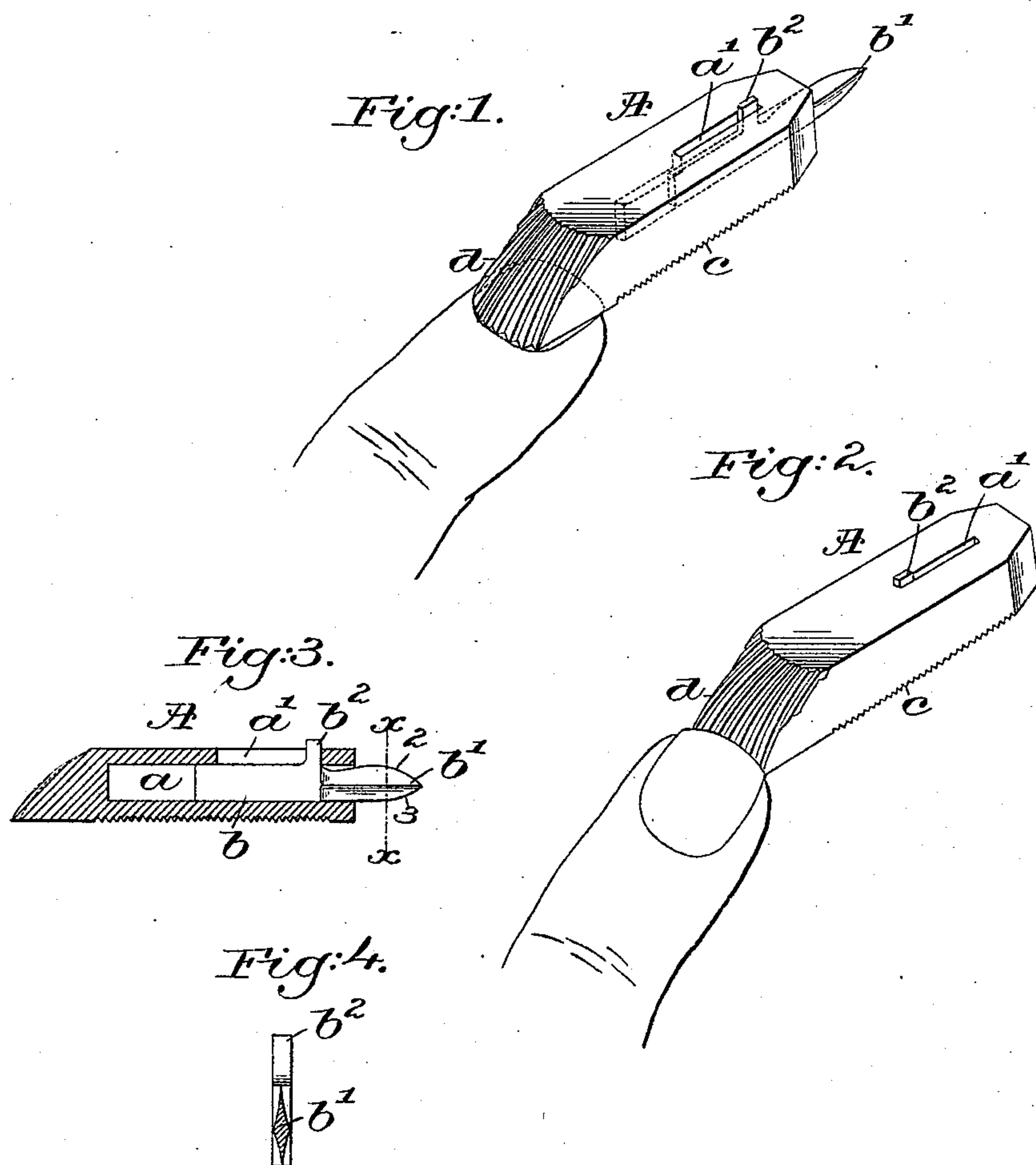


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. BAILEY, of Newton, county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Manicure Instruments, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters and figures on the drawings representing like parts.

10 The instrument made the subject of this specification has been devised for treating finger nails without injury to the nails or the surrounding cuticle.

Figure 1, shows my manicure instrument 15 applied to the upper side of a nail; Fig. 2, as applied under the end of a nail. Fig. 3, shows the instrument in longitudinal section with the blade pushed out in working position; and Fig. 4, is a section somewhat enlarged, 20 on the line $x-x$.

My improved manicure instrument is composed of a flexible rubber block or body A provided with a central recess a , best shown in Fig. 3, said recess extending from one end 25 of the body in nearly to its opposite end, a portion of the body in communication with said recess being slotted as at a' . This recess receives in it a shank b of a blade b' , preferably composed of hard rubber, said 30 blade having projecting from it at its inner end a lug b^2 which is extended outwardly through the slot a' so that it may be engaged by the user of the instrument to push the blade back into the body as represented in 35 Fig. 2, or to push the same out as represented in Figs. 1 and 3. For the best results, one edge, as 2, of the blade will be a little thicker than the other edge 3, the thicker edge being used uppermost or down, whichever may 40 be desired according to the condition of the nail and finger being treated.

A hard rubber blade in an elastic or an eraser rubber body, as A, will not become corroded by moisture or handling, nor can 45 rust in any way interfere with the utility of the instrument said blade being used to clean the space between the under side of the nails and the finger ends in the same manner that a metallic blade is used.

50 The under side of the body of the instrument is provided with a series of file-like pro-

jections c which may be used to rub the top surface of the nail or polish the same, as may be desired.

The end of the instrument opposite the end 55 where the blade is located is inclined at about an acute angle, and said end is ribbed, toothed, or corrugated longitudinally, as at d . This acute angled end may be used for pushing back the skin on the top of the nail near 60 its base into proper shape, it being then applied as in Fig. 1, and it may be applied under the fore part of the nail for wiping the under surface both of the nail or of the finger after the above using of the blade as de- 65 sired.

The projections c may be used to polish any part of the finger.

The instrument above described is light in construction and inexpensive, yet very dura- 70 ble and efficient for the purpose intended.

While I prefer an acute angled end for the block for the best results, yet my invention would not be departed from, so far as the pushing qualities of the instrument are con- 75 cerned in pushing back the skin on the top of the nail, if the angle was proximate to right angle rather than an acute angle. It will be noticed also that the end of the pusher or part which pushes back the skin on the 80 top of the nail, is rounded longitudinally and transversely to conform to the lines that the skin on the top of the nail should occupy with relation to the top of the nail.

Having described my invention, what I 85 claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As an improved article of manufacture, the within described manicure instrument, consisting essentially of a block of flexible rub- 90 ber having one end inclined and rounded longitudinally and transversely, said end also being corrugated or ribbed longitudinally, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my 95 name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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