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(54) **Device for conditioning hairy skin before shaving**

(57) The invention relates to a device which serves for the conditioning treatment of the skin and/or the hairs, especially in the region of the human face and especially prior to a shaving operation.

It comprises profile features (7, 7') as steps, ridges

or file-type or rasp-type teeth or calottes or other small projections which are provided on at least a part of the surface of the device.

In preferred embodiments, said profile features are provided either on a cap (4) of a shaver or on the rear side of the head of the shaver or on a handle.

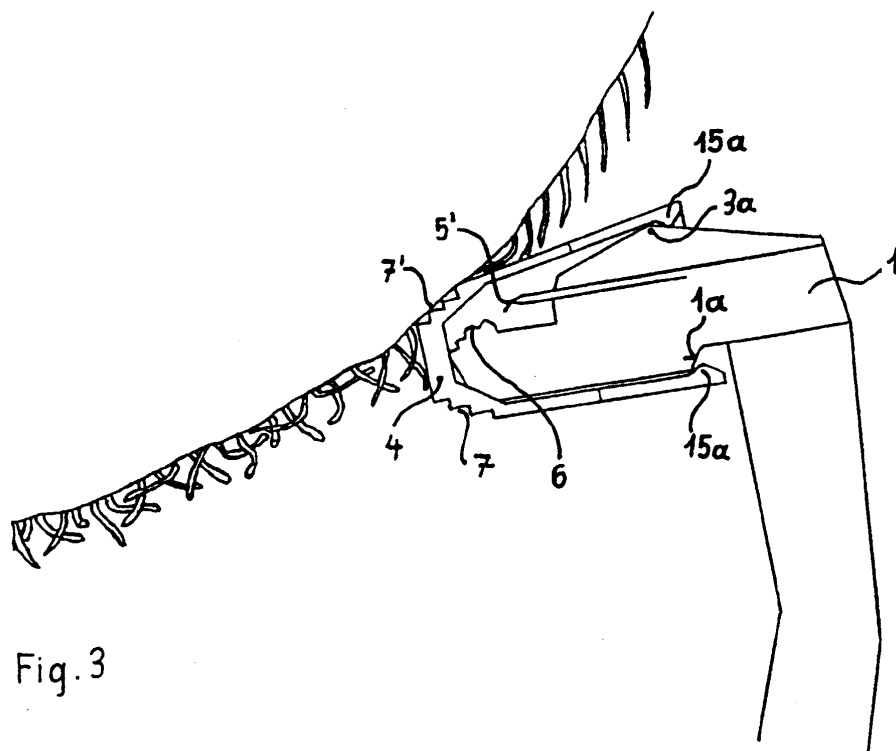


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