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(54) **Depilatory device**

(57) A depilatory device (1) in this invention comprises a housing (200), a plucking cylinder (16), a pinching mechanism, and a plucking mechanism. The housing is formed at its upper end with a head. The plucking cylinder is supported to the head. The plucking cylinder is driven to rotate about a longitudinal axis of the plucking cylinder. The plucking cylinder carries a plurality of pinching units (300L,300R). Each pinching unit is composed of a first blade (31L) and a second blade (23L) which are arranged in an opposed relation with each other. Each pinching unit has a pinching length extending circumferentially of

the plucking cylinder. At least one of the first blade (31L) and the second blade (23L) is movable toward and away from the other of the first blade and the second blade to move between an opened position for making a gap and a pinch position for pinching the hair. A pinching mechanism is configured to drive the at least one of the first blade and the second blade. A plucking mechanism is configured to rotate the plucking cylinder. The at least one of the first blade and the second blade is formed at a portion intermediate its pinching length with a cutout.

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