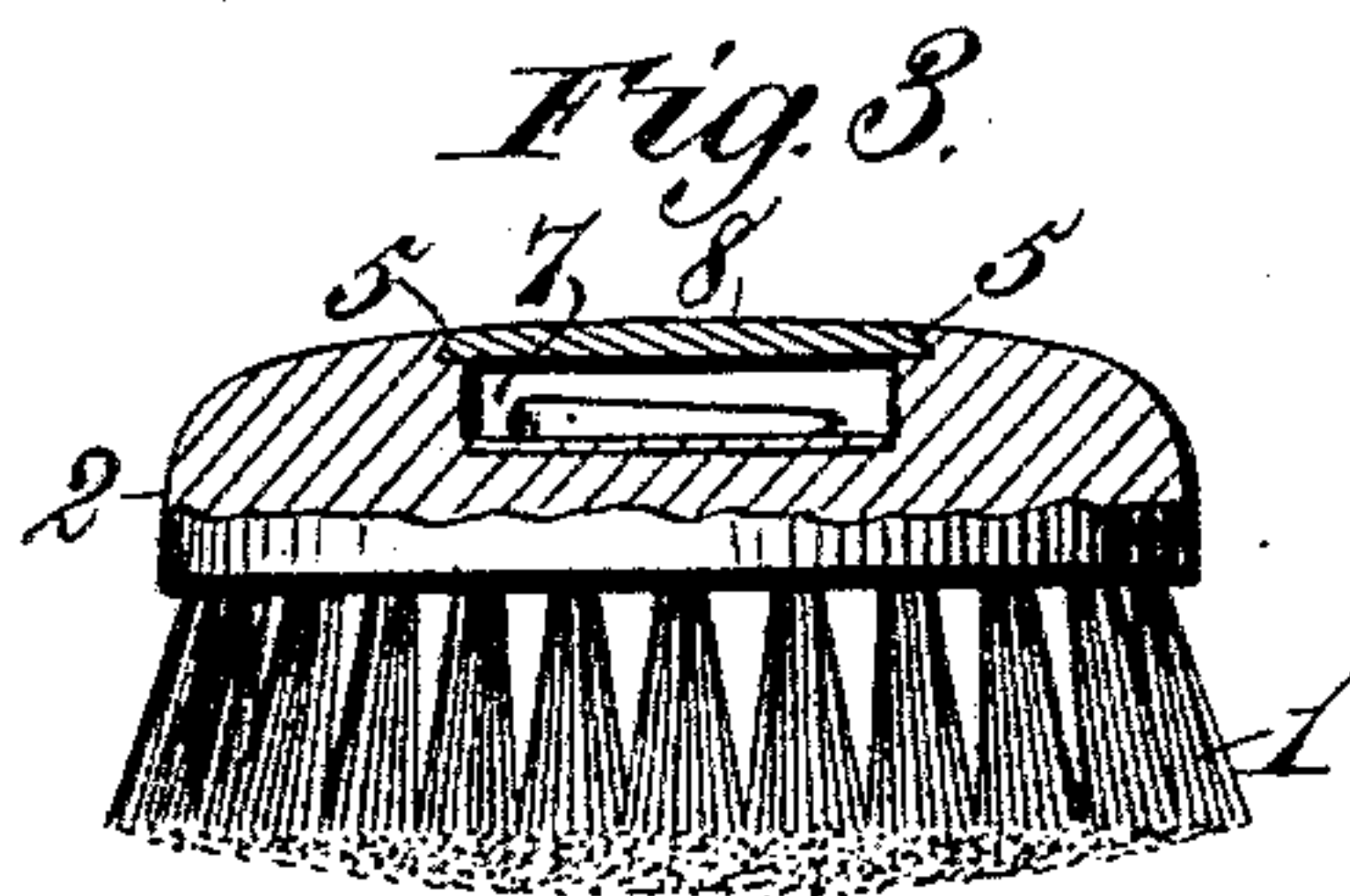
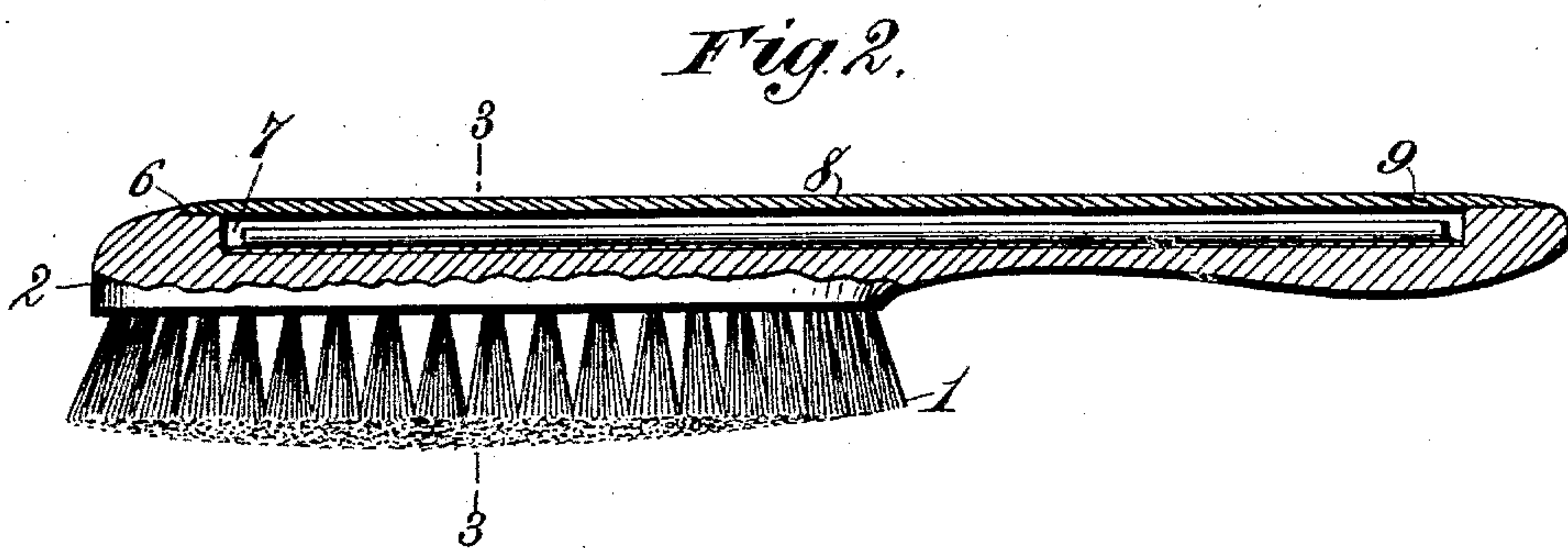
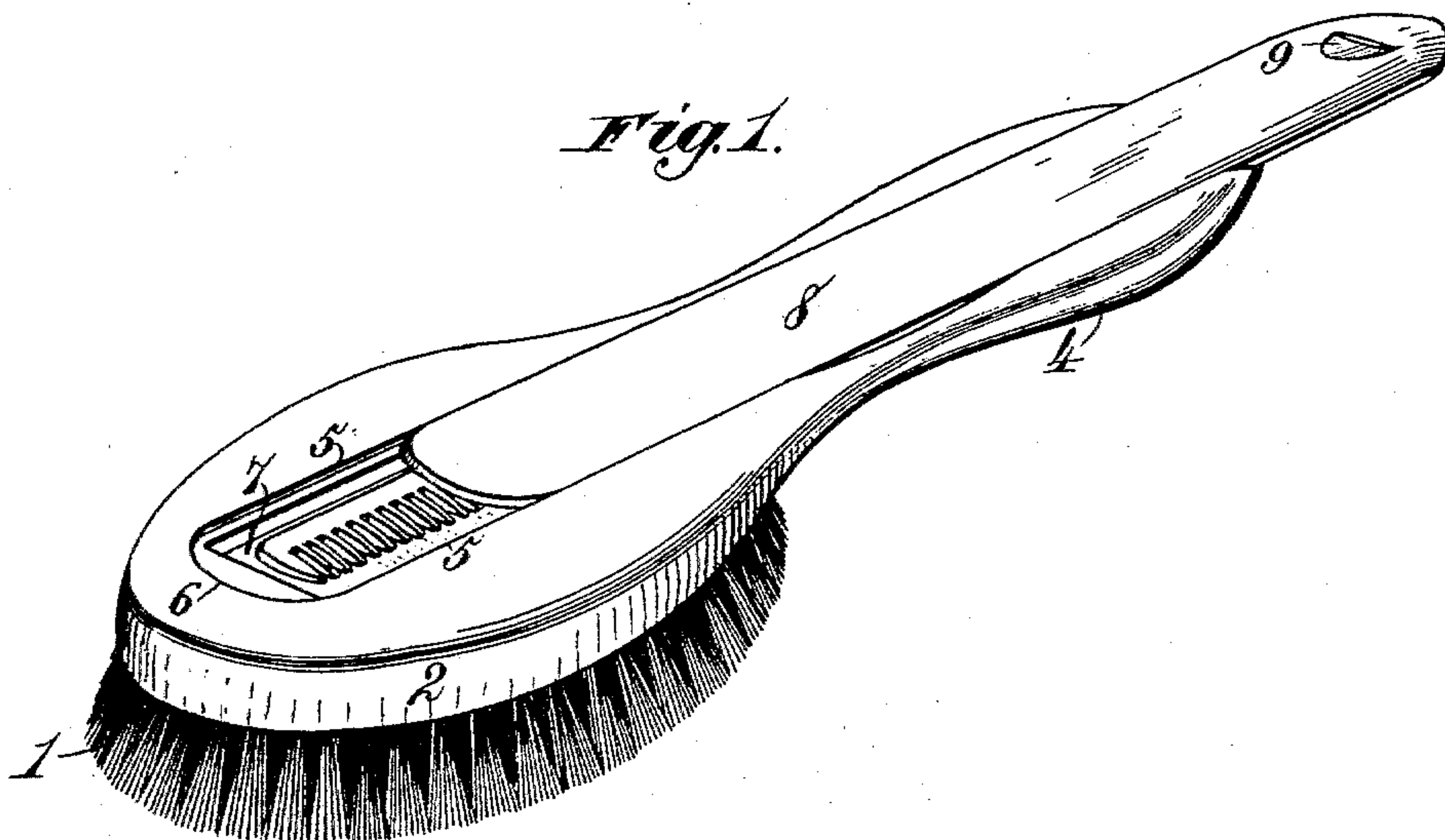


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. GLOVER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in a Combined Toilet-Case and Brush, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to that class of toilet-cases wherein the back of a hair-brush is provided with a comb-receptacle having a movable cover. In all prior devices of this character the construction is more or less complicated, crude, and unwieldy, and the appearance of the article is materially altered from the general appearance of an ordinary hair-brush having a handle.

The chief object of my present invention is to simplify toilet-cases of the character referred to and to provide a new and improved toilet-case wherein a hair-brush contains a comb-receptacle covered by a slide which moves longitudinally of the case and forms a part of the brush-handle.

The invention also has for its object to provide a novel and simple construction wherein a slide is employed to cover and uncover a comb-receptacle in the back and handle of a brush without in any manner detracting from the symmetrical appearance of the brush or marring the nice, smooth, rounded surfaces of the brush-back and handle.

The invention also has for its object to provide a new construction wherein a longitudinally-movable slide is perfectly flush with the outer surface of the brush-back and handle, and a smooth, neat, attractive, and ornamental article is secured which is free from projections and has almost, if not precisely, the appearance of an ordinary hair-brush provided with a handle.

To accomplish all these objects, my invention consists, essentially, in a toilet-case composed of a hair-brush having a back formed with a handle, dovetailed shoulders formed in and located below the plane of said back and the handle and extending longitudinally along the same, a comb-receptacle depressed below the dovetailed shoulders and formed partly in the back and partly in the handle, and a slide engaging the shoulders flush with the back and handle and slidable longitudi-

nally of the latter to uncover the comb-receptacle.

The invention is illustrated by the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a toilet-case constructed in accordance with my invention, the slide being partially withdrawn longitudinally to expose the comb and more clearly illustrate the construction of the comb-receptacle and the dovetailed shoulders. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal central sectional view showing the slide in its closed position; and Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on the line 3 3, Fig. 2.

In order to enable those skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will now describe the same in detail, referring to the drawings, wherein it will be observed that the toilet-case is composed of a hair-brush made of any suitable bristles 1, extending from a brush-back 2, which is formed integral with an ornamental handle 4. The contour of the brush-back and handle are only typical of many different forms which may be employed, but the handle 4 must extend longitudinally from the brush-back.

The brush-back and handle are constructed with two longitudinal shoulders 5, undercut for the purpose of providing dovetailed edges. These dovetailed shoulders 5 extend longitudinally along the back to the extreme end of the handle 4, and near the outer end portion of the brush-back the shoulders are connected by a transverse shoulder 6 of the same depth as the dovetailed shoulders. The space between the dovetailed shoulders is formed into a longitudinal comb-receptacle 7, which extends from near the outer end of the brush-back to the extreme end of the handle, so that a full-length comb can lie longitudinally in the receptacle below the dovetailed shoulders 5. The comb-receptacle is adapted to be covered and uncovered through the medium of a slide 8, composed of a substantially flat plate having beveled or dovetailed longitudinal edges to engage the undercut or dovetailed edges of the shoulders 5. The slide 8 is coextensive with the length of the dovetailed shoulders 5, and when slid into its closed position the slide entirely covers the comb-receptacle and perfectly conceals the

comb as well as the dovetailed parts of the shoulders from view, thereby giving the hair-brush a symmetrical appearance, and not in any manner marring the nice, smooth, rounded surfaces of the brush-back and handle. The outer surface of the slide is flush with the outer surface of the brush-back and handle, and, consequently, when the slide is closed, the hair-brush has exactly, or almost exactly, the same appearance to the eye as an ordinary hair-brush of the same general contour. The slide may be moved longitudinally by simply pressing upon its outer surface with a finger or thumb and moving the finger or thumb in the direction necessary to withdraw the slide; but, preferably, I provide the outer end of the slide with a finger-nail notch 9, so that the nail of the finger or thumb can be engaged with the notch to more conveniently withdraw the slide when it is desired to use the comb.

The brush-back and the handle are preferably made of a single piece of wood, but obviously they may be made of any other material ordinarily used in the manufacture of hair-brushes. The slide is also preferably made of wood, but it may also be made of any other material.

Many hair-brushes have their backs and handles composed of pyroxylin material, and my improved construction does not prevent the use of this material in the construction of the brush-back, the handle, and the slide.

By constructing the slide so that it moves longitudinally to uncover the comb-receptacle and making the slide perfectly flush with the outer surface of the brush-back and handle a neat, smooth, attractive, and ornamental article is secured which is entirely free from projections and can be made the exact counterpart of an ordinary hair-brush provided with a handle. It is very desirable to provide a toilet-case of the character described wherein the outer surfaces of the brush-back and handle present a perfectly flush, nice, smooth, and ornamental appearance, free from projections, and of the general symmetrical contour of an ordinary hair-brush. This result is attained by my construction, and a very economical article is

produced which possesses the advantages of a comb-receptacle housed in the brush-back and handle and concealed from view, when not in use, by a slide which forms a part of the brush-back and the brush-handle.

The bottom of the comb-receptacle 7 is supplied with a reflecting-surface to provide a mirror which can be utilized by a person in combing the hair. This reflecting-surface may be an ordinary mirror shaped to fit into the comb-receptacle and constituting the bottom wall thereof, whereby it will be entirely concealed from view and protected when the slide is in its closed position.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A toilet-case, consisting of a hair-brush having a back formed with a handle, dovetailed shoulders extending longitudinally along the handle and back, a comb-receptacle located below the dovetailed shoulders and formed partly in the handle and partly in the back, and a slide formed of the same material as the brush-back and handle, engaging the dovetailed shoulders flush with the outer surface of the handle and back and slidable longitudinally along the said handle and back to cover and uncover the comb-receptacle, substantially as shown and described.

2. A toilet-case, consisting of a hair-brush having a back formed with a handle, dovetailed shoulders formed in and located below the plane of said back and handle and extending longitudinally along the same, a comb-receptacle depressed below the dovetailed shoulders partly in the back and partly in the handle and having its bottom wall composed of a mirror, and a slide engaging the dovetailed shoulders flush with the back and handle and slidable longitudinally to uncover the comb-receptacle.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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