

W.E. Blake,

Tooth Pick.

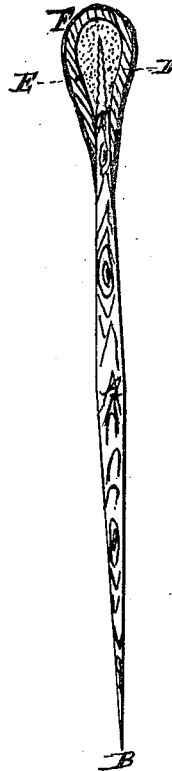
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Fig. 1.



Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN TOOTH-PICKS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **106,773**, dated August 30, 1870.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM E. BLAKE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Tooth-Picks, of which the following is a specification.

The nature of my invention consists in preparing a wooden or other tooth-pick with an ordinary point at one end, for insertion between the teeth, and preparing and applying to the other end of the tooth-pick, or in the middle of same, a coating of any approved medical composition, that may be taken after meals for affections of the voice, mouth, and throat, as well as to aid digestion, &c., said medical composition being overlaid with a coating of perfume for the breath, and the latter coating overlaid with gold-leaf, sugar-coating, or their equivalents, by means of which I produce a neat and ornamental tooth-pick that will perfume the breath and clothes of the person using it, as I will further explain by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents an elevation of my improved tooth-pick on an enlarged scale, and Fig. 2 a vertical section of same.

In the said drawings, A indicates the tooth-pick, of which B is the pointed end for insertion between the teeth. C is the opposite end of the tooth-pick, which may in like manner

be pointed, or provided with a square or blunt end, notched or roughened for better supporting the medical compound D. E is the layer of perfumery for the breath, encompassing the medical compound D; and F is the external layer of gold-leaf or sugar-coating finish.

The body A of the tooth-pick being prepared, I dip it in a bath of the medical compound, and, when ready, I again dip it in a bath of perfumery for the breath, and I next put on the end of the tooth-pick so coated with the medical compound and perfumery a coating of sugar, or I put on a coat of gold-leaf, or their equivalents, in the usual manner, when my tooth-pick is ready for use.

I do not claim any peculiar form of tooth-pick. Neither do I claim any particular medical composition, nor any particular quality of perfumery for the breath.

I claim—

A tooth-pick, A, saturated or in combination with a medical compound, D, perfumery E, and gold-finish F, or its equivalent, as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my signature this 16th day of June, 1870.

WILLIAM E. BLAKE.

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