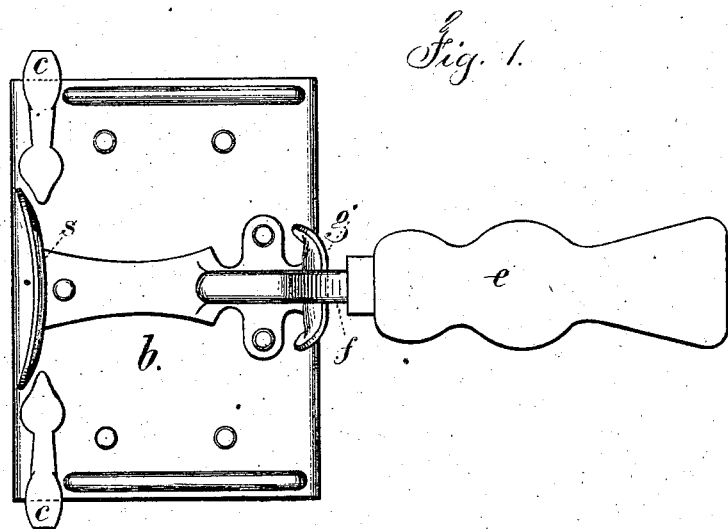
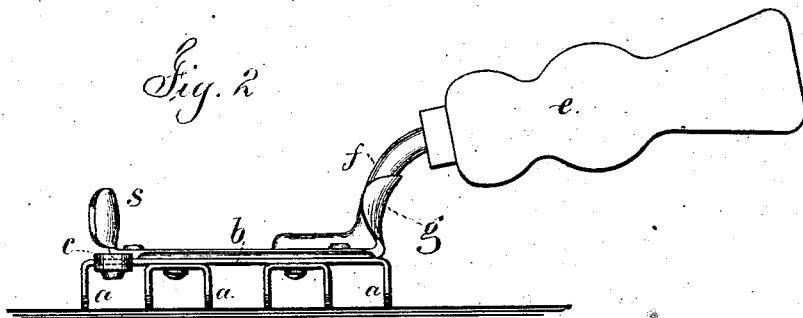


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IMPROVEMENT IN CURRY-COMBS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ACHILLE F. MIGEON, of Wolcottville, in the county of Litchfield and State of Connecticut, have invented an Improvement in Curry-Combs, of which the following is a specification:

Curry-combs have been made in a variety of forms, so far as the comb-plates and backs, and they usually have handles and knocker-plates. My invention does not relate to either of these parts, as they may be of any known or desired character.

In grasping the curry-comb the handle frequently is not used, but the thumb rests against the shank of the handle, while the fingers are against the outside of the comb-plate at the opposite side of the comb; hence the ends of the fingers are liable to come in contact with the horse, and also to slip off the comb.

My invention relates to a grasping-piece, applied at the back of the comb, opposite to the shank of the handle, for facilitating the grasping of the curry-comb for keeping the fingers from contact with the animal, and for furnishing a more firm hold to the hand in using the comb.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a view of the back of the comb, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation.

The combs *a*, back *b*, and knockers *c* are of any usual character, and the handle *e* is upon the shank *f*. That is fastened to the comb, and it is preferable to employ a bearing-plate, *g*, at the bend of the shank for the

thumb to rest against, or to make the shank broader at this point for the same purpose. My grasping-plate *s* is at the back of the comb opposite to the handle. It is preferably made with a concave exterior surface, so that the ends of the fingers will rest easily against the same.

The grasping-plate *s* may be made of the sheet metal of the back cut out and turned up at right angles to the back; but I prefer to make it of cast metal, the same being formed with the metal of the shank-plate for the handle, or with the knocker-plates, or it may be a separate piece of metal riveted to the back.

I do not claim a grasping-piece applied to a brush with a back-strap, through which the hand is passed. In my curry-comb there is a handle, and there is not any strap, and the implement is grasped in the hand between the shank of the handle and the piece *s*, and the handle can stand in any direction to the hand. No such conditions exist in the brush with the back-strap.

I claim as my invention—

The combination, with a curry-comb, of a grasping-piece *s* at the back of the comb, and at the opposite side to the handle *e*, for the purposes and as set forth.

Signed by me this 22th day of February, 1875.

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