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BRUSH PROTECTOR

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Fig. 1.

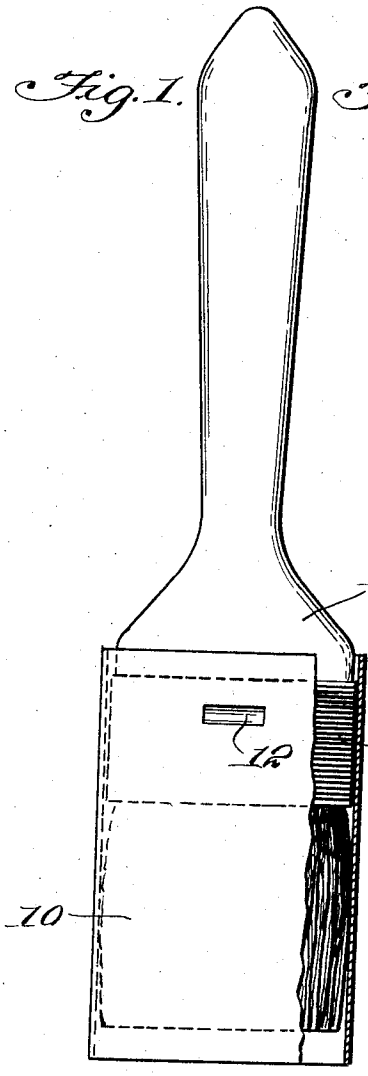


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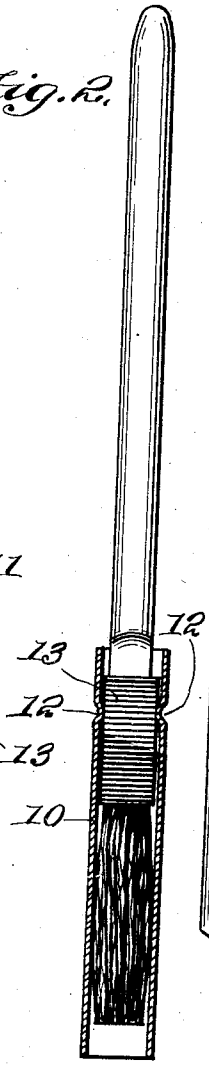


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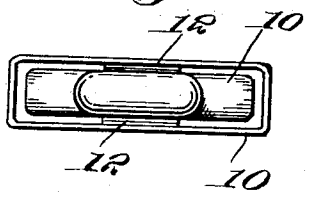
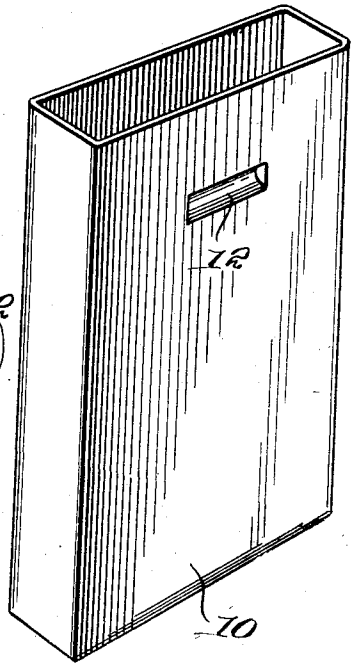


Fig. 4.



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This invention relates to protectors for paint brushes, and the like and has for an object the provision of a sleeve or casing which may be made of any suitable material and removably positioned around the head and bristles of a brush, to hold said bristles in shape and provide a support for the brush, so that the bristles will be spaced above the bottom of a pot or can in which the brush may be placed to soak. This prevents distortion of the bristles and also prevents said bristles from reaching the sediment which collects in the bottom of a pot or can.

With the above and other objects in view, the invention further includes the following novel features and details of construction, to be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a brush with the invention applied, the latter being partly broken away.

Figure 2 is an edge view of the brush with the protector in section.

Figure 3 is a view looking at the handle end of the brush with the protector in place.

Figure 4 is an enlarged detail perspective view of the protector.

Referring to the drawings in detail wherein like characters of reference denote corresponding parts, the protector as shown comprises a transversely rectangular sleeve 10 which is open at both ends and which is designed to freely receive the head and bristles of the brush. This sleeve may be made of any suitable waterproof material, such as tin or other thin sheet metal, or stiff waxed or other waterproof paper or cardboard.

The sleeve is designed to be slipped over the handle end of a brush 11 and to enclose the head and bristles of the brush, the length of the sleeve being sufficient to extend beyond the outer ends of the bristles as shown in Figures 1 and 2 of the drawings.

A sheath is thus provided which may be frictionally and removably engaged with the brush and for this purpose, the opposite side walls of the sleeve or sheath are provided with indentations 12 which engage the opposite sides of the brush head. These indentations engage the more or less roughened or uneven opposite sides of the brush head formed by the bristle binding as indicated at 13, or corrugations provided in a metal permanently attached sleeve, or the securing nails of the latter, where the brush is of this type.

The invention provides means by which the bristles of a brush may be protected in a manner to prevent distortion of the outer ends of the bristles when the latter are soaking within a pot or can and will in addition prevent the bristles from coming in contact with sediment collected in the bottom of the pot or can.

Further, the invention protects the bristles during shipment or storage and may provide means for the display of advertising upon individual brushes.

The invention is susceptible of various changes in its form, proportions and minor details of construction and the right is herein reserved to make such changes as properly fall within the scope of the appended claim.

Having described the invention what is claimed is:—

As an article of manufacture, a paint brush protector comprising a metallic sleeve of elongated form open at both ends and being rectangular in cross section to fit the head of a paint brush and to receive the bristles thereof, the opposed face walls of the sleeve having elongated depressions formed transversely therein and extending beyond the inner surfaces of the opposed face walls of the sleeve to bite within the opposite faces of the head of the brush, thereby holding one of the open ends of the sleeve beyond the outer ends of the brush bristles.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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