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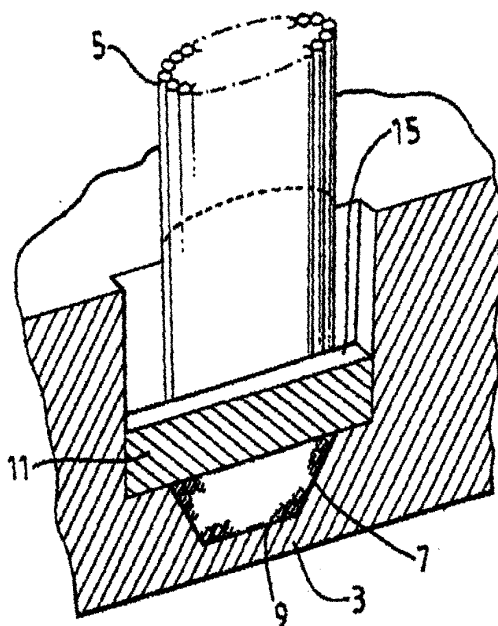
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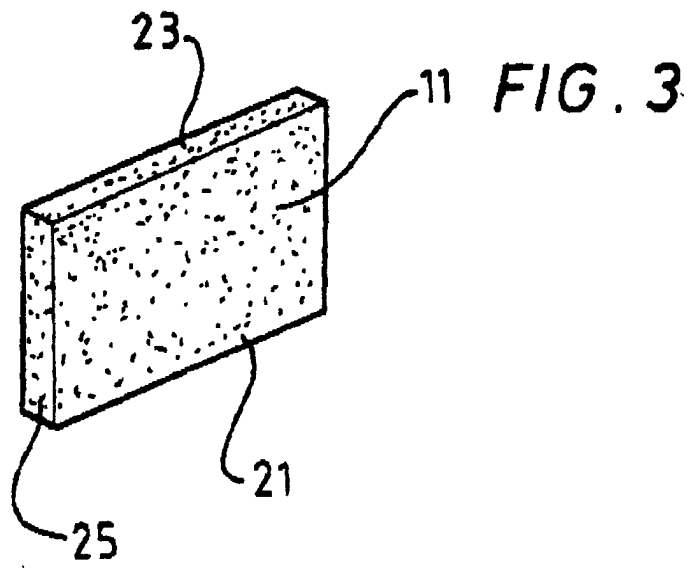
(54) **Brush**

(57) The invention provides a brush comprising a brush head having a plurality of blind holes (7) therein for receiving bristles tufts; a plurality of bristle tufts (5) formed by bundles of bristles folded in two with the folded part (9) located in the holes, and a plurality of staples (11) of a length greater than the width of the holes forced

into the brush head (1) diametrically across the holes and above the bristle fold to retain the bristles in the hole, wherein at least one face of the staple has a surface (21, 23) designed to provide increased friction in the face of the staple and the material of the brush head (1) in which it is embedded.

FIG. 2







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