

C.C.E. Schwartz,
Finger-Nail Cutter,
No 54,966, Patented May 22, 1866.

Fig. 1.

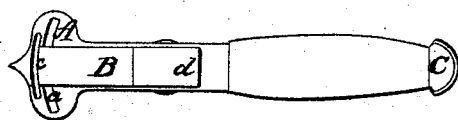


Fig. 2.

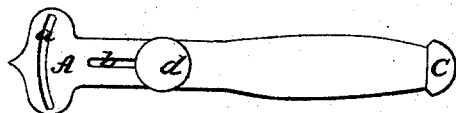
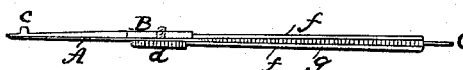


Fig. 3.

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IMPROVEMENT IN INSTRUMENTS FOR CUTTING FINGER-NAILS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHAS. C. E. SCHWARTZ, of Hamburg, now residing in Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented an Improved Nail-Cutting Instrument; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention consists of novel mechanism, full described hereinafter, for cutting finger and toe nails and dressing the same.

In order to enable skilled mechanics to make and use my invention, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation.

On reference to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of the top. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the bottom, and Fig. 3 is a side view.

A is a templet-plate, having in it the circular-shaped opening *a* and the straight opening or guide *b*.

B is a knife-blade sliding on the face of the plate A, and held in place by the guiding-strap *c* and the set-screw *d*, sliding in the opening *b*. The knife-blade is double-edged and pointed for cutting with either the right or left hand and for cleaning the nails.

The extremity C of the plate A is made semi-circular and its edge beveled, and is for detach-

ing the skin of the finger or toe from the base of the nail.

The knife-blade is made sliding, that all portions of its cutting-edges may be used.

The edges *g* of the plate A, between the handles *ff*, are serrated or cut, and serve as files to remove the wire edges that may be left on the nails after cutting.

To use my invention, the nail is inserted into the circular opening *a*, the plate A bearing on the finger or toe and preventing the knife-blade B from cutting the skin or flesh. The blade B is held firmly into the nail and pressed along it, cutting an even and regular shave.

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

1. The plate A, the circular-shaped opening *a*, and the straight opening or guide *b*, substantially as specified and set forth.

2. The combination of the plate A, the circular-shaped opening *a*, the straight opening *b*, the sliding knife B, and set-screw *d*, and the serrated edges or files *e*, as specified and described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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