

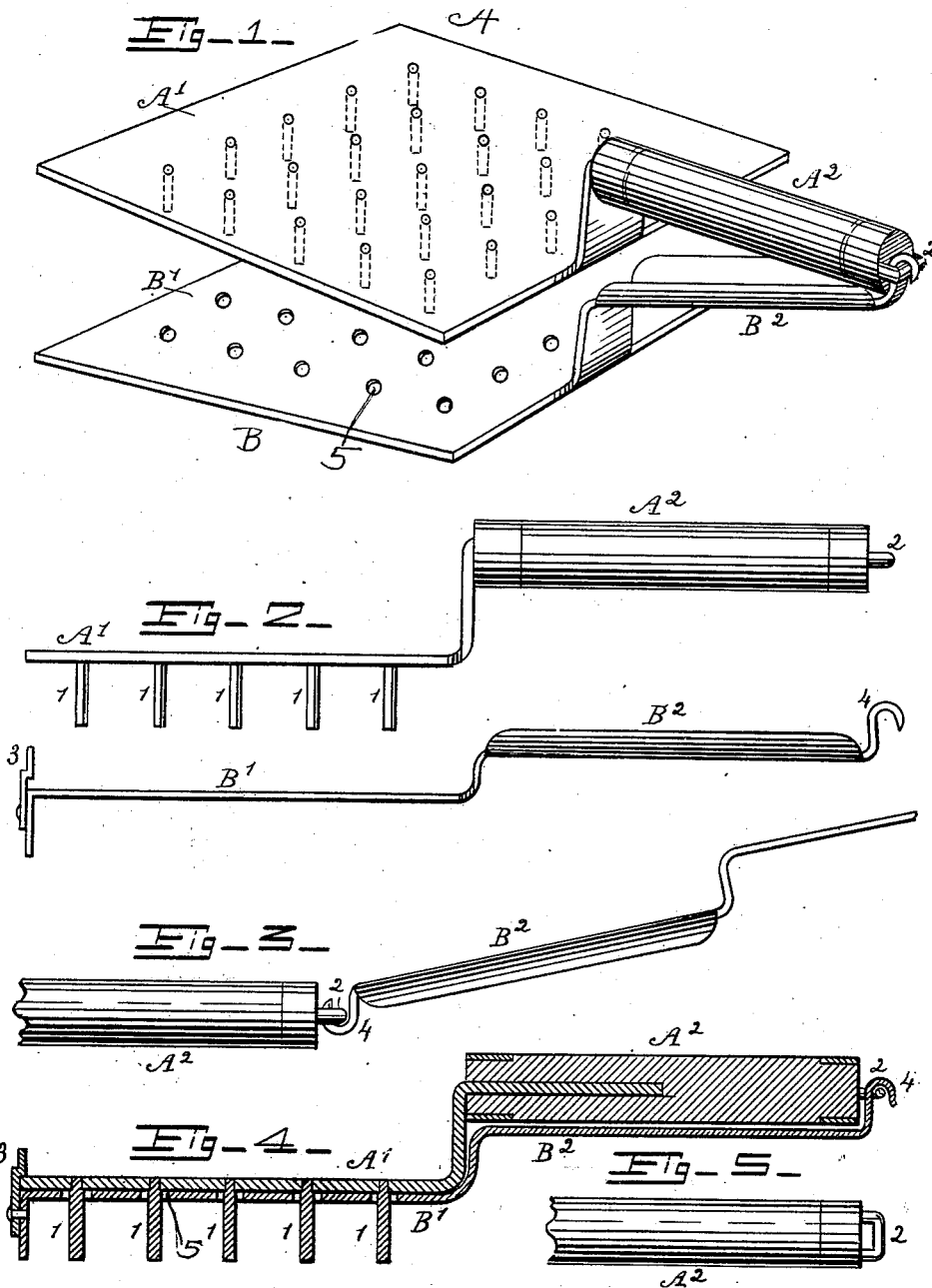
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CORNELIUS FOCKENS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Currycombs, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a class of currycombs having devices for removing hair and dirt from their teeth, and has for its object the production of a cleaner which is separable from the comb, to the end that the comb may be used independently of the cleaner, if so desired.

In the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this application, Figure 1 is a perspective of my improved currycomb, showing the comb and cleaner combined; Fig. 2, a side elevation of the comb and cleaner detached; Fig. 3, a detail showing the method of attaching and detaching the parts; Fig. 4, a longitudinal section of my comb complete, and Fig. 5 is a top view of a portion of the handle.

Similar letters and numerals refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A is the comb, and B the cleaner. The comb A may be made of cast-iron, having the teeth integral therewith, as shown in Fig. 2, may be fashioned from sheet metal and have the teeth affixed therein, as shown in Figs. 1 and 4, or stamped in sheet metal, having the teeth integral therewith. In like manner the cleaner B may be made of cast metal or may be stamped out of sheet metal, as the manufacturer may elect. The comb A consists of the body portion A' and the handle portion A<sup>2</sup>, the former being provided with the teeth 1 and the latter with the loop 2. The cleaner B consists of the body portion B' and the handle portion B<sup>2</sup>, the former being pierced to receive the teeth 1 of the comb A and provided with a latch 3, which serves to hold the parts in place, and the latter fashioned with the hook 4, which serves to unite the two parts. The manner of attaching and detaching these two parts (the comb A and the cleaner B) is a special feature of my invention and is as follows: I attach them by turning the cleaner B over, as shown in Fig. 3—that is to say, by turning it upside down by passing the hook 4 of its handle portion B<sup>2</sup> upward through the loop 2 of the comb-han-

dle A<sup>2</sup> and by swinging its body portion B' downward and forward in a half-circle to the position shown in Fig. 4, where it is held in place by the latch 3, the "catch" of which snaps over the upper edge of the comb A, the teeth of which pass through the holes 5. I detach them by releasing the latch 3 from the comb A and swinging the cleaner B downward and rearward in a half-circle, when its hook 4 will be released from the loop 2 of the handle A<sup>2</sup>.

It is noticeable by grooms that the teeth of currycombs soon become clogged by hairs and dirt and that therefore they soon become ineffective. Especially is this true in the spring of the year, when animals shed their hair, and that much time is necessarily devoted to cleaning the combs or freeing them from such accumulations, and it is the purpose of this invention to save such waste time, for it will be seen that when the teeth of the comb become clogged with the loose hairs and dirt it is only necessary to release the latch and force the cleaner from the comb, when the said accumulation will be stripped from the teeth, when the cleaner may be returned to place, the latch snapping into place to hold the parts together.

I am aware of the fact that similar devices have been invented; but the peculiar feature of my invention is that my cleaner is separable from the comb and may be dispensed with or laid aside when it is not needed and reinstated when it is.

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

In a currycomb, the combination with the back, of a handle connected thereto; teeth in the said back, and a loop in the said handle, a cleaning-plate, a handle connected thereto, openings in the said plate through which the said teeth may pass, and a hook on the said handle adapted to interlock with the said looped handle, and a latch for holding the said comb and plate in contact, substantially as shown and described and for the purposes specified.

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