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VARNISH BRUSH CONTAINER.

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Fig. 1.

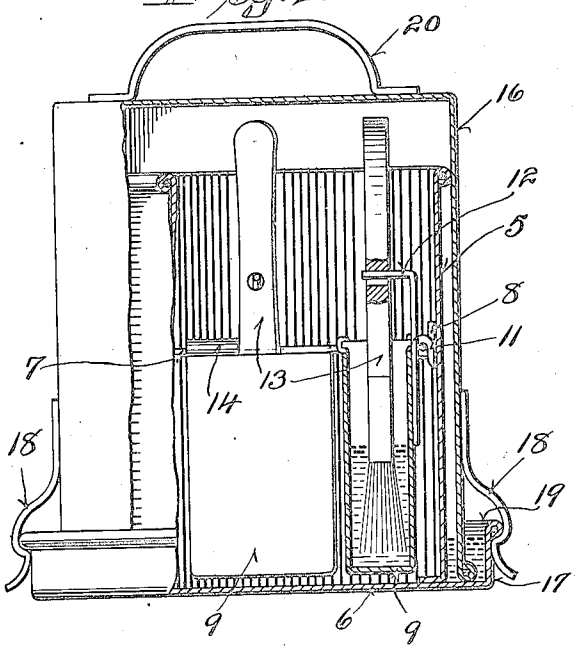


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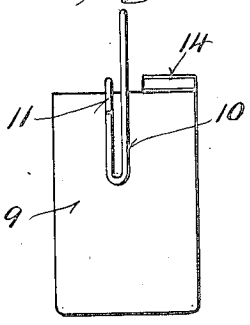
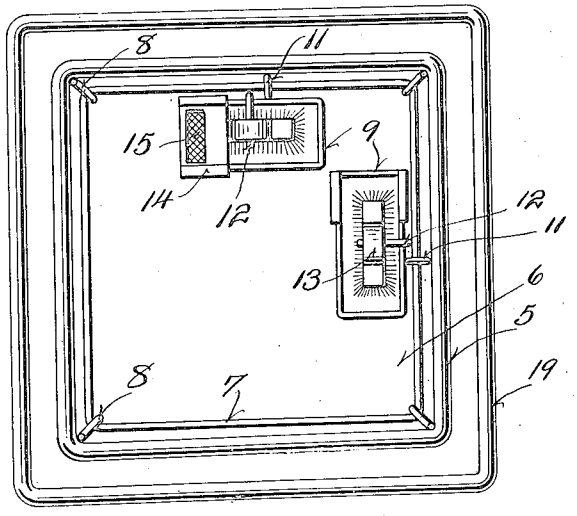


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES W. WARD, a citizen of the United States, and resident of North Fond du Lac, in the county of Fond du Lac and State of Wisconsin, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Varnish-Brush Containers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a new and improved container for varnish brushes and the like, which is adapted to contain brushes of this character after they have been used, and to prevent the same from becoming dry and hard.

Varnish and paint brushes are sometimes immersed in oil, water, turpentine or the like, when not in use, but all of these liquids are injurious and the only way to preserve the brush properly is to leave it immersed in the liquid coating material with which it is used. Hitherto this has been impractical because it necessitates leaving the material uncovered, so that it dries out or becomes filled with dust or dirt.

The general object of my invention is to provide a special container which may be conveniently closed and in which the brush may be kept immersed in the coating material without any of the objectionable conditions usually incident thereto.

It is a further object of the invention to provide means for conveniently preserving a number of brushes used for different kinds or colors of coating material, and, at the same time, provide convenient means for storing the unused coating material until the next occasion arises for its use.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a container of this kind, with means for suspending the brushes so that the bristles will not become bent or otherwise injured.

In describing my invention, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing in which,

Figure 1 is a front elevation of my improved container with a part shown in section to illustrate the interior thereof.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the same, and

Figure 3 is a front elevation of one of the brush receptacles.

Referring more specifically to the drawing, the invention comprises a container 5 which is preferably made rectangular and which is provided with a bottom 6. Extending around the interior of this container is a supporting rail 7, which is secured at the proper height by means of the eyes 8. This rail provides a convenient support for a plurality of brush receptacles 9, which are made in the most convenient forms and sizes for receiving the brush which is to be preserved. Secured to one side of this receptacle is a double hook 10, one end of which is adapted to extend over the rail 7, as shown at 11. The other end of the hook extends upwardly and is provided with a laterally extending portion 12, which is disposed above the receptacle and is adapted to support a brush, as shown at 13, a hole being provided in the handle of the brush to receive the portion 12 of the hook. Each container is preferably provided at its upper edges with the guideway 14, on which a strainer 15 may be attached.

A cover member 16 is also provided, which is adapted to be placed over the container, and the bottom 6 is provided with an outwardly extending rim 17, whereby to form a pan which receives the lower edge of the cover 16. The pan, therefore, may be partly filled with water so as to form a seal for the interior of the container. The cover is also provided with a number of clips 18, which may be sprung over the bead 19 on the upper edge of the rim.

In using my invention, the respective brush receptacles are partly filled with the coating material with which the brush has been used. The brush is then inserted therein, and supported by the end 12 of the hook, and the other end of the hook is engaged with the supporting rail 7. The cover may then be placed over the container and water poured into the pan to form a seal. The brush is, therefore, preserved, and the coating material in which it is immersed is effectually prevented from evaporating. The coating material may be afterward used and any dirt or scum may be removed therefrom, by using the strainer 15.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new is,

1. In a device of the character described, a container having a supporting rail extending along its inner wall, a brush receptacle adapted to contain varnish, and having a hook secured thereto, in a position to engage said rail and suspending the receptacle

above the bottom of the container, a closure for said container, and a water seal for said closure.

2. In a device of the character described, a container having a supporting rail extending along its inner wall and spaced therefrom, a brush receptacle adapted to contain varnish and having a hook secured thereto, in a position to engage said rail, and suspend the receptacle above the bottom of the container, means for suspending a brush in a predetermined position in said receptacle above the bottom thereof, a closure for said container and a water seal for said closure.

3. In a device of the character described, a container having a supporting rail extending along its inner wall, a brush receptacle adapted to contain varnish, and having a double hook secured thereto, one portion of the hook being in a position to engage said rail to support the receptacle above the bottom of the container and the other portion extending over the receptacle and engageable with a brush to suspend the same above the bottom of the receptacle, a closure for said container, and a water seal for said closure.

4. In a device of the character described, a container having a supporting rail extending along its inner wall, and spaced therefrom, a brush receptacle adapted to contain varnish and having a hook secured thereto, in a position to engage said rail and supend the receptacle above the bottom of the container, said bottom extending outwardly and upwardly from the edge of the container to form a pan, and a closure extending over the top and sides of the container to form a water seal and clips for attaching said closure to the sides of the pan.

5. In a device of the character described, a container having a supporting rail extending along its inner wall and spaced therefrom, a brush receptacle adapted to contain varnish and having a double hook secured thereto, one portion of the hook being in a position to engage said rail to support the receptacle above the bottom of the container, the other portion of the hook being extended over the receptacle and engageable with a brush to suspend the same above the bottom of the receptacle, the bottom of the container being extended outwardly and upwardly beyond the edge thereof, to form a pan, and a closure extending over the top and sides of the container to form a water seal and clips for attaching said closure to the sides of the pan.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand at North Fond du Lac, in the county of Fond du Lac and State of Wisconsin.

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