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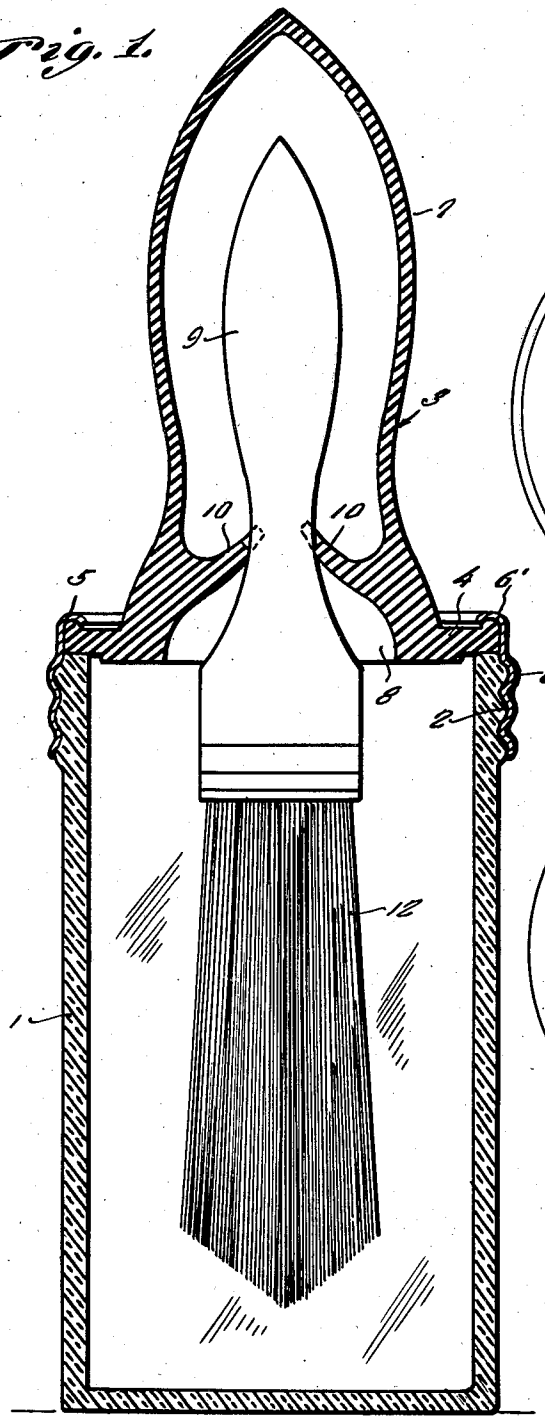


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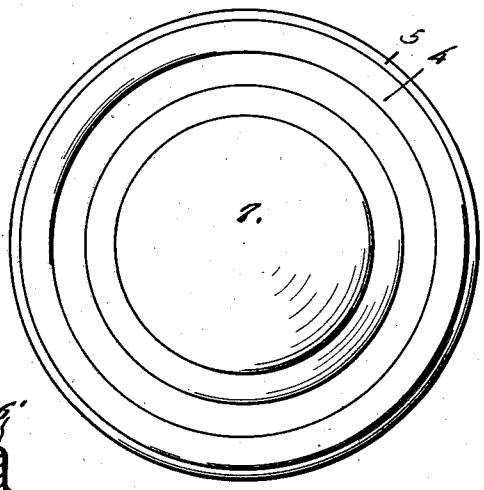
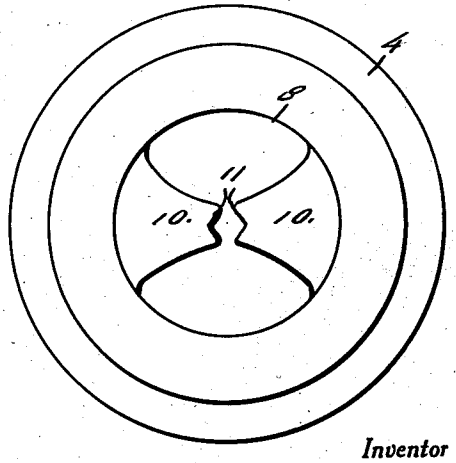


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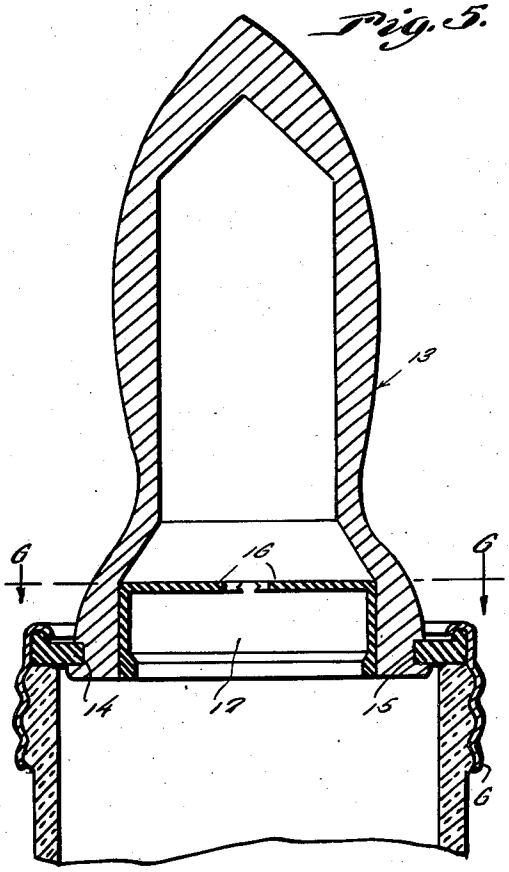
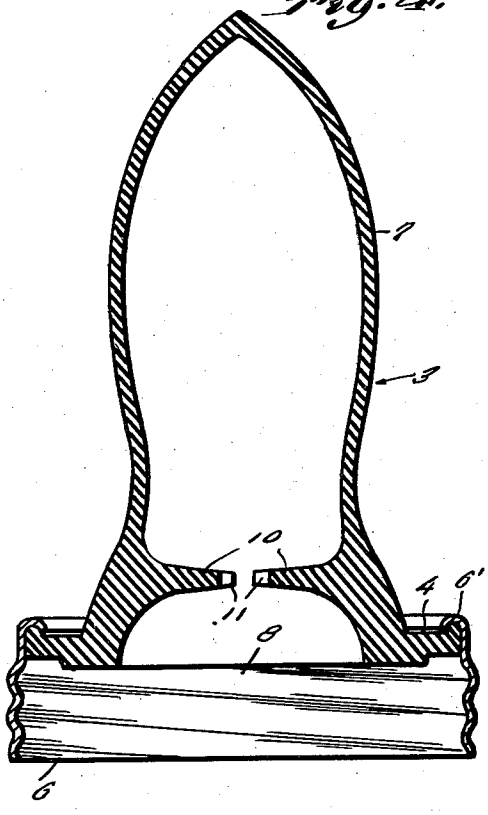


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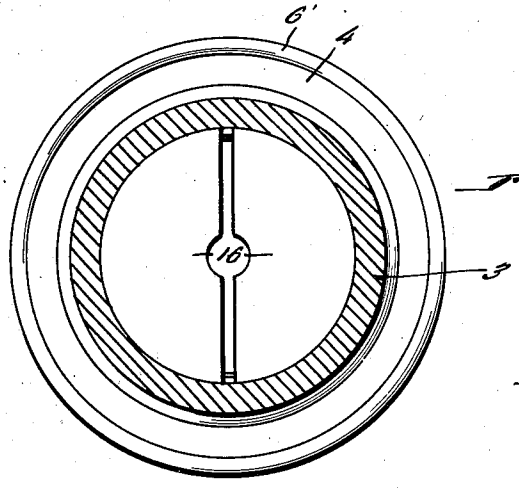


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1 Claim. (Cl. 206—15.1)

My invention relates to paint brush holders and the primary object thereof is to provide an inexpensive, simply constructed device for suspending paint brushes, bristles down, in an hermetically sealed condition so that they will be kept pliable and will not deteriorate as usually happens when exposed for long periods of time to the atmosphere.

To the accomplishment of the above, and subordinate objects presently appearing, a preferred embodiment of my invention and one modification thereof have been illustrated in the accompanying drawings, set forth in detail in the succeeding description and defined in the claim appended hereto.

In said drawings:—

Figure 1 is a view in vertical section of a preferred embodiment of my brush holder,

Figure 2 is a view in top plan,

Figure 3 is a view in bottom plan of the closure,

Figure 4 is a view in vertical section of the closure detached,

Figure 5 is a fragmentary view similar to Figure 1 of a modified form of the invention, and

Figure 6 is a view in transverse section taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 5 and looking downwardly.

Referring to the drawings by numerals, the holder of my invention, in the preferred embodiment thereof, comprises a glass jar 1, preferably the usual fruit jar, having an externally threaded upper end 2, a nipple-like closure 3 having a laterally extending base flange 4 provided with an upper edge bead 5, and an internally threaded clamping ring 6 threaded onto the end 2 of the jar 1 and having an inturned upper edge flange 6' transversely arcuate and fitting over the bead 5 to clamp the base flange 4 and closure to the top of said jar.

The closure 3 has a nipple-like portion 7 of dome shape provided with a mouth 8 opening into the jar 1 and is sufficiently large for the insertion of a brush handle 9 thereinto with ample clearance for said handle. The closure 3 is preferably formed of rubber, or rubber composition.

Inwardly of its mouth 8 the portion 7 is formed with a pair of opposed, flexible handle gripping flaps 10 of inwardly tapering edge contour and terminating in opposed notched ends 11 normally spaced slightly apart, the arrangement being such that the brush handle 9 may be inserted in said portion between said ends of the flaps, the latter flexing upwardly and upon release of the brush frictionally gripping said handle 9 upon opposite sides thereof in an upwardly inclined position whereby the brush is suspended by said flaps 10 with its bristle part 12 in the jar. As will be understood the jar 1 is of sufficient depth so that the bristle part 12 of the brush is suspended free of the bottom of the jar. As will be also clear, due to the described nature of the flaps 10, the latter will flex outwardly of the portion 7 under sufficient pull exerted on the brush to release the handle 9.

As shown in Figures 5 and 6, the closure, designated 13 in this instance, may be made of other material than rubber, for instance, wood, cork, or other suitable material, and the base flange 14 rabbeted into the lower end thereof as at 15. Also the gripping flaps 16, in this instance, may be formed as part of a split bottom, cup-like insert 17, of rubber or the like, secured bottom side up in the mouth of said closure 13 in any suitable manner. The use and operation of the flaps 16 is the same as in the preferred form of the invention described.

The foregoing will, it is believed, suffice to impart a clear understanding of my invention without further explanation.

Manifestly modifications other than that disclosed may be resorted to in the practice of the invention without departing from the inventive concept and right is herein reserved to all such other modifications falling within the scope of the subjoined claim.

What I claim is:—

A brush holder for paint brushes comprising a jar, a nipple-like closure for said jar adapted to house the handle of the brush and having a mouth opening into the jar and a pair of opposed flaps therein adjacent said mouth for gripping and suspending a brush handle therebetween, said flaps being of flexible material and adapted to be flexed inwardly of the closure by a brush handle thrust therebetween into oppositely inclined positions, whereby under the weight of the brush and frictional engagement of the handle therewith said flaps are urged into clamping engagement with opposite sides of said handle, and means to detachably secure said closure to said jar comprising a laterally extending base flange on said closure of resilient material, and a clamping ring threaded onto said jar and having an edge flange taking over said base flange.

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