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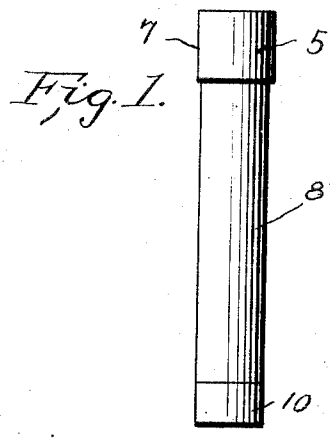


Fig. 1.

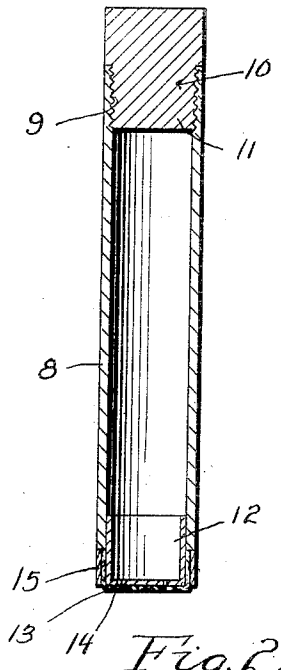


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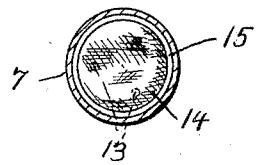


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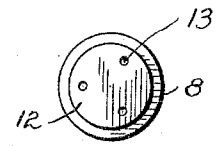


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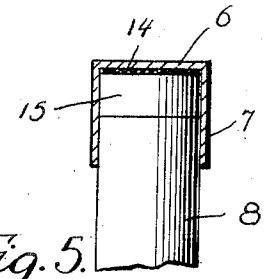


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. NORDIKE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Watkins, in the county of Schuyler and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Moisteners; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to new and useful improvements in moistening devices, and has for its object to provide a moistener which is adapted to be used for moistening stamps and envelops, thereby eliminating the undesirable method of licking stamps and envelops which are to be moistened.

Another object of my invention is to provide a device wherein the felt used at the end of the moistener may be changed and renewed so that the same, should it at any time become gummed or unfit for use, may be removed and a new one put in place in a very short time and with little inconvenience.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a device of the above character in which a very small amount of liquid is fed to the felt in order that the same may not become too wet.

With the above and other objects in view I will now proceed to describe my invention in the following specification and accompanying drawings, in which,

Figure 1 is a view in elevation of my improved stamp sticker and envelop moistener as it would appear with the cap in place; Fig. 2 is a longitudinal sectional view through my improved moistener with the cap removed; Fig. 3 is an end view of my improved stamp sticker showing the cap in section; Fig. 4 is an end view of my improved sticker with the felt removed; and Fig. 5 is a detail view of one end of my improved stamp sticker showing the cap in section.

Referring to the drawings by characters of reference, 5 indicates the cap which I use to protect the end of the sticker and prevent leakage. This cap preferably comprises the bottom wall 6 and the side wall 7, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 5.

My improved moistener preferably comprises the cylindrical body portion 8, which is provided with a longitudinal aperture having at one end thereof the internal screw threads 9. A cylindrical plug 10 is provided with a reduced screw threaded portion 11, which is adapted to enter the end of the cylinder, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 2 and form a closure for the same. A cap member 12 of substantially the same diameter as the inner diameter of the cylindrical member 8 is provided with the apertures 13, which are spaced from each other an equal distance, as illustrated in Figs. 3 and 4, and are arranged in triangular relation. This cap member 12 is adapted to be inserted in the end of the cylindrical member 8 opposite the threads 9, and be firmly secured therein. An absorbent member, preferably of felt or other similar material, indicated at 14, is stretched over the end of the cap member 12 and held in place by means of a ring 15, this ring 15 being adapted to frictionally engage the absorbent member and hold the same firmly against the wall of the cap member 12.

When it is desired to make use of my improved moistener, the plug 10 is removed and the cylindrical member filled with water. The plug 10 is then replaced and the device is ready for use. It will be clearly seen that the liquid contained within the cylindrical member will flow downwardly and through the triangularly arranged openings 13 into the absorbent material 14, by means of which it will be distributed over the surface of the cap 12 and from there may be easily applied to stamps or envelops as the case may be.

While in the foregoing I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, I wish it to be understood that I may change the specific arrangements of parts without in any way departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

Having thus fully described my invention what I claim is:

A device of the character described comprising a cylindrical body portion, screw threads formed at one end of the body portion, a cap fitted into and firmly secured in the opposite end of the cylindrical body portion, said cap being provided with perforations, the perforated end of the cap extending beyond the cylindrical body portion for a short distance to form an annular shoulder, a disk of absorbent material

adapted to fit the cap and lie firmly thereagainst, a ring of slightly larger diameter than the diameter of the cap, said ring being adapted to frictionally engage the absorbent material and press the same firmly against the cap, said ring also being adapted to form an additional thickness around the cap, and make the diameter therethrough equal to the diameter of the cylinder, and a threaded plug adapted to be inserted in the threaded end of the body portion to form a closure therefor.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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