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Fig. 1.

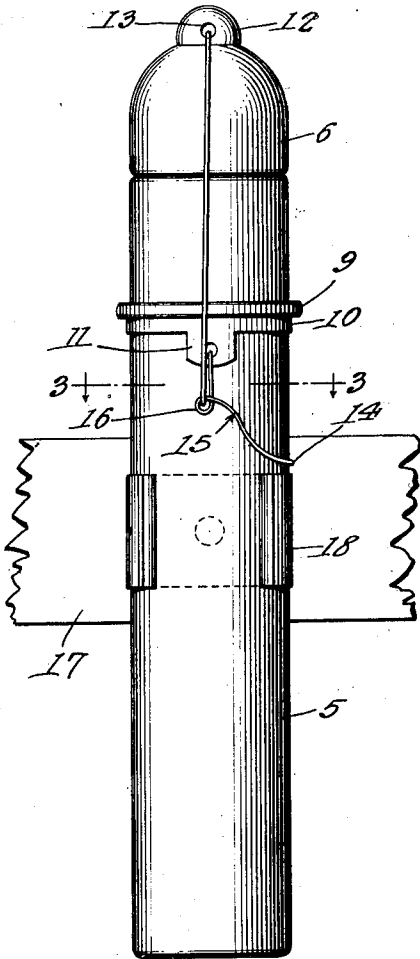


Fig. 2.

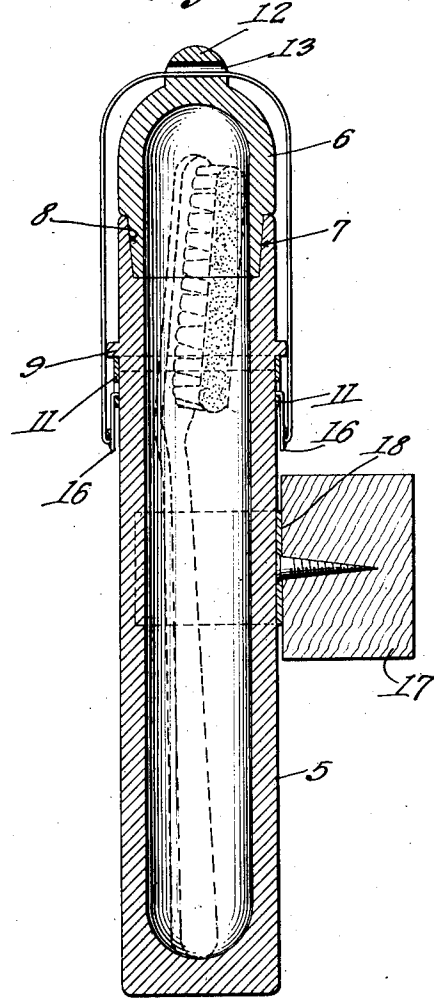
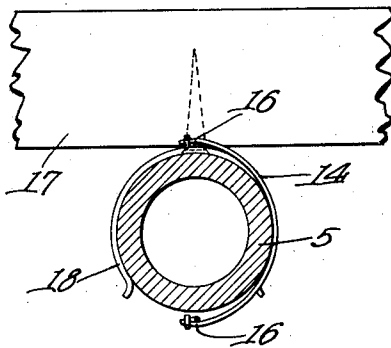


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN ROBERT MORRISON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Wilmington, in the county of New Hanover and State of North Carolina, have invented Improvements in Toothbrush-holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to tooth brush holders and its principal object is to provide a tooth brush holder which will retain the tooth brush in a sanitary condition.

Further, the invention embodies a tooth brush holder or container which is air-tight and thereby retains the tooth brush against contamination, thereby obviating the spread of disease through using an unclean tooth brush.

The invention also provides a tooth brush container together with a supporting clamp therefor which supports the container at a convenient point for use.

It is also within the provisions of the invention to provide a tooth brush container employing a removable cover which is associated with the locking bail of novel construction that retains the cover tightly engaged with the container.

With the preceding and other objects that may become apparent and from the following disclosure the invention consists in the novel combination of elements, constructions and arrangement of parts and operations which will be hereinafter set forth, claimed and illustrated in the accompanying drawing wherein—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a tooth brush holder or container constructed in accordance with my invention,

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same, and

Fig. 3 is a transverse sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Referring in detail to the drawings, wherein like characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, the numeral 5 designates a tubular receptacle provided with a bell shaped closure or cap 6. The open end of the receptacle 5 is beveled upon its inner face as at 7 while the outer face of the lower end of the closure or cap 6 is beveled as indicated at 8. The beveled surface of the receptacle 5 and the cap or closure 6 afford a tight joint and thus prevents entrance of air or germs into the receptacle at this point. The bot-

tom of the receptacle 5 is relatively thick and is concave which strengthens the receptacle and permits the bottom to be readily reached for cleaning purposes.

An annular shoulder 9 is formed exteriorly of the receptacle 5 below the upper end thereof and encircling the receptacle below the annular shoulder is a band 10 formed with ears 11 at diametrically opposite points. The upper end of the cap or closure 6 is formed with a boss 12 provided with an opening 13 that extends parallel to the transverse axis of the container.

An inverted U-shaped bail is engaged in the opening 13 and the legs of this bail extend downwardly along the sides of the receptacle 5 at points in alignment with the ears 11. A bowed lever 14, formed from a length of wire 15, normally embraces one side of the receptacle and is formed with eyes 16 disposed upon the opposite side of the receptacle at points diametrically opposite each other. The wire from the lever is extended upwardly from the eyes 16 to which the U-shaped bail are pivotally connected and pivotally engaged with the ears 11.

It will be seen that upon raising the lever 14 upwardly the cap or closure 6 will be lifted from the receptacle 5 and that upon lowering the lever to the position illustrated in Fig. 1 the cap inclosure will be drawn tightly into engagement with the receptacle.

At 17 there is designated a horizontal support to which a resilient clamp 18 is secured and which resiliently engages the receptacle 5 as illustrated in the drawings and retains the same in an upright position.

It is to be understood that the form of my invention herein shown and described is to be taken as a preferred example of the same, and that various changes in the shape, size and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the subjoined claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure and protect by Letters Patent of the United States is:

A tooth brush holder including a tubular body open at one end and having the inner face of the open end beveled, a hollow closure having its outer face beveled at one end to interfit into the beveled end of the tubular body, a boss formed on the outer end of the closure and provided with a transverse

opening, a U-shaped bail passing loosely through the opening in the boss and having its legs disposed parallel to the sides of the body, a lever having pivotal connection with the body and extremities of the bail whereby to draw the closure into tight engagement with the body, the beveled edges of the closure upon contacting with the beveled edges of the body upon the movement of the lever to draw the closure into engagement with the body, serving to shift the closure on the U-shaped bail to center the closure to cause the same to seat evenly in the body.

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