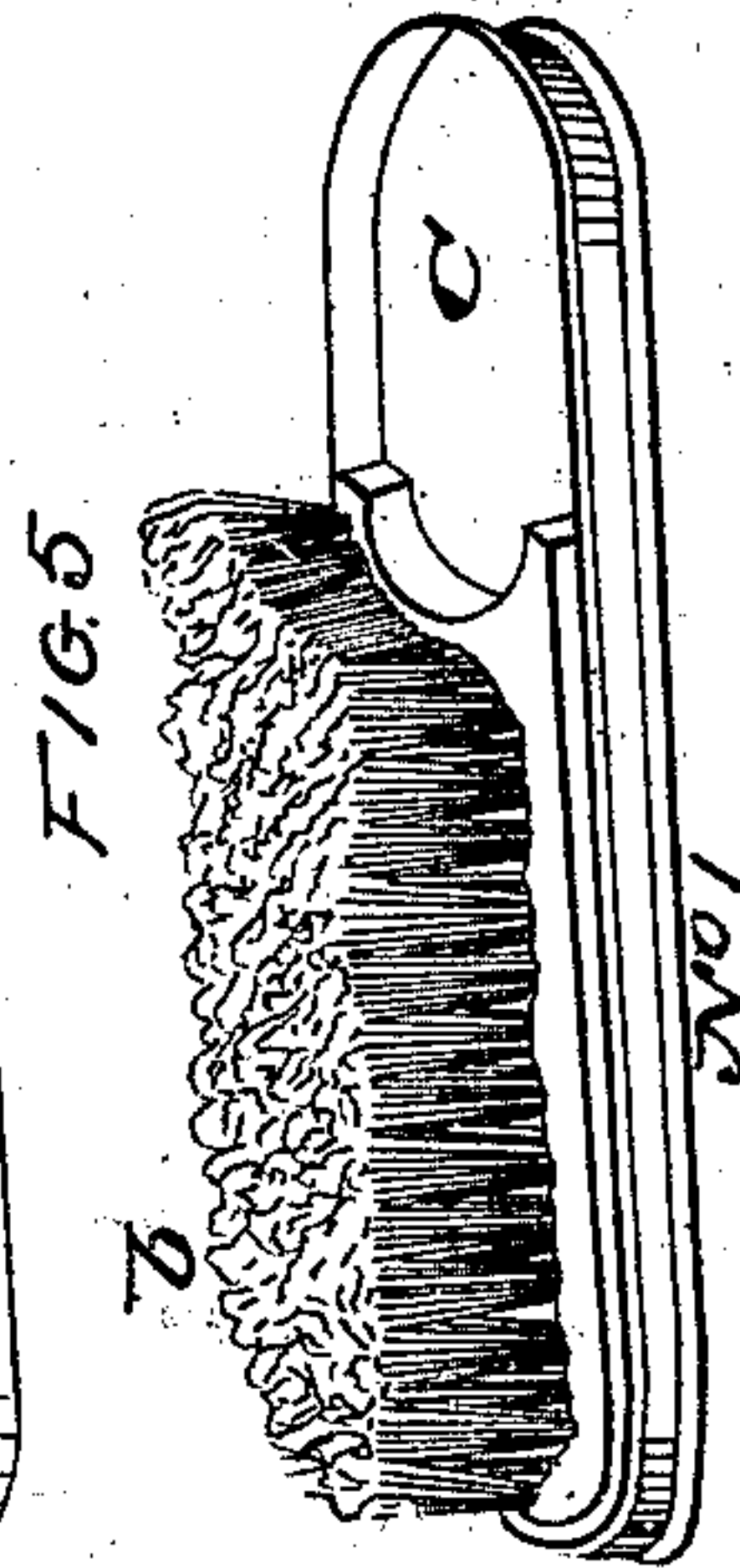
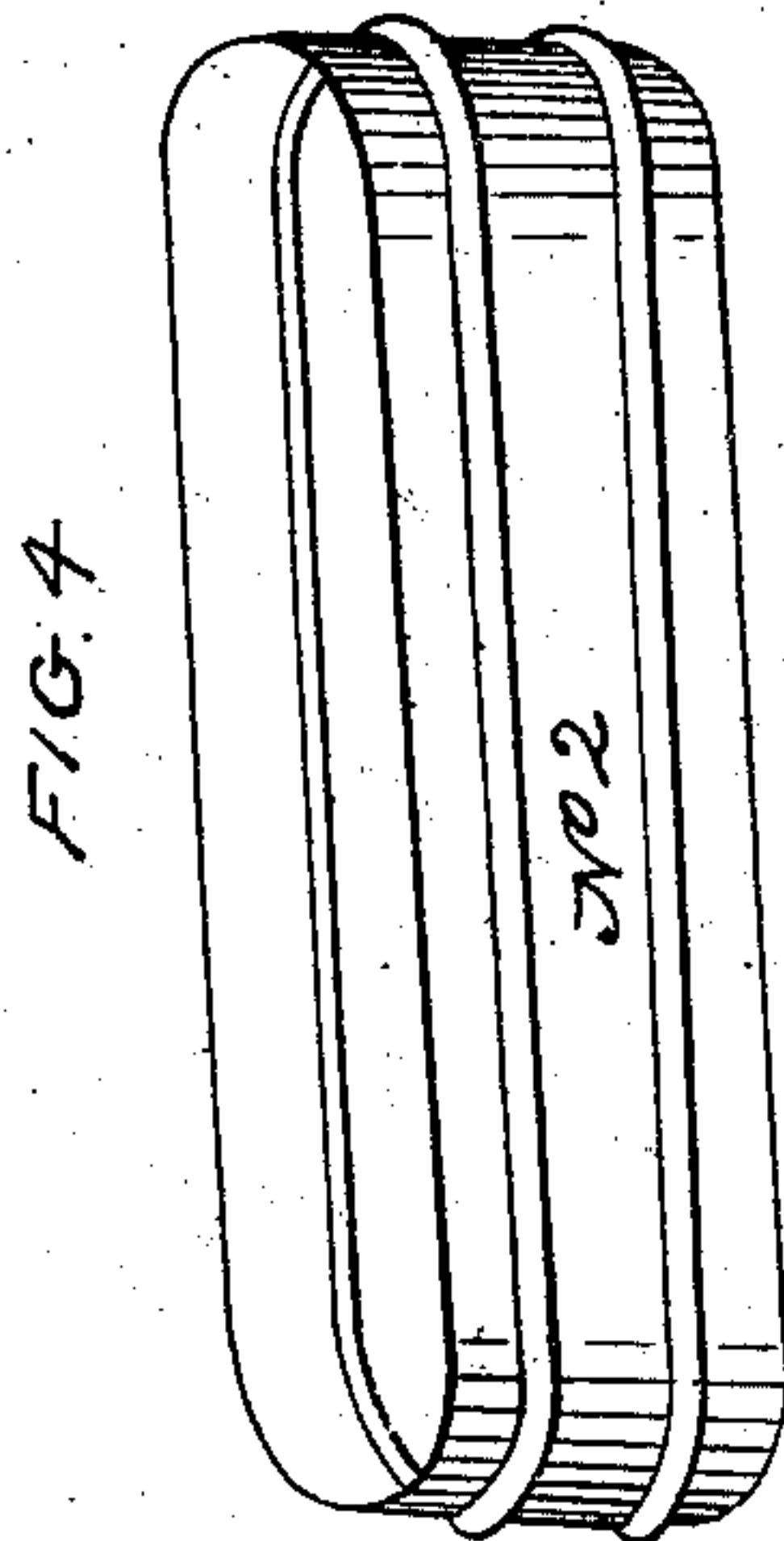
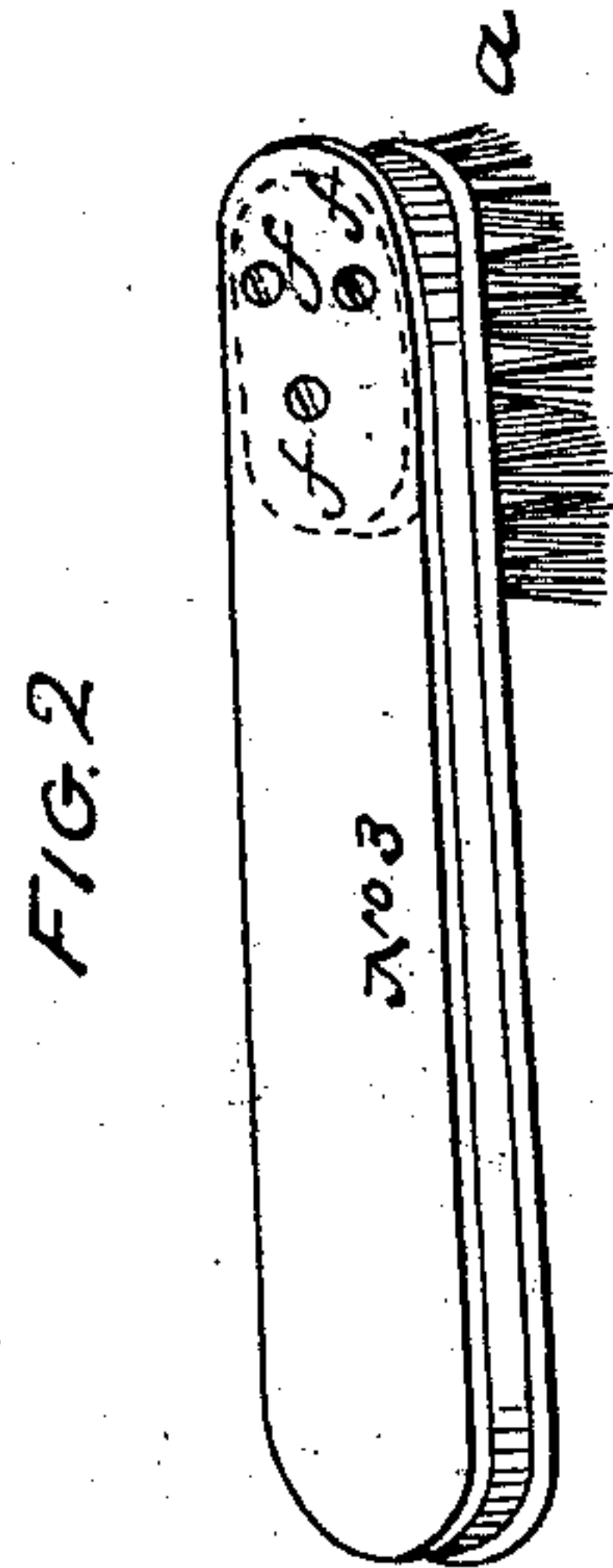


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CASE SHOE-BRUSH.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES D. THUM, of the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and Improved Method of Making Shoe-Brushes, called the "Case Shoe-Brush;" and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the case when shut; Fig. 2 a perspective view of the top containing the blacking brush; Fig. 3 another view of the same, showing more fully the top knot, or blacking brush; Fig. 4 a perspective view of the case, with the parts No. 1, and No. 3 removed; Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the polishing brush, and lid.

Like letters refer to like parts.

a, top knot or blacking brush; *b*, polishing brush; *c*, place for the blacking; *f, f, f*, screws securing the brushes in place.

The invention consists in providing a case of any requisite shape, and made of any suitable material, either metal or wood, said box to be provided with lids, as shown in Figs. 2 and 5, numbered 1 and 3, forming the top and bottom of the case, the brushes being secured to the lids by means of screws; the blacking brush *a* is of the shape known as top-knot, and differs in no respect from the brush in common use, it is placed inside and near one end of the lid No. 3, as shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The polishing brush *b* is made convex at one end to correspond with the shape of the lid marked No. 1, and concave at the inner end, to admit the blacking brush *a*, and also to leave a space marked *c*, Fig. 5, for the reception of the box of blacking. The whole when shut up as shown in Fig. 1, forming a very compact arrangement, suitable not only for carrying in the trunks and valises of travelers, but also for private families, being far more cleanly and

less unsightly than the present system of loose brushes. It has also the advantage of keeping the brushes dry.

In putting the brushes up after use, No. 1 must be put in its place first, which is done in the following manner: Take the body of the case marked No. 2 in the left hand and with No. 1 in the right hand press the lower side of the brush against the inside of the case, taking care that the end of the brush is drawn back from the end of the case. You next enter the upper side of the brush, which being done, push the lid forward and into its place, and then proceed to put on lid No. 3, which is done as follows: Still holding the case in the left hand, with the polishing brush next you, take No. 3 in the right hand, enter the brush *a*, pressing the bristles against the end of the case, and as soon as it is fairly entered, draw the lid toward you, at the same time pressing the lid into its place. The operation is now finished and all in place.

Should the brushes at any time become worn out, it will only be necessary to remove them from the lids, have new bristles put into the blocks, and the blocks screwed to the lids again.

I do not claim to be the inventor of any of the parts taken separately, but

What I do claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

The combination of the brushes and case as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, the same being made of any suitable material, such as wood, metal, india rubber, or its equivalents, and of any desirable shape, the whole being arranged and combined as set forth in the specification and shown in the accompanying drawings, and for purposes herein specified.

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