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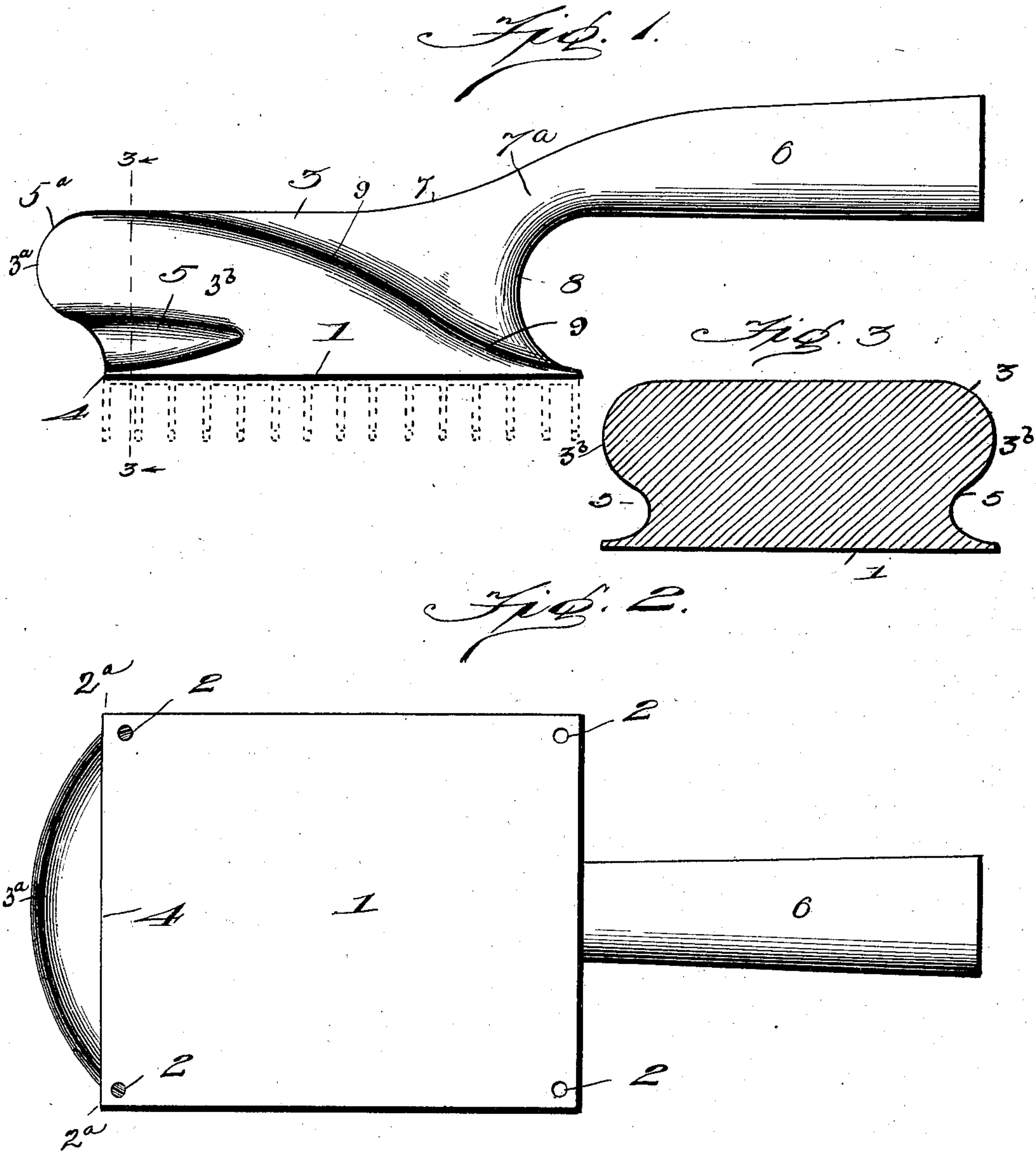
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN H. A. WILLE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Savannah, in the county of Chatham and State of Georgia, have invented new and useful Improvements in Currycombs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in currycombs; and the object is to provide a back and grip-piece for a currycomb which constitutes an improved hand-grasp for the manipulation of the implement in use.

My invention consists in the novel construction of the back and grip-piece whereby the implement may be gripped conveniently, handily, and firmly and then utilized with the least amount of fatigue.

I have fully and clearly illustrated the invention in the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof, and wherein—

Figure 1 is a side view of a currycomb having my improved back and grip-piece attached thereto, the comb being indicated in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a bottom plan view of the back and grip-piece, showing the end of the grip-flange as extending beyond the face-plate. Fig. 3 is a transverse section taken on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1 looking in the direction of the arrows.

It may be stated that in the ordinary use of a flat-back currycomb the comb-plate is usually grasped by the hand and the handle seldom used except when necessary to reach parts where the hand would interfere with the currying and for knocking the dirt from the comb.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the bottom face of the grip-piece, made rectangular in its boundaries and constituting a flat plate or surface adapted to set upon and be fastened to the comb-plate of the currycomb, as indicated in Fig. 1, and to provide means for this connection the corners 2^a are provided with apertures 2, through which and the currycomb-plate rivets may be projected and the parts be firmly held together. Integral with the part 1 is formed the hand-piece or grip-piece 3^b, having its top surfaces adjacent to the base of the handle 6 and on both sides thereof curved downwardly and concaved to the edge of the part 1, as indicated at 9, the concave form being carried across and under the handle 6, as seen at 8. The handle 6 is formed integral with grip-piece 3^b and is pref-

erably flared at its junction with the grip-piece, as at 3. The concaved or curved parts 9 and 8 constitute a seat for the thumb of the currier when using the implement. The handle 6 extends from one end of the grip-piece and is made integral therewith and may be spread at the base, as at 3, to coincide with the surface-lines of the thumb-seat.

The outer or free end of the grip-piece 3^b is rounded in vertical or edge contour and circular in end cross contour and projects beyond and overhangs the part 1 or bottom plate, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings, and is formed with a finger-groove 5, extending under and about the overhanging portion 5^a, to provide a seat in which the ends and first joints of the fingers engage when the grip-piece is grasped in the use of the implement.

It will thus be seen that the particular contour and shape of the grip-piece affords a convenient and sure grip for the hand in the use of the currycomb and enables the currier to perform the currying operation with certainty and without detriment to the grasp. The construction of the grip-piece enables it to be used by either the right or left hand.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

A combined currycomb back and handle, the back thereof having a rectangular base and a transversely-rounded front upper portion with a vertically-curved overhanging edge portion, a concaved or hollowed-out portion formed between the base and the vertically-curved overhanging portion which decreases in size rearwardly to the opposite vertical side walls of the back, the upper rear surface of the back being downwardly inclined on opposite sides of the handle, the under surface of the handle at its intersection with the back being concaved, and the rear portion of the back below the concaved portion of the handle being rounded to form a connection with the said opposite downwardly-inclined portions and the concaved under surface portion of the handle, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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