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Fig. 1

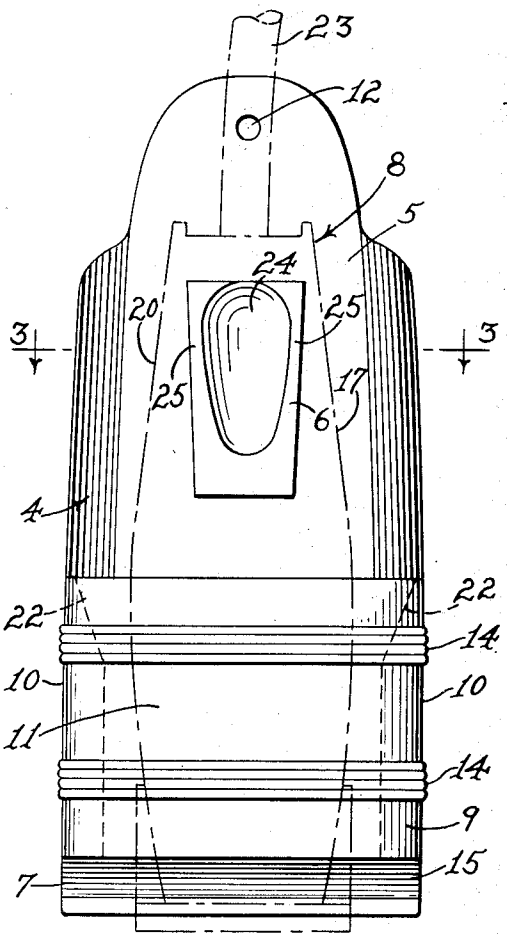


Fig. 2

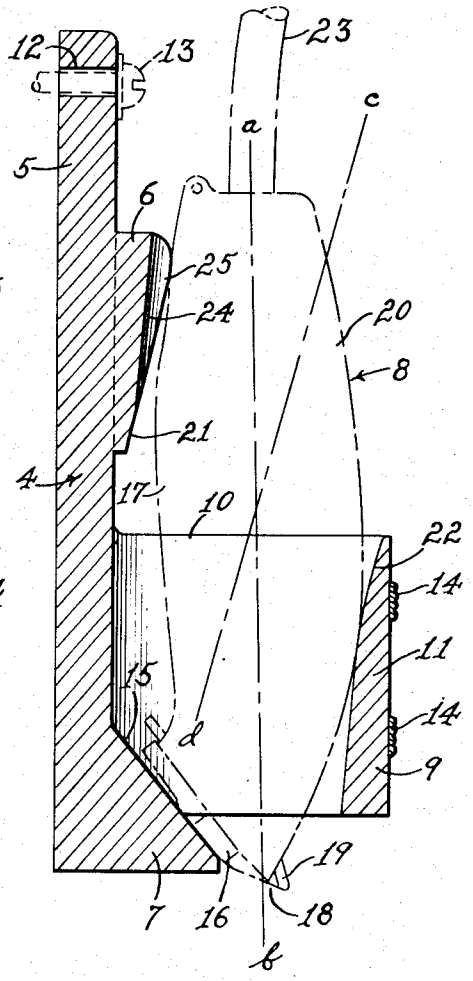
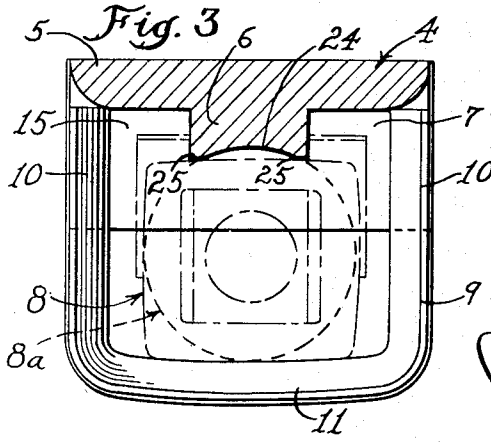


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to a new and improved holder for barber's clippers.

Barber's clippers, when not in use, have heretofore been hung up on hooks, using for this purpose the hinged eyelets that are provided on the rear end of the clipper bodies. However, that practice has not been at all satisfactory, because of the danger of this expensive and important piece of a barber's equipment being dropped on the floor by being pulled off the hook accidentally. Furthermore, a barber had to exert care in hanging up the clipper to be sure the hook always entered the eye properly, and, particularly in a rush period, when he is in a hurry a slip-up is apt to occur and result in the clipper being dropped in the act of hanging it up. Droppage of a clipper, aside from the inconvenience to the barber while the clipper is being repaired, is quite apt to run into considerable expense, depending on what part or parts happen to be damaged, the clipper comb with its rather fragile teeth being an expensive part that is most likely to be damaged in such cases. It is, therefore, the principal object of my invention to provide a holder so designed that the clipper can be placed therein quickly and easily and without the slightest danger of its being dropped, the clipper when disposed in the holder being securely supported against any likelihood of accidental dropping, even though the handle end of the clipper body is exposed sufficiently to permit quickly and easily lifting the clipper out of the holder at any time.

An important feature of the holder is the provision of an open bottom for good aeration and hence better sanitation, any hair clippings left in the clipper comb and cutter after use of the clipper being free to drop out and being also quite apt to be shaken off in the process of placing the device in the holder.

Another important feature is the provision of a wedge-shaped clipper abutment or ledge on the lower end of the back of the holder the inclination of the top surface of which matches the inclination of the comb on the clipper that is adapted to rest thereon, so that the clipper always gravitates to a predetermined position in the holder when placed therein, and, although free to be removed easily, it is not loose and cannot be jostled about in the holder, thus reducing likelihood of the clipper being damaged by a sudden jerk on the extension cord, or by being pulled out of the holder if the barber or one of his customers becomes tangled in the extension cord, the abutment or ledge being purposely shortened enough so that only the butt portion of the comb rests thereon, the teeth of the comb protruding far enough beyond the ledge so that hair clippings can drop out easily.

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Still another important feature is the provision of a projecting pad portion on the upper portion of the back of the holder designed to keep the handle end of the body of the clipper in the holder spaced far enough from the back of the holder to facilitate taking hold of the clipper when it is to be withdrawn, and also avoid likelihood of the barber getting his fingers pinched when placing the clipper in the holder, this spacer pad being furthermore so designed that it will cooperate as well with one of the two most popular makes of clipper as with the other, so that either kind can be kept in the holder with equal facility.

A further feature is the flaring of the mouth or upper end portion of the clipper encircling yoke to facilitate entering the clipper therein and also removing the same, the pad portion referred to above being decreased in thickness from top to bottom for a similar reason.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figs. 1 and 2 are a front view and central longitudinal section of a holder made in accordance with my invention, a clipper being indicated in outline by dot and dash lines in both views to show how it is adapted to fit in the holder, and

Fig. 3 is a horizontal section on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1, the generally rectangular form of body of one clipper being indicated in dot and dash lines to agree with the illustration of that same clipper (the Andis) in Figs. 1 and 2, and the substantially circular form of body of another clipper (the Oster) being indicated in dotted lines to show how such a clipper is adapted to fit in the arcuate depression in the pad portion on the back of the holder.

The same reference numerals are applied to corresponding parts of the holder in the three views.

The holder, which may be made of wood or any other suitable material, but is preferably molded of plastic material, and preferably in one piece, is indicated generally by the reference numeral 4 and comprises an elongated generally rectangular back portion 5, that is flat on its opposed faces and is of substantially uniform thickness throughout, except at the upper clipper-engaging pad portion 6 and the lower clipper-supporting abutment or ledge portion 7, the clipper, indicated in outline at 8 by dot-and-dash lines,

being supported in the holder 4 between the back 5 and a generally U-shaped clipper-encircling yoke 9 that extends from the lower portion of the back 5, the yoke having its arms 10 on the opposite sides of the holder joined at their ends to the back 5 and disposed substantially in right angle relation thereto and its cross-portion 11 at the front of the holder disposed in substantially parallel relation to the back. A single hole 12 in the middle of the back 5 near the upper end is adapted to receive a screw 13 for fastening the holder rigidly to the wall or cabinet near the barber-chair, so that the clipper therein will be within easy reach of the barber for instantaneous use whenever desired and the barber can easily replace the clipper in the holder. The holder can be suitably decorated as by the horizontal beads 14, which can be molded integral with the body of the holder, where said holder is of molded material, or separate moldings can be applied to give such or any other design effect desired.

Attention is called to the wedge-shaped section of the ledge or abutment 7 and the fact that the slope of the top surface 15 at about 45° from a vertical corresponds approximately to the inclination of the comb 16 relative to the longitudinal axis *a*—*b* of the body 17 of the clipper so that the clipper always gravitates toward the front of the yoke 9 and to the substantially vertical position indicated in Fig. 2 when placed in the holder, even though upon entry it may be tilted in about the position indicated by the other center line or axis *c*—*d* in Fig. 2. In that way the clipper is positively guided toward the final position of rest shown, with the teeth 18 of the comb and the cooperating teeth of the cutter 19 disposed in space in the open bottom of the holder, in front of the ledge 7, so that any loose hair clippings left in the clipper can drop out and the whole working end of the clipper can be aired out thoroughly between operations.

The projecting pad portion 6 on the upper portion of the back 5, which supports the handle end 20 of the clipper in spaced relation to the back 5 of the holder to facilitate taking hold of the clipper to remove it from the holder, is purposely tapered from top to bottom, as appears at 21 in Fig. 2, to increase the clearance between the lower end of the pad portion and the front wall 11 of the yoke 9 so that it is easier to enter the clipper in the holder. (In this connection, see line *c*—*d*, representing the approximate inclination of the clipper when entering the holder.) The mouth or upper end portion of the yoke 9 is also flared, as indicated at 22 to further facilitate entry and removal of the clipper. The tapers indicated at 21 and 22 do not contribute toward any looseness of the clipper when supported in the holder, because, as shown in Fig. 2, the clipper is crowded forwardly at its lower end by virtue of riding down the incline 15 and therefore engages firmly the front wall 11 of the yoke 9, as shown, and the upper or handle end of the clipper bears at its back against the upper portion of the pad 6. Hence, there is no likelihood of the clipper being jostled out of the holder even if the extension cord 23 is given a sudden and fairly violent jerk; the clipper has to be lifted out.

In closing, it will be seen that an arcuate depression 24 is provided in the front face of the pad portion 6 extending vertically nearly the full height thereof. This is to conform to and receive the rounded handle end of another make of clipper indicated in dotted lines at 8*a* in Fig. 3. In that figure the body of the clipper 8 is shown as

generally rectangular through the handle end 20 that engages the front of the pad portion 6 at 25 on opposite sides of the depression 24. By providing this depression 24, the same holder can be used interchangeably with either of the two most popular makes of clippers, the one (8) bearing at the points 25, and the other (8*a*) fitting in the depression 24.

It is believed the foregoing description conveys a good understanding of the objects and advantages of my invention. The appended claims have been drawn to cover all legitimate modifications and adaptations.

I claim:

1. For supporting in a substantially vertical position with its clipper end down a hair clipper of the type including an elongated body provided with a clipper comb member transversely of one end and in a plane at an inclination to the longitudinal axis of the body, a holder comprising an elongated plate-like back member adapted to be supported vertically, a U-shaped yoke extending outwardly from the lower end portion of the back member and forming with the back member an open-ended housing adapted to receive the comb end of the clipper, an abutment extending in a plane outwardly and downwardly from the back member to terminate at a spaced distance from the yoke front to provide a hair clipping escape opening in the housing bottom, said abutment inclination corresponding to that of the clipper comb whereby said abutment conforms to and supports the comb end of the clipper in the housing, and a downwardly and inwardly inclined wedge pad positioned centrally on and intermediate the length of the back member and above the yoke to space said clipper body from the back member so that the front thereof has engagement with the outermost housing wall.

2. For supporting in a substantially vertical position with its clipper end down a hair clipper of the type including an elongated body provided with a clipper comb member extending transversely of one of its ends and disposed in a plane at an inclination to the longitudinal axis of the body, a holder comprising an elongated plate-like back member adapted to be mounted in substantially a vertical position upon a suitable support, a yoke extending outwardly from the lower end portion of the back member, said yoke comprising a pair of spaced side walls extending in parallel from the back member at substantially right angles thereto and provided with outwardly flared upper edges to facilitate placement of the clipper in the holder, an outer end wall joining the outer ends of said side walls and being formed with an outwardly flared upper edge, said yoke walls forming with the back member a closed wall housing having open upper and lower ends, an abutment extending outwardly from the back member within the yoke housing and stopping short of the outer end wall of the housing, said abutment being in a plane inclined to correspond with the clipper comb to engage said comb and limit the downward movement of the clipper, a downwardly and inwardly inclined wedge pad positioned centrally on and intermediate the length of the back member and above the yoke to engage and space the clipper body from the back member so that the front thereof has engagement with the outer wall of the yoke housing, and said wedge pad being provided lengthwise thereof with a central depression of arcuate cross-sectional configuration.

3. A holder for supporting in a vertical position

comb end down a hair clipper of the type including an elongated body provided with a comb member and cutter transversely of one end thereof in a plane at an angle to the longitudinal axis of the body, said holder comprising an elongated plate-like back member adapted to be supported vertically, a yoke having side walls extending forwardly from the lower portion of said back member and a front wall in spaced substantially parallel relation to said back member and extending between said side walls to define a housing open at the top and bottom adapted to receive the comb end of the clipper, and an abutment for supporting engagement by the comb member extending forwardly from the lower end of said back member and terminating at a spaced distance from the front wall of said yoke to permit dropping off of clippings from the comb of a clipper supported on said abutment, the distance between the side walls of said yoke being greater than the width of the body of the clipper and the distance between said back member and the

front wall of said yoke being greater than the thickness of the clipper body whereby to permit the comb end of the clipper to slide downwardly and forwardly on said abutment until the body of the clipper likewise sliding downwardly and forwardly is stopped by engagement with the front wall of said yoke, and a central projection extending forwardly from said back member above said yoke and serving to space the body of the clipper from the back member to provide finger tip clearance.

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