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(54) Title: METHOD OF STRENGTHENING AND REPAIRING FINGERNAILS**(57) Abstract**

A device, and method for strengthening a natural fingernail includes a nail reinforcing device (10) made of a pliable, and conformable material having a thickness that is less than the thickness of a natural fingernail. The nail reinforcing device (10) can be preformed, and shaped to correspond to the shape of the natural fingernail or can be shaped to correspond to the general shape of the natural fingernail to which it is adhered. A method for strengthening a natural fingernail of the present invention comprises applying an adhesive (28) to at least a portion of the bottom (underneath) surface of the free end of the natural fingernail, and to at least a portion of the upper surface (20) of the nail reinforcing device.

