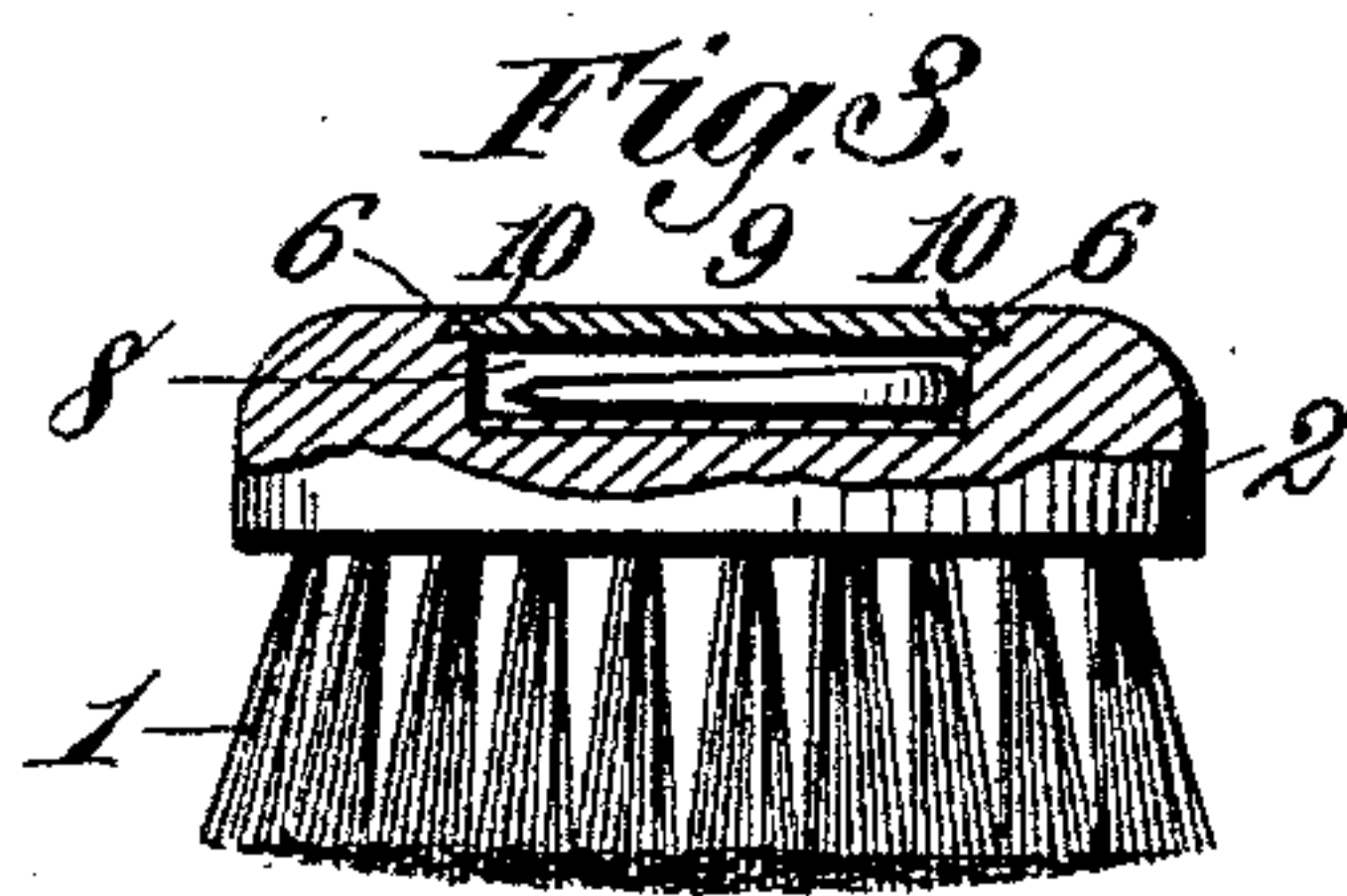
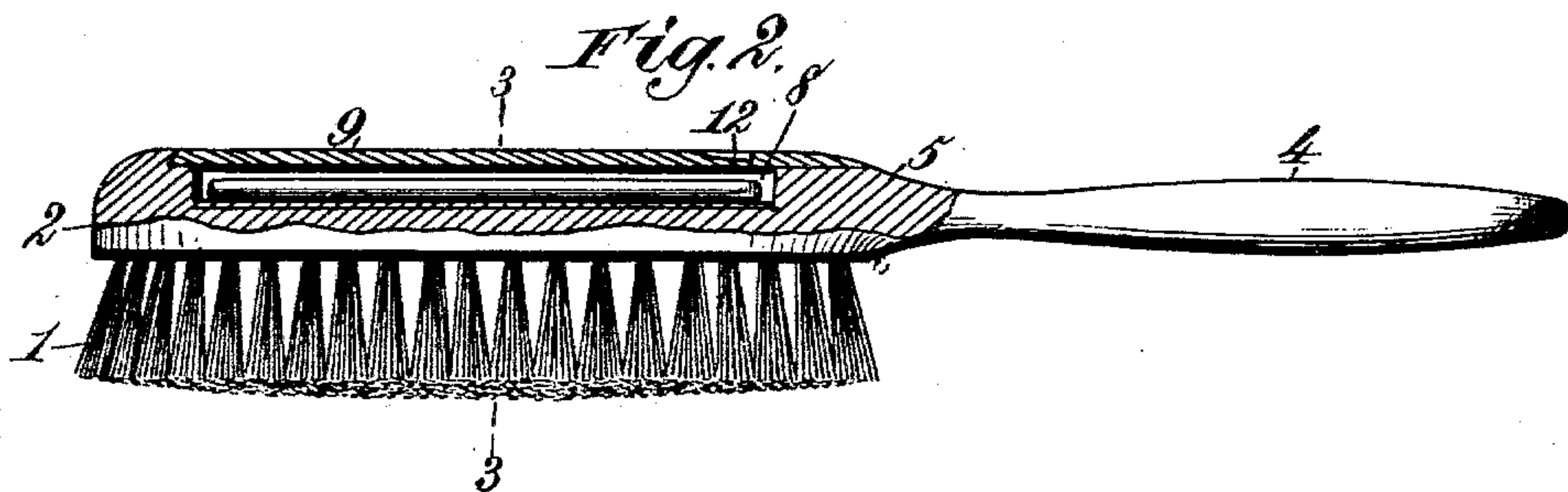
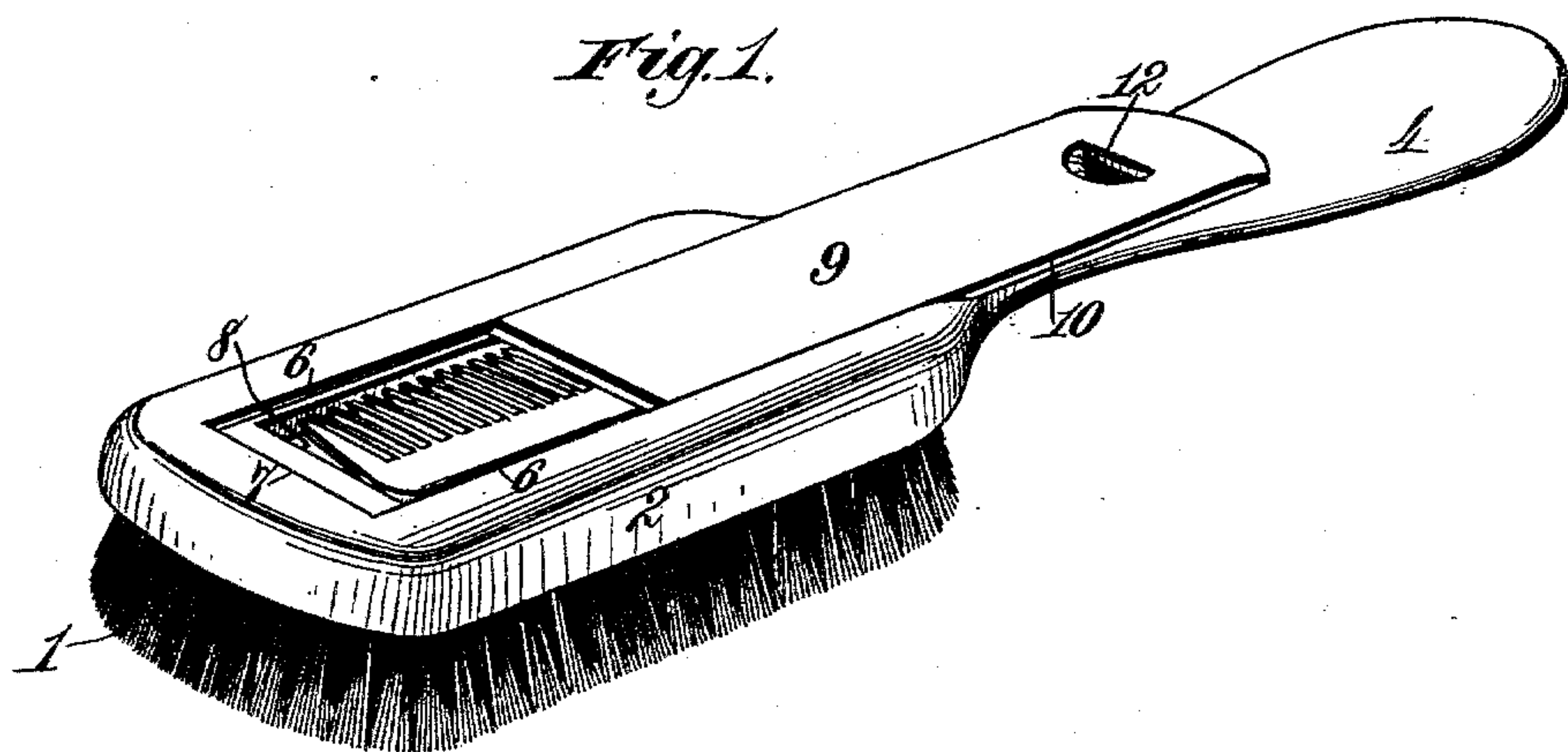


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To all whom it may concern:

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 adapted to be opened and closed through the medium of a suitable cover.

The chief object of my present invention is to provide a new and improved construction which will not in any manner detract from the neat and smooth appearance of the article and will not mar the nice, rounded surfaces of the brush back and handle.

The invention also has for its object to provide an article of the character referred to wherein a longitudinal movable slide is made to close the comb-receptacle, and will not fly open when the brush is swept through the hair, while it does not in any manner project from the surface of the brush-back; but, on the contrary, is perfectly flush therewith, so that when the slide is closed the article has the same appearance as an ordinary hair-brush with a handle, and the symmetrical and nice, smooth, ornamental, and handsome contour of the brush and handle are preserved.

To accomplish these objects, my invention consists, essentially, in a toilet-case composed of a hair-brush having a handle and a back elevated above the outer surface or plane of the handle, longitudinal dovetailed shoulders formed in and located below the plane of the brush-back, a comb-receptacle depressed below the dovetailed shoulders, and a longitudinally-movable slide engaging the dovetailed shoulders and sliding longitudinally over the handle 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 embodying my invention, the slide being partially withdrawn over the brush-handle to show the comb lying in the comb-receptacle. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal central sectional view showing the slide in its closed po-

sition; 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 the toilet-case is shown as composed of a hair-brush made of any desired kind of bristles 1, attached to and projecting from a brush-back 2, which is formed integral with a longitudinal handle 4. The shape of the brush back and handle are only typical of many different shapes that may be given to these parts, but the handle must extend longitudinally from the brush-back.

The back of the brush is of greater thickness than the handle portion, so that the brush-back is elevated or raised, as at 5, above the outer surface or plane of the handle, and this elevated or raised part of the brush-back is constructed with two parallel shoulders 6, which extend longitudinally and near the outer end portion of the brush-back are connected by a transverse shoulder 7 of the same depth as the shoulders 6.

The shoulders 6 are undercut, for the purpose of providing dovetailed edges. The space between the dovetailed shoulders is formed into a longitudinal comb-receptacle 8, adapted to receive a half-length comb. This comb-receptacle is covered and uncovered by means of a slide 9, consisting of a flat or approximately flat plate having beveled or dovetailed longitudinal edges 10 to engage the undercut or dovetailed edges of the shoulders 6. The slide is coextensive with the length of the dovetailed shoulders, and when this slide is closed it entirely covers the comb-receptacle and conceals the comb as well as the dovetailed parts of the shoulders from view. By this means a symmetrical appearance is given to the hair-brush, and the nice, smooth, rounded surfaces of the brush-back are not in any manner marred. The outer surface of the slide is flush with the outer surface of the brush-back, and therefore, when the slide is in its closed position, the hair-brush has exactly, or approximately, the same appearance to the eye as an ordinary hair-brush of the same general shape.

The slide may be moved longitudinally by pressing upon its surface with a finger or

thumb and moving the finger or thumb in a direction away from the transverse shoulder 7; but preferably I provide one end of the slide with a finger-nail notch 12 to receive the nail of the finger or thumb, and thus enable the slide to be very conveniently withdrawn to uncover the comb-receptacle when it is desired to use the comb.

The brush-back and the handle are preferably made of a single piece of wood, but they may be made of any other material, such as pyroxylin material, and the same remarks apply to the slide.

In my improved construction the slide moves longitudinally to uncover the comb-receptacle, and by making the slide perfectly flush with the outer surface of the elevated or raised brush-back a very neat, attractive, and smooth article is obtained, which is entirely free from projections, whereby the brush may be made the counterpart of any ordinary hair-brush having a handle.

In a toilet-case of the class to which my invention belongs it is desirable to have the outer surface of the brush-back perfectly flush, smooth, neat in appearance, and free from projections, and of the general symmetrical shape of an ordinary hair-brush. My invention accomplishes this result, and enables me to economically produce a toilet-case which constitutes, in fact, a hair-brush and possesses the advantages of a comb-receptacle which is invisible when the slide is in its closed position.

By constructing the several parts so that the slide must move over the brush-handle to uncover the comb-receptacle and providing the transverse shoulder near the outer end of the brush-back it is impossible for the slide to accidentally fly outward from position by quick movements of the brush, as when the latter is swept through the hair.

The bottom of the comb-receptacle 8 is sup-

plied 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 handle and a back elevated above the outer surface or plane of the handle, longitudinal dovetailed shoulders formed in and located below the plane of the brush-back, a comb-receptacle depressed below the dovetailed shoulders, and a longitudinally-movable slide engaging the dovetailed shoulders, supported above the plane of the back surface of the handle and sliding longitudinally over said handle to uncover the comb-receptacle, substantially as described.

2. A toilet-case, consisting of a hair-brush having a handle and a back elevated above the outer surface or plane of the handle, longitudinal dovetailed shoulders formed in and located below the plane of the brush-back, a comb-receptacle depressed below the dovetailed shoulders and having its bottom wall composed of a mirror, and a longitudinally-movable slide engaging the dovetailed shoulders, supported above the plane of the back of the handle and sliding longitudinally over said handle to uncover the comb-receptacle, substantially as described.

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

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