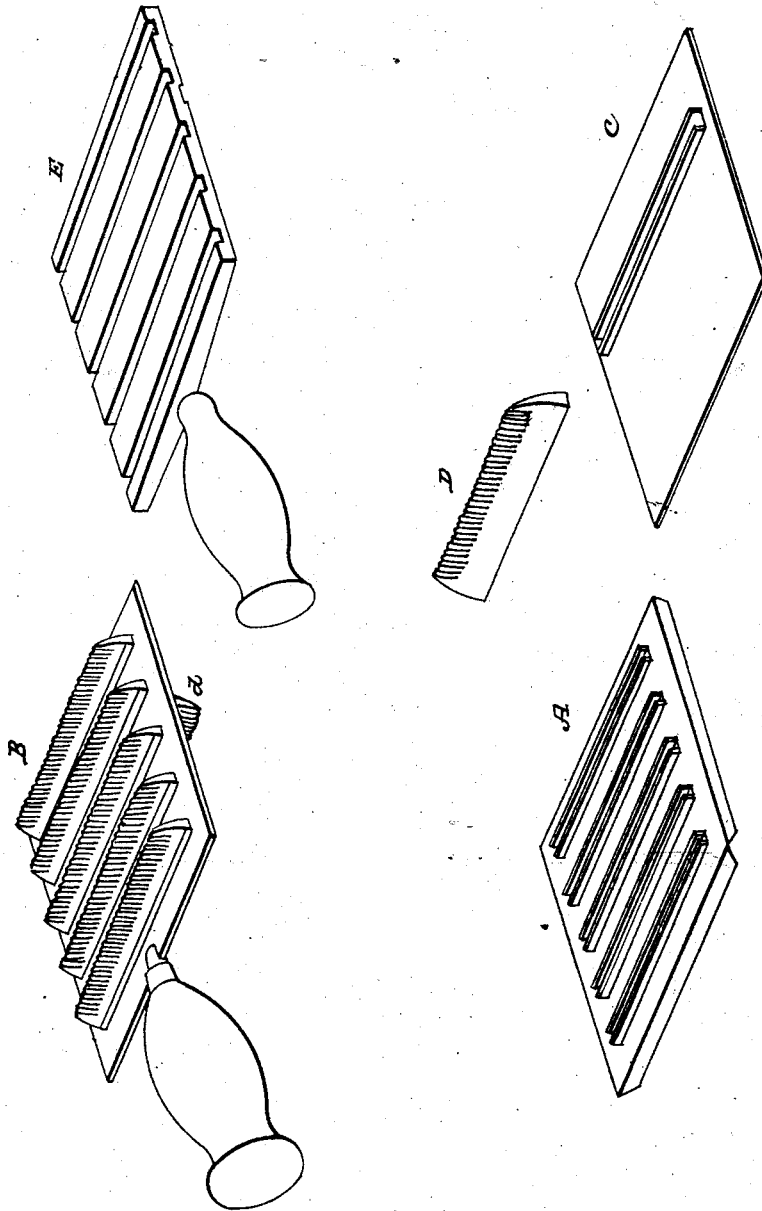


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MODE OF MAKING CURRYCOMBS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHANIAL C. SANFORD, of the town of Meriden, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have
5 invented a new and useful Improvement in the Common Horse Currycomb, and the same is described in the following specification and drawings.

Take two plates of sheet iron of the size
10 of a common horse currycomb and fasten them firmly together, face to face, and fix on them a handle; through one of these plates, which I call the under one, make five parallel openings at equal distances
15 from each other, running nearly across the plate, as is represented in drawing A, and with the handle, as in drawing B, which openings must be large enough to receive the head of a wooden comb of the size as
20 represented in drawings B and D. Let there be a lip, as represented in drawings A and C, to each of these openings; place a wooden comb, like that of drawing D, in each opening and let its head rest on the other plate,
25 when said lips may be closed upon and firmly hold each comb as represented in drawing B. There may be a like comb put into and through the upper plate and fastened in like manner, which comb may be
30 coarser for combing long hair, as is seen in drawing B at *a*, so one plate may be

used as well as two; in which case the combs are fixed in, in the same manner except they do not rest on any opposite plate, but two
plates are better. So too the body of the
35 comb may be made of wood, as represented in drawing E, in which case the combs extend the whole width of the wood and are fitted into it by small grooves and there made firm, but the iron plates I have found
40 best.

Drawing A represents the lower plate of sheet iron; B, a complete currycomb; C, a plate with one opening; D, a wooden comb, and E, wooden stock of a currycomb. The
45 exact size of the combs, plates and teeth are not material, but a comb of the common size as herein represented, plates, &c., I have found to be best.

This currycomb is more convenient, less
50 expensive and more smooth and tender, and easier to use than any other now known.

My improvement does not consist in any of the separate parts mentioned, but of the combination of the wooden comb with the
55 other parts so as to make the said currycomb as herein described.

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