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Fig. 1.

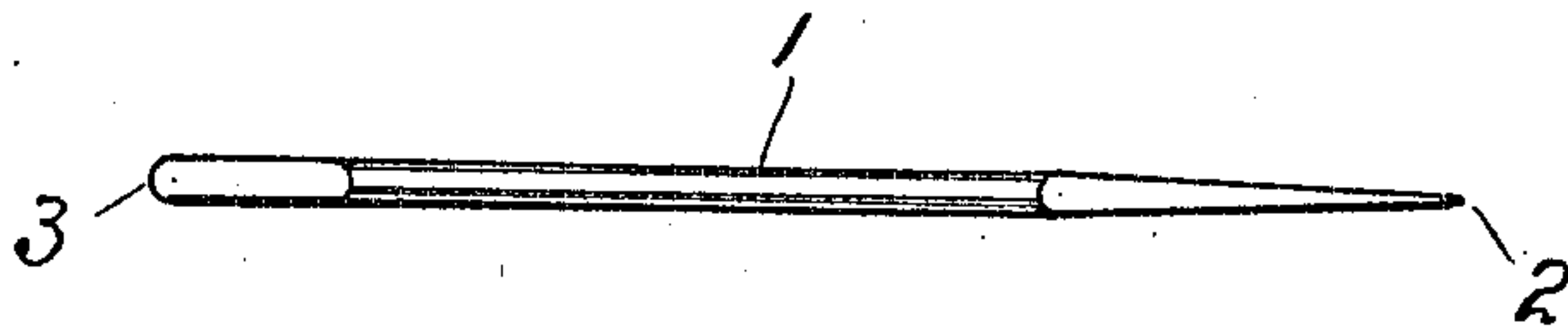


Fig. 2.

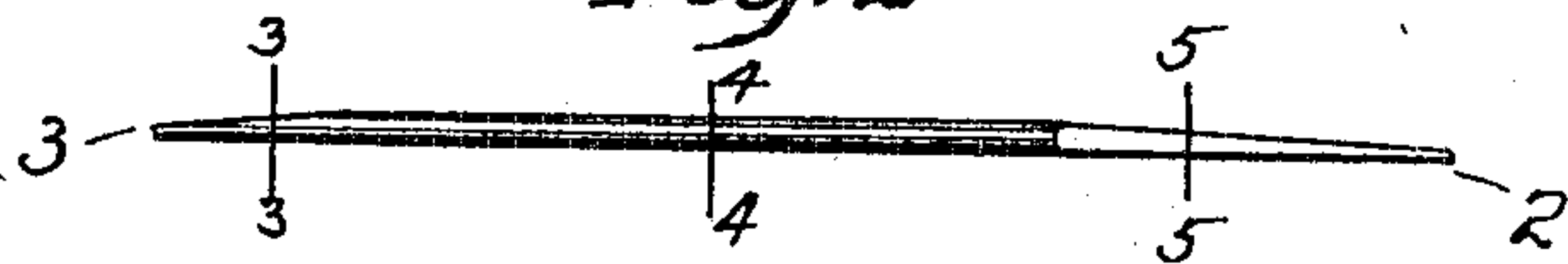


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.

Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY A. DORR, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Providence, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Toilet Articles, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention relates to a new and useful toilet article; and the object of the invention is to provide a specially-prepared stick or splint for manicuring purposes. In practice the splints are cut from veneered wood, preferably from hard wood, such as birch or the like, that is capable of being bleached white and chemically treated to make them anti-septic and pure. The splint is formed with a long slender body portion provided with a tapering point at one end, the opposite end of the body being beveled off or flattened to form a comparatively wide and thin extremity, which is smoothly cut on a curved line. The device thus produced makes a dainty 25 manicure article, the point being used to apply cleansing solutions to the nails and the flattened extremity to pass under the cuticle, the rounded portion thereof being smoothly finished to prevent abrasion and inoculation. 30 These articles are put up in neat packages or boxes and may be purchased at a very small expense, thereby making it practical to use a fresh splint each time and dispose of the same after using. The splint may also be used as a high-grade toothpick, if desired.

35 The invention will be hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

40 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view of my improved toilet article, illustrating the body portion, the point, and the flattened or beveled end. Fig. 2 is a side elevation thereof. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3, Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a similar section on the line 4 4, Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a similar section on line 5 5, Fig. 2.

Referring to the drawings, 1 designates the body of the splint, which may be of any desired form in cross-section. One end of said 50 body is beveled or sharpened down to a nice point at 2, and the opposite end of the body

is beveled off or flattened to form a comparatively wide and exceedingly thin extremity, which is curved or cut smoothly in a semicircular form, as indicated at 3.

55 If desired, the splint may be made substantially square in cross-section as it is cut from the veneer and then compressed and polished by any suitable means. The act of compressing and polishing takes off the corners, leaving the splint very smooth and substantially round, as illustrated, and giving it a finished and attractive appearance.

One of the essential features of this splint is the semicircular end 3. This end is formed 65 by specially-shaped hollow cutter-knives, through which the veneer is forced. This rounded end is a new and distinctive feature never heretofore obtained by machinery on a splint of this character and gives the splint a 70 handsome and finished appearance and serves a very useful purpose when employed as a manicure device in that the exceedingly thin edge thereof can be passed beneath the cuticle and the rounded portion being smoothly 75 finished and free from splinters will not abrade or otherwise injure the flesh.

In order to make the splint more attractive it may be bleached an ivory-white, and it may also be treated, if desired, to a chemical 80 bath to make the same antiseptic and pure.

The advantages and utility of my improved toilet article are apparent, it being particularly adapted for use in manicuring-work by reason of its peculiar shape and size. It has 85 also been found useful as an aid to dentists in cleaning the teeth, being employed to apply the cleaning-paste and to pick out the tartar between the teeth and under the gums. It has also been found useful in surgery for 90 the treatment of sore in the ears and for applying remedies to the navels of new-born infants, the smooth rounded end being free from splinters and peculiarly adapted to receive a wrapping of absorbent cotton for such 95 purposes. Another advantage is that my improved splint may serve the purpose of a high-grade toothpick.

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

100 As an article of manufacture, a toilet arti-

cle comprising a body formed of veneer embodying characteristics of an ordinary wooden toothpick, one end of said body being reduced to a point, the opposite end of said body being beveled to form a comparatively wide and thin extremity, said extremity being smoothly curved or rounded.

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

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