This invention relates to a holder or wrapper for brushes, and particularly for paint, varnish and similar brushes, and has for its object the provision of a brush holder of the character described wherein a single section of sheet material constitutes the body of the holder, wherein, in one of its embodiments, the holder is given a desired well-defined tapering or wedge-shaped formation to thereby retain the brush enclosed by it in the correct shape, and wherein a simple but effective means is employed for holding the holder or wrapper in position around the brush. Holders of this character are particularly advantageous for protecting the brush during handling, shipment or sales display; they may also be effectively employed by painters and others for holding the brush after it has been used, to keep the bristles in proper shape.

More particularly, the invention contemplates the provision of a brush holder or wrapper formed from a single sheet of relatively heavy paper, cardboard, fibre or similar sheet material and having a panel or body portion overlying and covering one side of the brush; with laterally extending wings or side flaps extending from the longitudinal sides of the body portion and separated therefrom by pairs of score lines, the lines of each pair converging toward the lower end of the body portion so that when the holder is folded inwardly upon said lines to bring the side flaps into overlapping position, a receptacle of definitely wedge-shaped or tapered formation will result; the sheet from which the holder is formed including also a flap portion extending from the lower end of the body portion and directed below the lower terminations of the side wings; the structure also including a flexible securing member anchored at one of its ends on the body portion and adapted to be wrapped around the overlapping side wings and upturned flap portion and also if desired, looped over the handle of the brush to thereby hold the wrapper or holder around the brush and secure the brush within the wrapper.

In the accompanying drawing, wherein an embodiment of the invention is shown, Fig. 1 is a view of the inside face of the holder in its opened or flat position; Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the holder as the same appears when in use; Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the line 5—5 of Fig. 4, looking in the direction of the arrows. The holder in opened or flat position is shown in Fig. 1 where it will be seen that the same consists of a single section or sheet composed of suitable material such as a stiff, yet flexible and tough, paper or light-weight cardboard or similar material. The holder has a centrally disposed panel, herein referred to as the "body portion", the same when the holder is in use, overlying and covering one face of the brush contained in the holder. Formed integrally therewith and extending laterally therefrom are wings or side flaps and which when folded into overlapped relationship, as seen in Figs. 3, 4 and 5, extend over the opposite face of the brush. These wings and extend slightly angularly from the opposite sides of the body portion, and located intermediate of the wings and body portion are the triangular panels, which when the holder is in its condition of use, form relatively flat sides for the holder, as clearly seen in Fig. 4.

To maintain the several wings and flap defined by the converging lines and the two wings when so infolded, lying in overlapping relationship, flap 4 is then upturned on the fold 3 and overlies the folded wings 8 and 9. The holder in this condition forms a tapered or wedge-shaped receptacle for the brush without mis-shaping or compressing the bristles thereof, the holder serving to give the brush a desired tapering appearance. The panels 7 at the sides of the holder are flat, and the holder not only protects the brush but provides an attractive receptacle therefor.

To maintain the several wings and flap of the holder in their folded and overlapped relationship, a tying element is employed, the same consisting of a string or other flexible element, anchored at one of its ends around a tubular rivet near the top of body portion, said rivet attaching a paper disk to the outer
face of the body portion. The string 14 may be utilized in several ways to maintain the holder in operative position upon a brush. It can be wound around the holder near the open top of the same and brought back and wound under the button 13, or it can be brought across the shoulders of the brush handle 15 and engaged under a tab 16 stamped out of the flap 4 near its free end, and then brought back to and wound under the button. In Figs. 2 and 4 of the drawing, the string is shown to be wound around the holder near its top or open end and also looped over the shoulders of the brush handle 15. These, and other arrangements of the string, may be employed to securely hold the holder in operative position on the brush. The string may, in any or all of the several manners used, be engaged under the tab 16 which will prevent it from rising upward and will co-operate with the button 13 in that respect.

While I have shown and described several embodiments of the invention, it will be obvious that the same is not to be restricted thereto, as various modifications may be made without departing from the spirit of the invention. For example, the converging score lines 5 and 6 need not meet at the lower ends of the wings 8 and 9 so that the sharpness of taper of the holder will in such case be decreased.

With such an arrangement, an additional transverse score line as indicated at 17 in Fig. 1 can be employed in flap 4 near the score line 3. In fact, if a tapering formation of the holder is not desired, the score lines 5 and 6 may be made either parallel or non-parallel with respect to one another, instead of converging, or disposed in any other desired relationship to secure the result sought. Other modifications may be made to accommodate the holder to brushes of various forms without departing from the spirit of the invention, as will be clearly understood by those skilled in this art.

What I claim is:

A wrapper for holding a brush comprising, a single sheet of paper or the like formed with a panel adapted to overlie and cover one face of the brush to be enclosed, a wing extending laterally from one side of the panel and separated from the panel at each side by a pair of score lines extending convergently to the lower end of the panel, said wings being adapted to be brought to overlapping position across one side of the brush when the sheet is folded on said converging score lines, with the material of the sheet between said score lines forming relatively flat, wedge-shaped sides for the holder, a flap portion extending from the lower end of the panel and projecting below the lower terminations of the wings, said flap being separated from the panel by a score line on which it is folded to upturn it to a position overlying the wings, a flexible cord anchored on the panel adjacent its upper end, anchoring means on the flap adjacent its free end for engagement with the cord, said cord being of such length that it may be looped over the brush handle to engage said means and hold the brush in the wrapper and may also be extended around the wrapper to engage said means and hold the wrapper securely around the brush.

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