HAND MOISTENING DEVICE.
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY RUSTAD, of the town of Lindsay, in the county of Victoria, Province of Ontario, in the Dominion of Canada, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Hand-Moistening Devices; and I hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to improvements in hand-moistening devices; and the object of the invention is to provide a device which may be readily attached to the clothing and will present a dampened surface upon which the wearer may moisten his fingers and at the same time will not allow the moisture contained to come in contact with the clothing; and it consists, essentially, of a pouch having an open top and one or more openings in the front thereof, fastening devices secured to said pouch, and a filling of absorbent material in said pouch.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device shown attached to a portion of a garment. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the device. Fig. 3 is a horizontal section. Like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each figure.

a is a pouch formed of a back piece b and a front pocket-shaped piece c. The back piece b is preferably formed of a sheet of rubber or flexible non-absorbent material d and a backing of suitable textile fabric e, to which the rubber is securely cemented. The front piece c may be of the same material as the back, to which it is securely fastened by any suitable means.

f is a depending tab forming part of the backing d and preferably arranged centrally.

g represents fasteners, preferably of the safety-pin variety and secured at either side of the upper edge of the back piece b of the pouch by means of small loops k, which form part of or are suitably secured to the textile fabric d.

i is a fastener similar to the fasteners g, secured to the back of the tab b by means of a suitable loop j, forming part of or secured to the textile fabric d.

It will be seen that the pouch may be quickly fastened to the clothing at any place, according to the use for which the person wearing the same desires, as all that is necessary to do is to open the safety-pins, catch them in the clothing, and then secure them. The fastener i on the lower tab securely holds the lower portion of the pouch from lifting upward.

k is an opening in the front or pocket portion c of the pouch and has the edge thereof suitably turned, so that the material will not tear.

The invention is herein shown and described as with one opening, though it must be understood that it may be preferable to have a number of openings or have the entire front perforated, and, further, in place of having the opening for the insertion of the sponge t the opening may be at the side, or, in fact, at any convenient place, and in some cases it may be inserted through the opening k in the front.

The device is particularly applicable in the playing of various games—such as base-ball, cricket, and other games where it is necessary to moisten the hand to obtain a firm grip on a ball or handle—and it in no way interferes with the player, as it may be placed in any position on the wearer's clothing. The sponge will protrude slightly through the opening where one opening only is made, and the player passes his hand or fingers over the protruding sponge, or where the front is merely perforated the wearer passes his hands over the perforations and the water from the sponge oozes therethrough, thus dampening his fingers or the palm of his hand. The invention is also very useful for business purposes, and in banking, where great speed is necessary in the counting of paper money or other documents, the clerk may have the device attached to his clothing at any convenient place, so that in moistening his fingers for the purpose of catching the paper money or documents it is not necessary to divert his attention from said money or documents by seeking the bowl or other receptacle in which the sponge is contained.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. A hand-moistening device, comprising a compressible pocket of flexible non-absorbent material, a filling of absorbent material inserted therein, and means for fastening said pocket to the clothing, as and for the purpose specified.

2. A hand-moistening device, comprising a compressible pocket of flexible water-tight
material having a plurality of openings there-into, a filling of absorbent material protruding from said pocket, and means for fastening said pocket to the clothing, as and for the purpose specified.

3. A hand-moistening device, comprising a pocket of flexible water-tight material open at the top and having an opening in the front thereof, a filling of absorbent material in said pocket, and means for fastening said pocket to the clothing of the wearer, as and for the purpose specified.

4. A hand-moistening device, comprising a compressible pocket of flexible water-tight material having a plurality of openings in its walls, a filling of absorbent material in said pocket, and means for fastening said pocket to the clothing of the wearer, as and for the purpose specified.

5. A hand-moistening device, comprising a rubber pocket open at the top and having an opening in the front thereof and a textile backing to the rubber backing thereof, a sponge contained within said pocket, and means attached to said textile backing securing said pocket to the clothing of the wearer, as and for the purpose specified.

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