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Tooth Brush,

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Fig: 1.

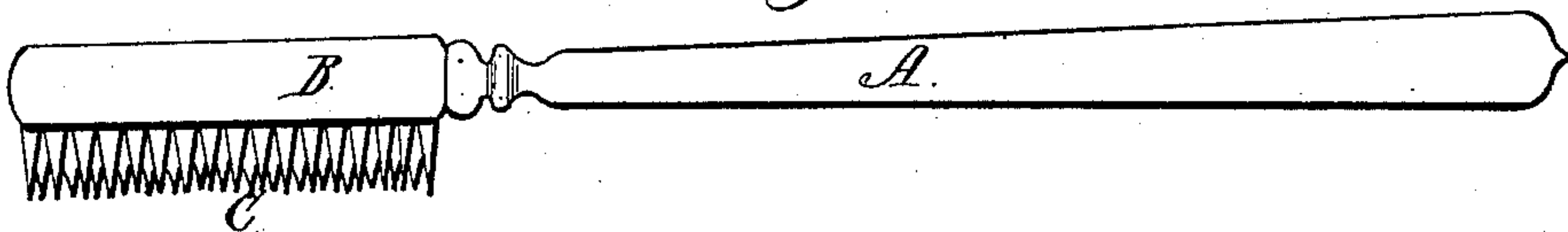


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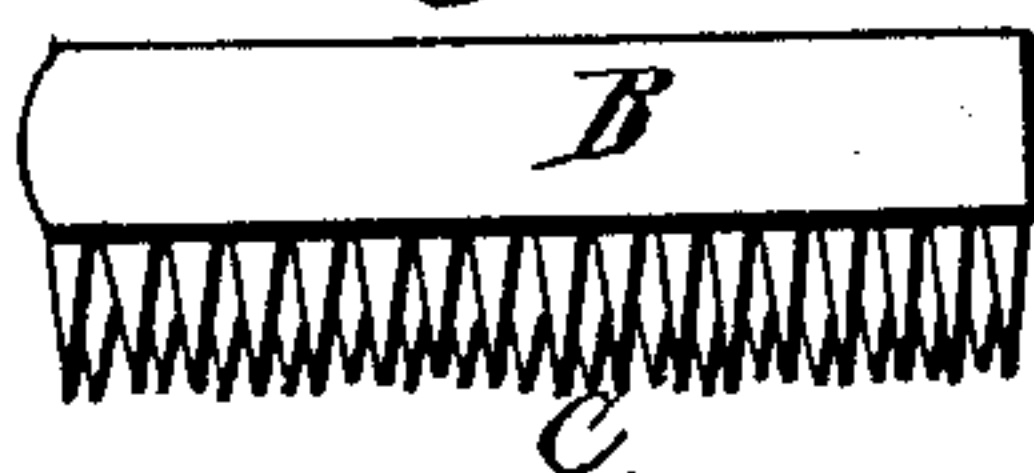
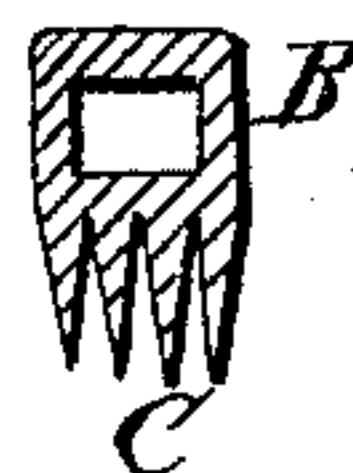


Fig: 4.



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IMPROVED TOOTH-BRUSH.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, THOMAS MAITLAND, of Williamsport, in the county of Lycoming, and in the State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tooth-Brushes; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, A represents the handle, and B the head of my improved tooth-brush.

The handle A may be made of any suitable material and size, and should have a square or octagonal shank to fit in the head B.

The head B is made of rubber, substantially in the form shown, and is provided with projections or teeth, C, forming a suitable brush for the teeth.

The head B is made hollow, and the teeth are formed with the head. The handle A is made so that its tenon on the end may be easily fitted into the hollow head.

I do not claim broadly a tooth-brush where the rubber is substituted for the bristles commonly used, as I am aware that tooth-brushes of various kinds are known with rubber attachments.

My brush can be economically made and put together by the consumer. For instance, the handles and heads may be made and sold separately, in case one part of the brush becomes inoperative from breakage or wear.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The hollow head B and its bristles, made of India rubber, and combined with the handle A, having a tenon on its end, all constructed and used substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 24th day of February, 1868.

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