

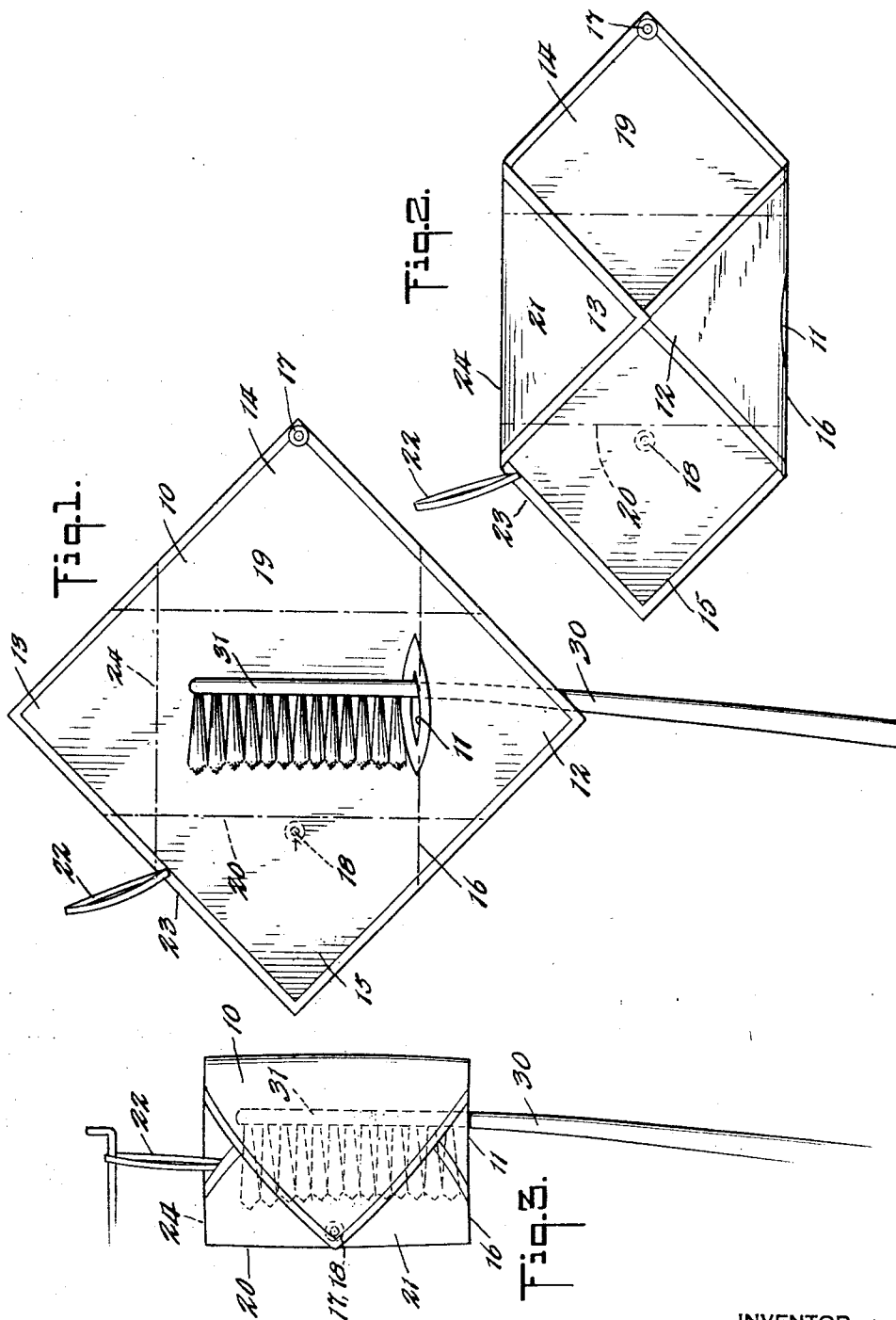
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This invention relates to improvements in tooth brush covers or protectors.

An object of the invention is to provide a more convenient and more sanitary tooth brush holder than those heretofore known. Other objects will appear from the specification and claims.

It has been common experience that the tooth brush covers heretofore known have been rigid articles which makes them bulky and inconvenient to pack in travelling. These tooth brush covers are usually elongated boxes or tubes which are difficult, if not impossible to clean, and therefore are apt to harbor germs and become unsanitary, whereas it is obviously of especial importance that everything coming in contact with a tooth brush should be kept thoroughly sanitary.

The tooth brush cover which forms the subject of the present invention is designed to avoid the objectionable features heretofore found in articles of this description.

In the drawings,

Figure 1 is a plan view of an opened tooth brush cover made according to the invention, and shows a tooth brush placed therein.

Figure 2 is a plan view of the tooth brush cover of Figure 1, partially closed.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the cover completely closed about a tooth brush, and hanging on a hook.

As shown in the drawings, the tooth brush cover is generally designated 10, and comprises a square of flexible material which should preferably be of watertight material, such as sheet rubber or rubberized cloth. It may be of a shape other than square if desired. The cover is slit at 11 adjacent the lower corner 12, to admit the handle 30 of a tooth brush, so that the handle may be outside and the head 31 of the tooth brush may be inside the cover.

In using the tooth brush cover, two corners, such as the top and bottom corners 12 and 13 are folded over the head of the tooth brush, as shown in Figure 2 (the tooth brush being omitted from this figure, however), then the two remaining corners 14 and 15 are folded over as shown in Figure 3 and fast-

ened. When the cover is completely folded up or closed the slit 11 is on a fold 16 across the bottom of the cover, and preferably at about the center of the fold.

Any suitable fastening means may be employed, such as cooperating snap-fasteners 17 and 18. One part of the fastening means, as 17 may conveniently be at a corner as 14, and on the inside 19 of the cover, while the other part 18 of the fastening means, may be placed at or near the fold line 20 of the opposite corner 15 and on the outside 21 of the cover.

Any preferred order of folding in the corners may be used. Opposite corners should preferably be folded on lines parallel to each other, and at right angles to the folds across the corners next to them, and the two sets of parallel fold lines should cross each other, in order to insure complete covering of the tooth brush when the cover is closed.

Suspending means 22, may be provided on an upper side 23 at one end of the fold 24 across the corner 13 opposite the slit corner 12. The fold 24 will form the top of the cover when it is closed, and the suspending means 22 will be located at about the center of the top of the closed cover.

It will readily be seen that the improved tooth brush cover has many advantages over prior devices.

Its bulk is very small, so that when travelling, the tooth brush and cover will take up very little more room in the luggage than the tooth brush alone. It is sanitary, for it is easy to open up to air it and it is easy to wash. Being flexible, it is not in danger of being crushed or broken, as are tooth brush covers composed of celluloid, glass or the like.

The tooth brush cover of the present invention is as well adapted to home use as to use in travelling for the tooth brush in the cover can be suspended from any usual hook or the like, and the brush will be protected from dust and germs which circulate in the air. If a number of similar tooth brush covers are used by various members of a household, each cover is large enough to have the name of its owner written or otherwise displayed on its outside.

I claim—

A tooth brush cover comprising a substantially rectangular piece of flexible, water-proof material slit adjacent one corner to receive the handle of a tooth brush, and adapted to be folded about the head of the tooth brush, along fold lines across the corners, the fold lines across parallel corners being parallel to each other and at right angles to the fold lines across the corners next to them, and the two sets of parallel fold lines crossing each other.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification.

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