

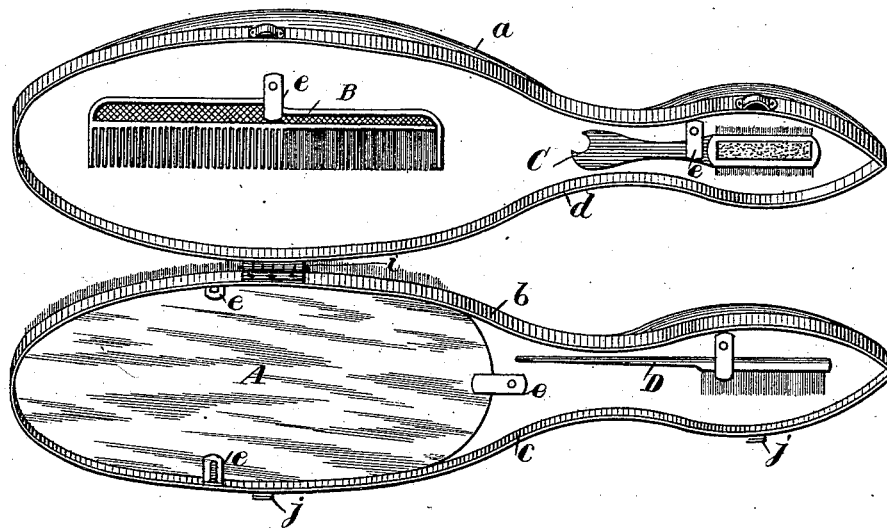
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COMBINED HAIR-BRUSH AND TOILET-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MAURICE HELLWIG, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a certain new and Improved Combined Hair-Brush and Toilet-Case, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists in a combined hair-brush and toilet-case, the object being to produce a brush so arranged that a mirror, comb, nail-brush, and tooth-brush, or like toilet articles can be carried in suitable receptacles formed in the brush back and handle. To attain this object I employ a brush back and handle of the construction described in a separate application for Letters Patent filed on even date herewith, and designated as "Case A," with certain modifications, which will be hereinafter fully described.

The figure represents a brush constructed according to my invention.

In the accompanying drawing, the letters *a b* designate two concavo-convex plates, preferably made of metal. The plate *b* is the lower part of the brush back and handle, to which the bristles or hair to form the brush are to be attached. This plate *b* is provided with an upwardly-extending flange, *c*, and the plate *a*, forming the upper or covering part of the brush back and handle, is provided with a similar flange, *d*, downwardly depending and adapted to lap upon the flange *c*. After the bristles or hair have been fastened to the plate *b*, the concave space on its upper side is to be utilized by placing an oval mirror, *A*, in the enlarged part forming the lower part of the brush-back. This mirror *A* must be cut to the requisite size and shape to fit in said space, so that its edges will fit snugly against the inner edges of the flange *c*. The mirror *A* can be securely held in place by one or more buttons, *e*, so that it can be removed when desired; or it can be set in place while the cement or glue by which the bristles are attached to the plate *b* is still plastic, and can then be embedded in such cement or glue.

B designates a comb, which is contained in

the space in the enlarged part forming the upper part of the brush-back, and *CD* designate a nail-brush and tooth-brush, respectively, contained in the spaces in the contracted portions of the plates *a b*, which form the handle of the brush. The articles *B CD* are to be held in the places by buttons *e*, or in other suitable manner, so as to be capable of being removed when required for use and replaced without difficulty. The spaces containing these different articles may be lined with plush or other suitable material. The plates *a b* are to be hinged together at *i*, and to be provided with suitable catches or clasps, *j*, whereby the two parts will be firmly held together when closed. Other toilet articles adapted to be carried in these spaces may be employed instead of those described, as may be desired. It will be seen that these articles can be placed in the spaces formed by the shape of the brush back and handle without necessitating any increase in their size, and adding but little to the weight as compared with hair-brushes now in common use.

My combined hair-brush and toilet-case will be found extremely convenient, especially for travelers, combining, as it does, in a small compass, a number of useful articles.

I am aware that hair-brushes have heretofore been made with a chambered recess in the back adapted to receive and contain toilet articles; but such brushes include special features of construction and arrangement which I neither employ nor seek to claim.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combined hair-brush and toilet-case herein described, consisting of two concavo-convex metal plates, *a b*, hinged at *i*, forming a hollow brush back and handle, into which a mirror and other toilet articles may be placed and carried, in the manner and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of September, A. D. 1883.

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