

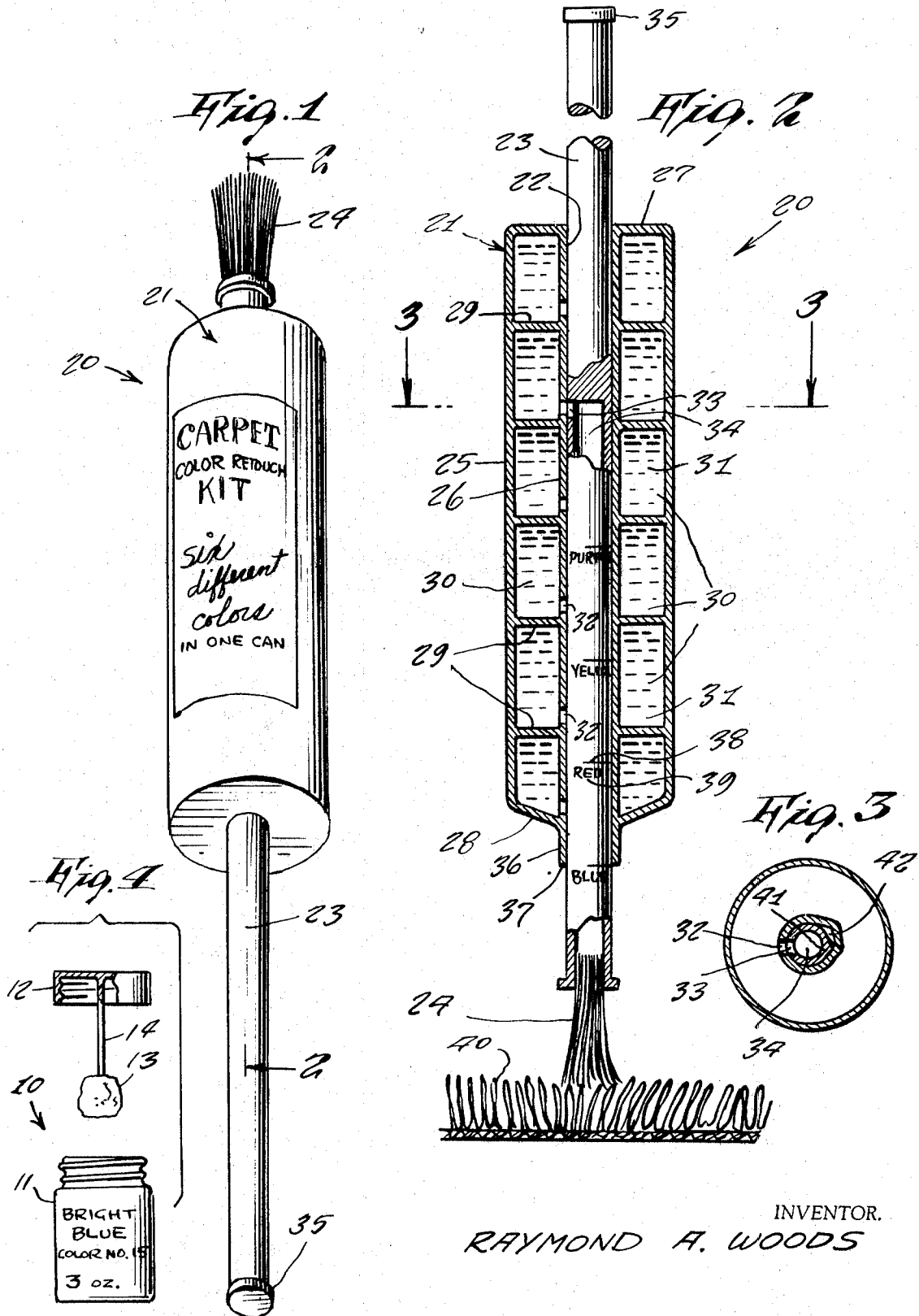
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A device for retouching the color of fabric that has been stained including a longitudinal series of compartments each containing a different color dye and each having an outlet, and a tubular dispenser slidable longitudinally of the compartments to receive a selected dye.

This invention relates generally to color touch up devices.

A principal object of the present invention is to provide a retouching kit for carpets that have been stained by animal urine, bleach, or other substances.

Another object is to provide a color retouching kit designed principally for use upon carpets but which is readily adaptable for use upon any other fabric.

Yet another object is to provide a carpet color retouching kit which would be adaptable for use on different carpet materials such as wool, cotton or acrylic and nylon pile.

Yet another object is to provide a carpet color retouching kit wherein the colors could each be packaged in individual containers each with its own applicator made of sponge or cloth.

Yet another object is to provide a carpet color retouching kit wherein several basic colors could be packaged in a single container and selectively dispensed therefrom, thereby allowing a better opportunity to blend various color combinations to produce a better color variety.

Other objects are to provide a carpet color retouching kit which is simple in design, inexpensive to manufacture, rugged in construction, easy to use and efficient in operation.

These and other objects will be readily evident upon a study of the following specification and the accompanying drawing wherein:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view of one form of the invention,

FIG. 2 is a cross sectional view taken on line 2—2 of FIG. 1, and showing the device in use,

FIG. 3 is a cross sectional view taken on line 3—3 of FIG. 2, and

FIG. 4 is a side view of a basic form of the invention.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, and more particularly to FIG. 4, the reference numeral 10 represents a carpet color retouching kit according to the present invention wherein there are a series of 12 to 15 plastic or glass bottles 11 each of which may be of 2 to 4 ounce size and each of which contains one of the basic colors so as to cover all shades now in use in the carpet color lines of manufacturers. The bottle 11 will include a cap or cover 12 and an applicator 13 which may comprise a sponge or cloth. The applicator may be separate from the bottle and cap or it may be secured to a post 14 on the underside of the cap in a conventional manner

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so to dip into the dye within the bottle, such as is conventionally known and used.

In a modified construction shown in FIGS. 1 to 3, the kit 20 comprises a container 21 of longitudinal character, having a central opening 22 extending therethrough for receiving a frictionally slidable handle 23 having a brush 24 at its one end. The container includes a cylindrical external wall 25, a cylindrical internal wall 26, opposite end walls 27 and 28, and a series of parallel spaced apart circular partitions 29 therebetween that divide the container into compartments 30, each of which contains a different color dye 31. Openings 32 in the wall 26 allow dye from each compartment to flow outward therefrom and into a single opening 33 on the brush handle which is selectively aligned with one of the openings 32. The opening 33 connects with a central opening 34 in the handle that communicates with the brush bristles that direct the dye thereto. The opposite end of the handle is closed to prevent dye from spilling therefrom. The handle is relatively long so as to fully seal all the openings 32 regardless of the position of the opening 33. Accordingly the handle opposite the brush end also has an enlarged stop 35 that abuts with end wall 27 preventing removal of the brush unit from the container and resultant spilling of dye from all exposed openings 32.

When not in use, the opening 33 is disaligned with all openings 32 as shown in FIG. 1, and within which condition the device is retained.

The device further includes a neck 36 having end edge 37 which in operative use of the device is aligned with graduation marks 38 adjacent color text 39 marked on the surface of the handle. Thus, as shown in FIG. 2, when the graduation mark adjacent the "blue" indicia on the handle is placed adjacent the edge 37 the opening 33 becomes aligned with opening 32 of the compartment containing the blue dye, which thus drains therefrom and down into the brush where it can be stroked upon carpet pile 40 for retouching purpose. By sliding the handle to another selected color thereafter, the colors being applied, may be thus mixed.

A narrow key 41 within a wide keyway 42 allows limited rotational travel of the brush unit, thereby allowing opening 33 to bypass openings 32 of unwanted colors while being adjusted for use between colors that are desired.

While certain novel features of my invention have been shown and described and are pointed out in the annexed claims, it will be understood that various omissions, substitutions and changes in the forms and details of the device illustrated and in its operation can be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of this invention, what is claimed is:

1. In a carpet color retouching kit, the combination of a longitudinal container divided into a longitudinal series of compartments each containing a different color of dye, a tubular color dispenser mounted for sliding movement longitudinally of said compartments and having a color receiving inlet, each of said compartments having a color dispensing outlet, means for indexing said dispenser to place said inlet opposite a predetermined one of said outlets, and a brush on said tubular dispenser.

2. The combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein said container includes cylindrical external and internal

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walls about a central opening slidably receiving said tubular dispenser, an extension of said tubular dispenser forming a handle for said brush, said container having opposite end walls and a plurality of partitions therebetween to form said compartments.

3. The combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein the end of the tubular extension opposite said handle is connected to brush bristles.

4. The combination as set forth in claim 3 further including means for preventing communication between said inlet and outlets upon rotation of said dispenser relative to said compartments.

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