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(54) **FINGERNAIL AND TOENAIL CLEANING
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ABSTRACT

A hand-held nail cleaning tool is disclosed having an elongated body with opposite facing integrated crevicing ends for capturing and removing debris from under and around fingernails and toenails. One end of the body has an angled crevicing end protruding outward and curved towards the other end. The opposite end has an angled crevicing end curved in the opposing direction, also facing outwards. The user can hold the center of the tool and position appropriate facing crevicing end under the side of the nail bed to be cleaned. As the tool is moved, the end captures and removes any debris. The cleaning tool and integrally formed crevicing ends are composed of materials such as plastic, wood, or metal suitable for removing dirt and debris from nails through the ending action. The novel opposing end design provides efficient nail cleaning while being easy and comfortable to use.

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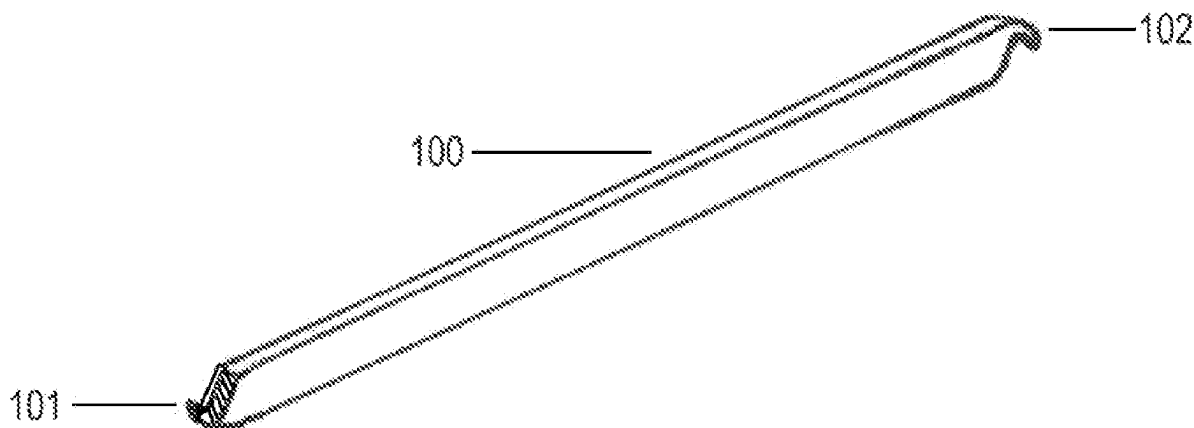


FIG 1

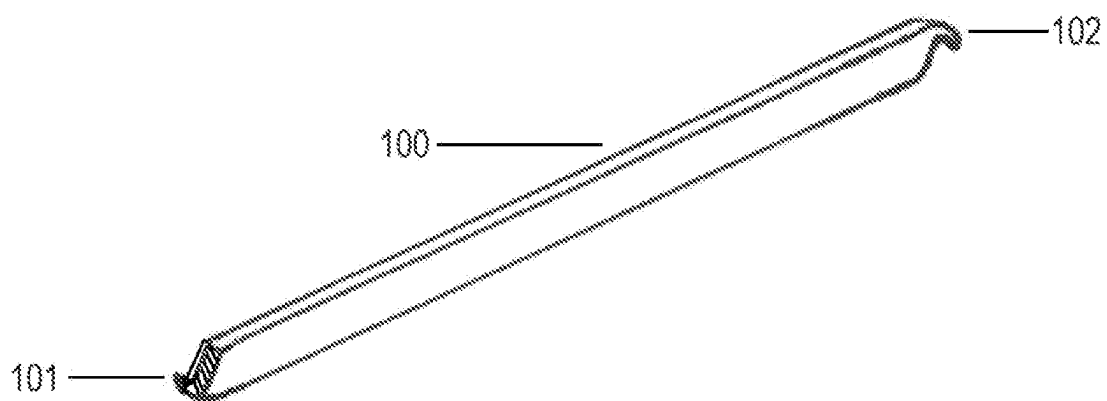


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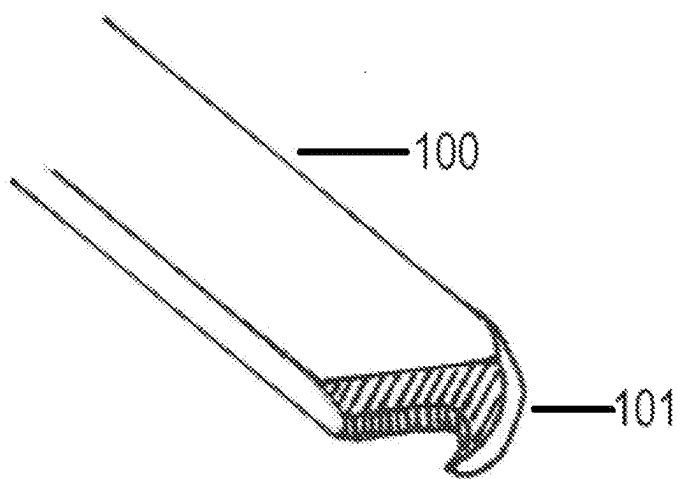


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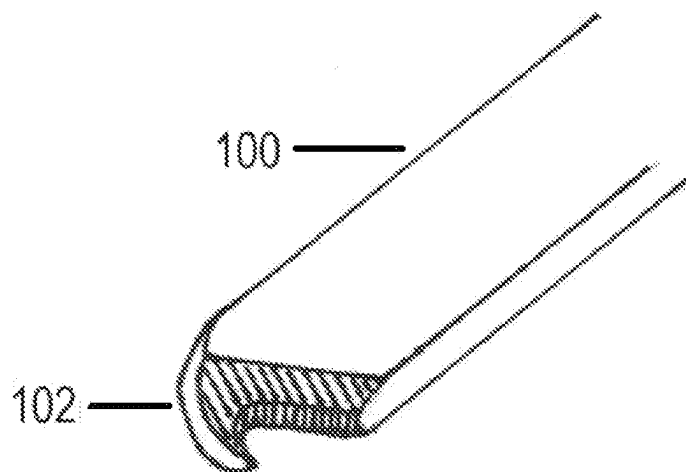


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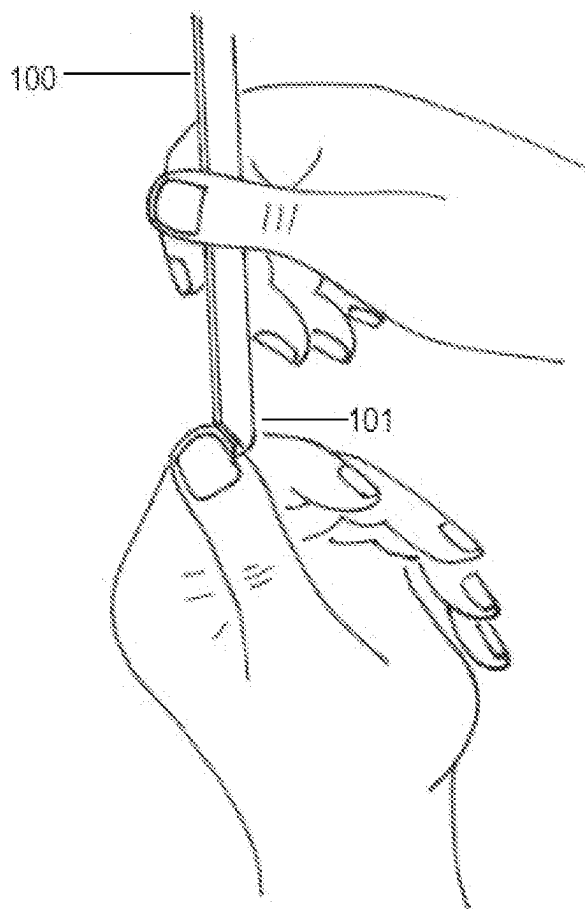


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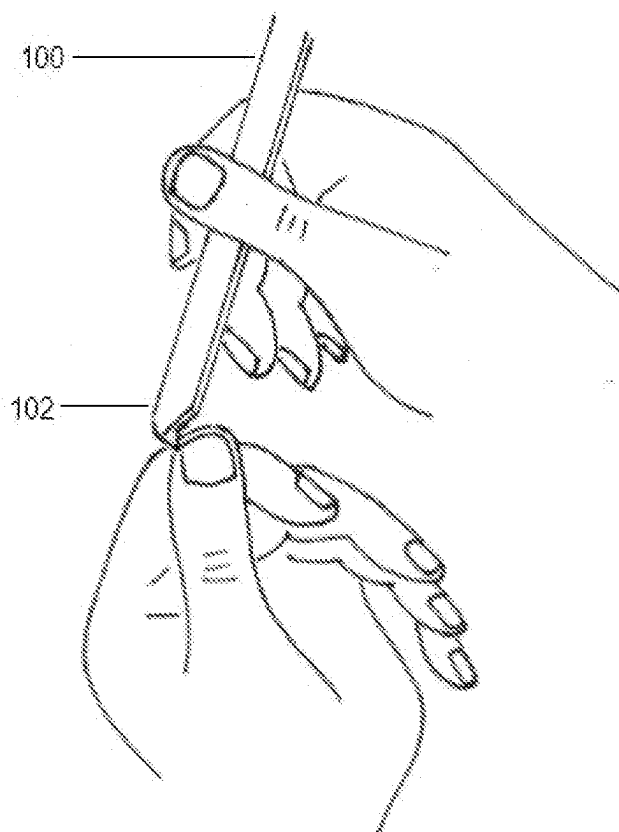


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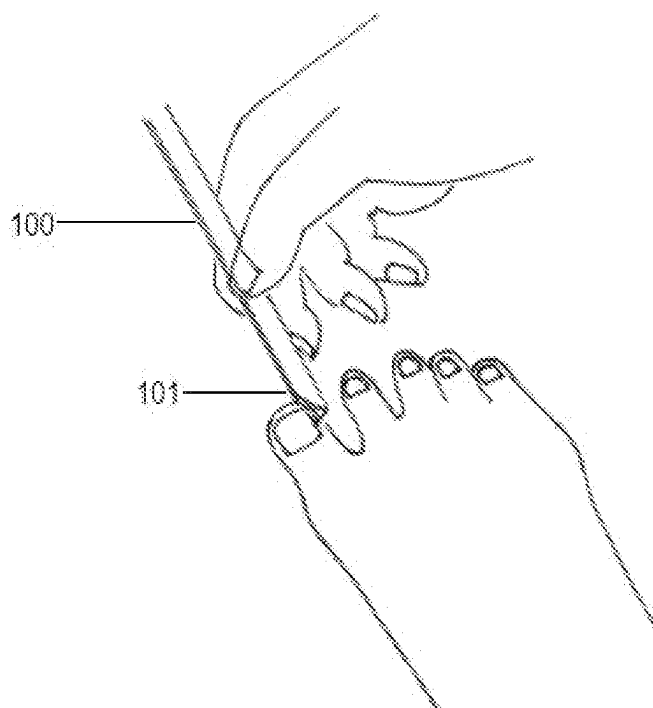
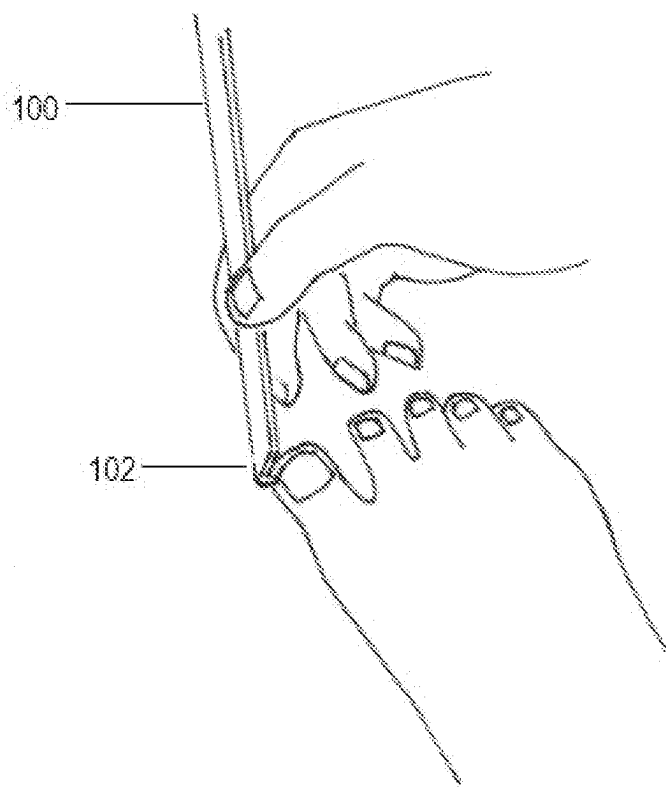


FIG 7



FINGERNAIL AND TOENAIL CLEANING TOOL

BACKGROUND ON THE INVENTION

[0001] This invention relates to personal hygiene tools, specifically for cleaning the sides of nail beds for both fingernails and toenails. When cleaning fingernails or toenails, people have trouble removing dirt and debris from the sides of the fingernail or toenail using a standard shaped cleaning tool. To solve this problem, it is an object of the present invention to use the opposing crevicing angled ends to clean these areas.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0002] Various nail cleaning tools exist such as nail brushes, pickers, and clippers. However, these tools are not optimized for cleaning the sides of fingernails and toenails. Debris and bacteria can build up on the sides of nail beds, leading to unsanitary conditions and potential infection. A tool is needed that can effectively clean the sides of fingernails and toenails.

[0003] In view of the limitations of prior art, it is an object of the present invention to provide a handheld tool for cleaning the sides of fingernails and toenails. The tool has a flat elongated body with a gripping region in the center for holding by a user. Located at each opposite end of the body is a crevicing end angled perpendicularly to the body. In use, a user grips the center region and moves the tool back and forth so the crevicing ends clean the sides of the nails. The crevicing ends are able to reach dirt and debris in the tight space between nails and fingers/toes. The tool removes trapped bacteria and particles, improving nail hygiene and health.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

[0004] Other objects and advantages of the present invention will become apparent from the following descriptions, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, wherein, by way of illustration and example, an embodiment of the present invention is disclosed.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0005] FIG. 1. Is a side perspective view of the embodiment of the present disclosure.

[0006] FIG. 2. Shows an exploded view of the crevicing end for cleaning the right side of a nail bed.

[0007] FIG. 3. Shows an exploded view of the crevicing end for cleaning the left side of a nail bed.

[0008] FIG. 4. Shows the user is using the crevicing end to remove debris from the right side of a fingernail bed.

[0009] FIG. 5. Shows the user is using the crevicing end to remove debris from the left side of a fingernail bed.

[0010] FIG. 6. Shows the user is using the crevicing end to remove debris from the right side of a toenail bed.

[0011] FIG. 7. Shows the user is using the crevicing end to remove debris from the left side of a toenail bed.

[0012] The drawings constitute a part of this specification and include exemplary embodiments to the invention, which may be embodied in various forms. It is to be understood that in some instances various aspects of the invention may be shown exaggerated or enlarged to facilitate an understanding of the invention.

[0013] Referring now to FIG. 1 As demonstrated, shows a tool for cleaning **100**, according to the embodiment of the present disclosure. As illustrated, the tool **100** may include an elongated body and opposite facing crevicing ends at each end **101** and **102** of the tool. To maximize cleaning the crevicing ends **101** and **102** are angled perpendicular to the cleaning tool **100**.

[0014] In the preferred embodiment, the tool may be made of stainless steel. In further embodiments, the tool **100** may be made of metal, plastic, silicone, or the like. Further, the main body **100** may include a gripping area made of rubber or other coatings for improved grip. The crevicing ends are optimally shaped to reach into the nail bed crevices on both sides of a finger or toe. In use, a user cradles the tool's center and pushes the crevicing end ends back and forth against the nail sides, dislodging any debris. The ends move dirt, debris and bacteria out from the nail sides, leaving clean nail beds.

[0015] The cleaning tool is intended to be a handheld tool and includes a main body compromised of a rigid member and terminates on both ends with a opposite facing angled crevicing ends.

[0016] Referring now to FIG. 2 we see an exploded view of the cleaning tool crevicing end **101** for cleaning the right side of a fingernail or toenail bed. The cleaning tool is intended to be a handheld item and includes a main body compromised of a rigid member and terminates on both ends with opposite facing angled crevicing ends.

[0017] Referring now to FIG. 3 we see an exploded view of the cleaning tool crevicing end **101** for cleaning the left side of a fingernail or toenail bed. The cleaning tool is intended to be a handheld item and includes a main body compromised of a rigid member and terminates on both ends with opposite facing angled crevicing ends.

[0018] Referring now to FIG. 4 we see how the cleaning tool **100** can use the crevicing end **101** to clean the left side of a thumb nail. By pushing back and forth the crevicing end **101** can be moved gently providing a cleaning action.

[0019] Referring now to FIG. 5 we see how the cleaning tool **100** can use the crevicing end **102** to clean the left side of a thumb nail. By pushing back and forth the crevicing end **102** can be moved gently providing a cleaning action.

[0020] Referring now to FIG. 6 we see how the cleaning tool **100** can use the crevicing end **101** to clean the right side of a toenail. By pushing back and forth the crevicing end **101** can be moved gently providing a cleaning action.

[0021] Referring now to FIG. 7 we see how the cleaning tool **100** can use the crevicing end **102** to clean the left side of a toenail. By pushing back and forth the crevicing end **102** can be moved gently providing a cleaning action.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

[0022] While the invention has been described in connection with a preferred embodiment, it is not intended to limit the scope of the invention to the particular form set forth, but on the contrary, it is intended to cover such alternatives, modifications, and equivalents as may be included within the spirit and scope of the invention as defined by the appended claims.

[0023] The cleaning tool is intended to be a handheld item and includes a main body compromised of a rigid member and terminates on both ends with an opposite facing angled crevicing ends. By pushing back and forth the crevicing ends can be moved gently to provide a cleaning action.

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11. A fingernail or toenail cleaning tool, comprising: an elongated body composed of a rigid material suitable for debris removal such as plastic, wood, or metal; wherein the opposing ends design allows for cleaning of both left-side and right-side nails by repositioning the tool in the hand.

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