To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, George F. Salisbury, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Soap and Brush Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to shaving appliances and has particular reference to means for holding shaving soap and brush, preferably also as constructed as to enable face powder to be enclosed but separated from the soap.

One of the objects of the invention is to provide an improved device of this character which is especially adapted for travelers' use, the device not only having a space to receive a shaving brush but so constructed as to act also as a soap cup in which lather may be formed.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character, the parts of which may be entirely separated to facilitate their cleaning, the device therefore possessing a sanitary value.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of this character which, in one employment, provides spaces for soap, powder and brush.

To these ends, the invention consists in the construction and combination of parts substantially as hereinafter described and claimed.

Of the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a longitudinal section through an appliance embodying my present invention. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, partly broken out, of the inner tube. Fig. 3 is a side elevation, partly broken out, of the cake of soap for use with the appliance constructed according to my present invention. Fig. 4 is an under plate view of the adjustable diaphragm. Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the same, partly broken out. Fig. 6 is a side elevation of the brush having an extensible or telescopic handle. Fig. 7 represents a section on line 7, 7 of Fig. 6.

Similar reference characters indicate the same or similar parts in all of the views.

The outer cylindrical casing or tube 10 is open at both ends, and contains an inner tube 11 which is closed at one end, said closed end, indicated at 12, forming a barrier for lather as hereinafter described, and also cooperating with a removable bottom fitted to the outer casing, to retain the brush within the tube 11.

In the annular space between the members 19 and 11 is a diaphragm 13, preferably constructed with a flange 14 for a purpose presently described. The diaphragm 13 has attached to its under side a plurality of spring friction fingers 15, the tips of which project normally slightly beyond the flange 14 so as to bear against the inner wall of the casing 19 or tube 10 and hold the diaphragm frictionally in its elevated position.

The flange 14 receives within it the lower end of a tubular stick or cake 16. When such cake of soap is in the position shown in Fig. 1, said position being preferably with the upper end of the cake projected above the top of the casing 19, it is held in this position by means of the fingers 15. But said diaphragm can be forced upward at any time to project the upper end of the soap more or less, and to compensate for wear or use of the projecting end of the tubular cake.

The two tubes 10 and 11 form an annular space 17, the upper portion of which is occupied by the soap 16. A cap or cover 18 closes the upper end of this chamber and therefore protects the soap when not in use. A removable bottom 19 closes the lower end of the chamber 17 and therefore the lower portion of said chamber can be utilized to contain talcum powder or other material with which it may be desired to treat the face after shaving.

Within the tube 11, and confined therein by the end 12 of said tube and the removable bottom 19, any suitable brush 20 may be fitted. In order to make the appliance, as a whole, as compact as possible, and yet provide a brush with sufficiently long bristles and a sufficiently long handle, I may provide a brush having a collapsible or telescopic handle as in Figs. 6 and 7, in which figures the brush head member 21 is shown as having an extensible cap-shaped member 22 fitted thereon, the member 21 having a stud 23, and the member 22 having a pressed groove 24 to receive said stud 23, said groove 24 being shown as having a lateral extension so that the joint between the two members 21 and 22 is of a bayonet type. When the brush is taken out from the tube 11, the extensible member 22 may be moved outward and then turned laterally so that 110
the stud 23 will pass into the lateral extension of the groove 24 and hold the handle in the extended position. So far as my present invention is concerned, however, the brush handle may be quite short or of the appliance as a whole may be made longer to accommodate a brush of a greater length. By removing the tube members 18, 19, the soap may be pushed upward to the desired extent, it being supposed that whatever powder may then be in the lower portion of the chamber 17 is in a cylindrical package which can be removed, if necessary. The brush 20 is also taken out and then when the appliance is used the bottom 19 may be replaced and the upper end of the appliance used as a soap cup, the end 12 of the inner tube 11 constituting a barrier to prevent lather from escaping. If it is desired that all of the parts shall be thoroughly washed, the soap cylinder can be pushed entirely out by sliding the diaphragm upward, and since said diaphragm forms the only means of connection between the inner and outer tubes, the removal of said diaphragm separates the said tubes so that they can be easily washed and dried. When the soap is to be reinserted, it is pushed in from the bottom. It is to be understood, of course, that the inner tube 11 closely fits the central opening in the diaphragm 13.

I claim:—

1. A soap and brush holder comprising inner and outer tubular members, and an annular soap-supporting member removably connecting the said tubular members.

2. A soap and brush holder comprising inner and outer tubular members, the inner member having a permanent closure at one end, an annular soap-supporting member removably connecting the tubular members and a removable cap and a removable bottom member fitting the outer tubular member.

3. A soap and brush holder comprising inner and outer tubular members, and an annular soap-supporting diaphragm adjustable along the annular space between the inner and outer members and removably connecting said members.

4. A soap and brush holder comprising inner and outer tubular members, the inner member being closed at one end, a removable cap and a removable bottom fitting the outer tubular member, and an annular diaphragm adjustable lengthwise of the space between the inner and outer members and removably connecting said members.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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