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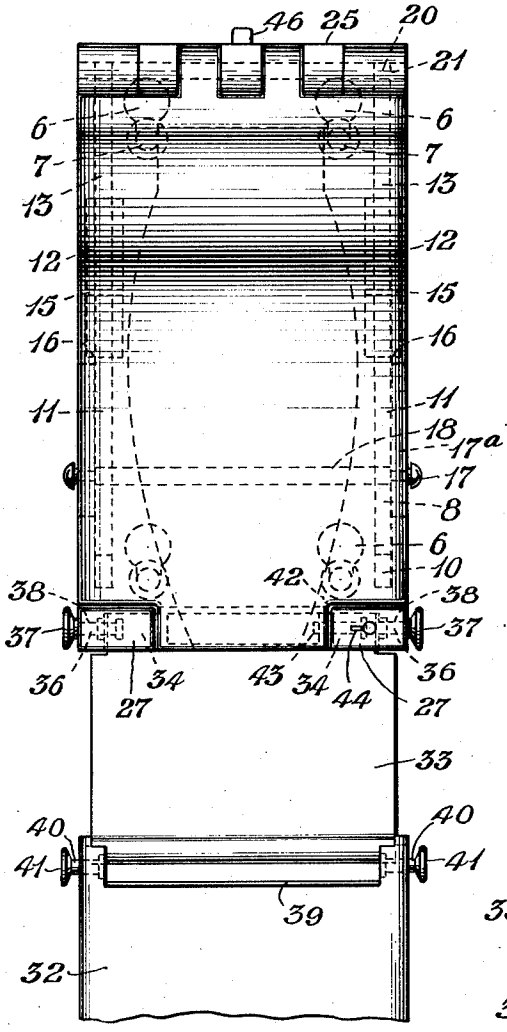


Fig. 1.

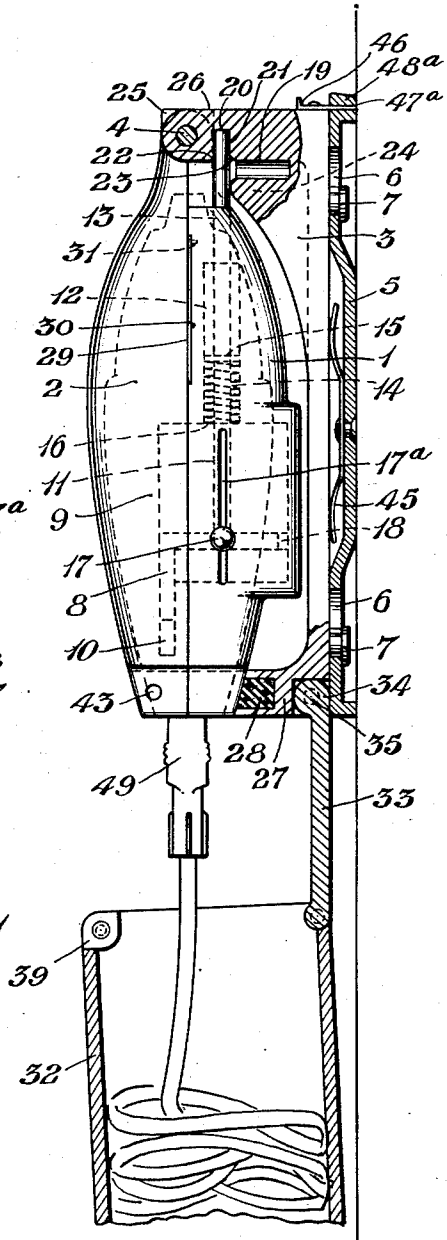


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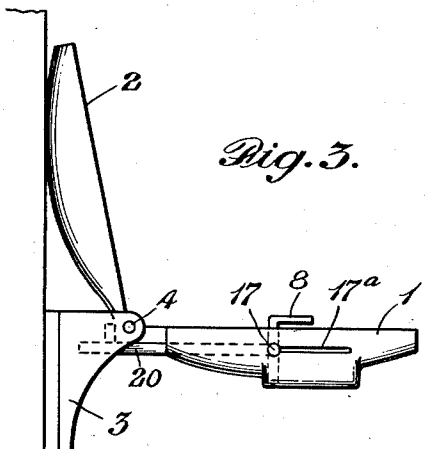


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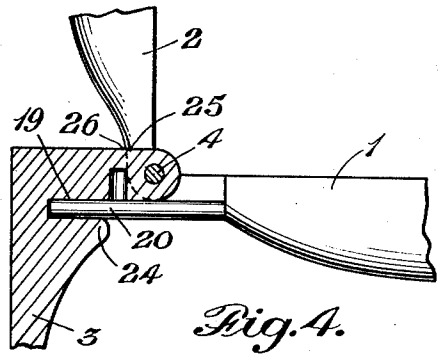
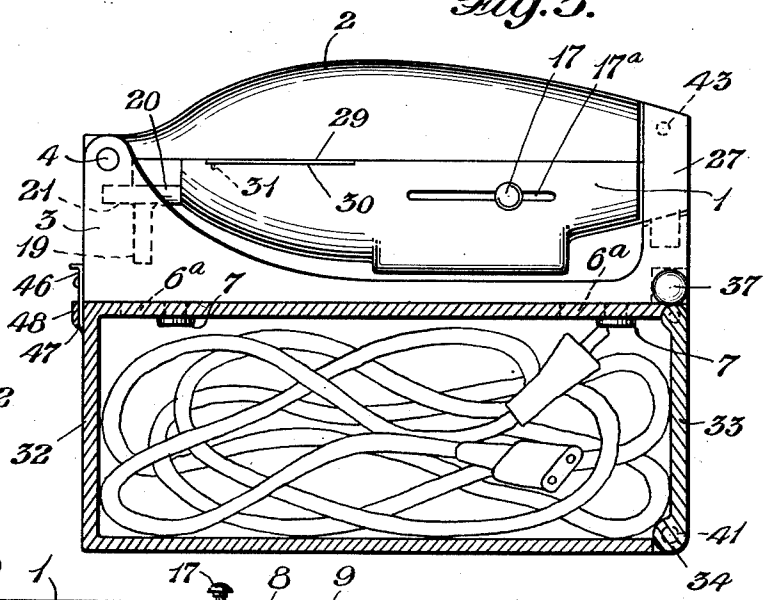


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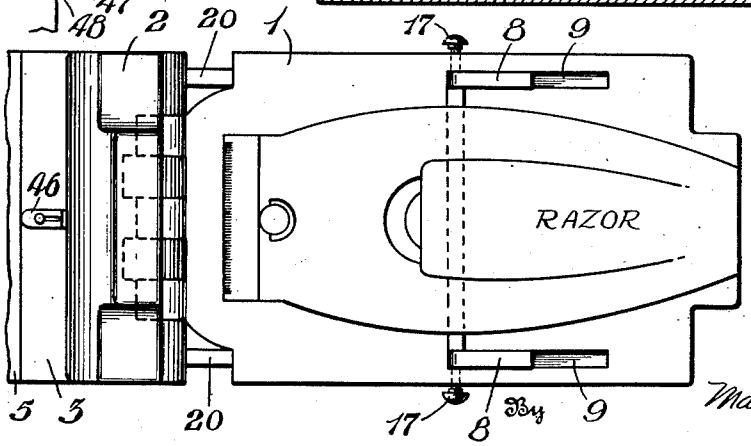


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This invention relates to a mechanism to be used in connection with razors, and particularly that type of razor commonly known as an "electric dry shaver".

The invention consists of a container for the razor which, in one instance, serves as a support for the razor when not in use, and at another time, as a carrying case for the razor when travelling.

It is an object of the invention to provide a case which will minimize the danger of dropping the razor when not in use, by providing a structure which is readily foldable when the razor is out of use so as to consume a minimum of space on a permanent wall bracket. When the razor is to be used, the portion carrying the razor is securely disposed in a horizontal position, whereby the same serves as a shelf-like arrangement to restrain the razor against rolling therefrom until such time as the user wishes to remove it from the container for shaving.

One salient object of the invention is to provide a latching means for a closure on the container, whereby when the container is folded in its compact position out of use, the latching means will be automatically operable to latch the closure securely to the container, while when the razor is to be removed from the container and the latter is disposed in horizontal position, the latch will be automatically withdrawn and the closure adapted to be freely opened by the user.

Other objects and uses of the device will become apparent by studying the following specification and drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the container;

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the container, partly in section;

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the container, showing the closure member open and the container in horizontal position;

Figure 4 is a detail of Fig. 3, showing the supporting means for the container in horizontal position;

Figure 5 is a side elevation, partly in section, showing the razor container and the container for the cord in travelling assembly; and

Figure 6 is a top plan view of Fig. 3.

The device consists of a container 1 and a closure member 2, both of which are pivoted together and to a base member or bracket 3, by a hinged structure 4 at the top of the device, as viewed in Figs. 1 and 2. A wall bracket 5 is provided, adapted to be secured to the wall by any suitable means and contains a plurality of keyhole slots 6 adapted to receive headed pins 7 secured to the base member 3 on the rear side thereof. By such construction, the base member and container may be readily removed from the wall bracket when it is desired to travel with the razor and container.

The container and closure member are each provided with concavities so designed as to substantially conform in shape on the interior when in closed assembly to the popular electric razors now on the market requiring no lather. The most popular ones are substantially the same shape and therefore this device has substantially universal application. The interior of the container and closure member may be lined with soft material, such as felt, or may be otherwise provided with suitable rubber buttons or similar structure which will prevent immediate contact between the razor and the container or closure, thus eliminating any danger of marring effect on the razor.

One of the primary objects of this invention is to provide structure which will house the razor in a compact space and will also provide a readily accessible means to support the razor when it is desired to use the same, without danger of the razor accidentally falling from the support and thus being injured. To this end latch means 8 are provided in the container, arranged one on either side of the cavity receiving the razor, and adapted to cooperate with slots 9 in the closure member which terminate in locking recesses 10 arranged at one end of said slots. When the latches engage the recesses 10, the closure member will be securely locked in closed relationship with the container.

Slidably arranged in each side of the container are bolts 11 which are received partly by the slots 9 and also by additional bores 12 and 13. The bore 12 is somewhat larger than bore 13 and it is circular in cross section, whereby the same is adapted to receive a coiled spring 14 acting at one end against a fixed abutment 15 secured to the bolt 11. At the other end it cooperates with shoulders 16 arranged adjacent slots 9.

Also secured to each bolt 11 is an outwardly projecting button 17 adapted to be engaged by the fingers of the user to operate the bolts. These buttons are slidable in suitable slots 17a provided in the side walls of the container. A connecting bar 18 is provided, operating in the base of the cavity receiving the razor in the container, which connects the latches 8, bolts 11 and buttons 17, whereby these elements on each side of the container act and move as a unit.

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posed one at each side thereof is a recess 19 arranged perpendicularly to the rear side of the base member, said recess being adapted to receive the free end 20 of the bolt 11 when the container is arranged perpendicular to the plane of the base member. Also arranged in the upper end of the base member and disposed at right angles to the recess 19 is an additional recess 21, one of said recesses being arranged at each side of the base member similarly to the recesses 19. The recesses 21 are also adapted to receive the free end 20 of the bolt 11, the recesses 21 being engaged by the ends 20 when the container is disposed, as shown in Fig. 2, parallel to the main plane of the base member 3. When the device is in this position the container is maintained latched in this position, due to the recesses 21 being relatively deep. Adjacent one side of each recess 21 a sharp shoulder 22 is provided, to serve as a fulcrum means acting against the bolt end 20, to retain the container in the folded or parallel position shown in Fig. 2.

When it is desired to open the container, the same is pivoted about the hinge 4 to horizontal position, shown in Figs. 3 and 4, after first having withdrawn the bolt ends 20 from the recesses 21 by manually operating the buttons 17. After the bolt ends are withdrawn, it will be seen that the latches 8 are moved even further into the recesses 10, so that there will be no danger of the closure opening during such performance. On the side of the recesses 21 opposite the shoulders 22 there is provided an additional rounded shoulder 23, against which the end 20 of the bolt 11 may engage during the pivotal movement of the container, which will insure the continued engagement of the latch 8 with the locking recess 10 until such time as the container is closely approaching the horizontal position shown in Figs. 3 and 4, at which time the bolt ends 20 will be received in the recesses 19, as shown in Fig. 4, due to the force of the spring 14 acting on the bolts 11.

The recesses 19 are sufficiently deep that when engaged by the bolt ends 20, the same will provide a sturdy and suitable support for the container 1, to maintain the same in horizontal position, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. This fact is insured by the provision of sturdy shoulder elements 24, arranged at the underside of the mouth of each recess 19. The recesses 19 are also of such depth that the bolts 11 may move into them a sufficient distance to allow the latches 8 to become automatically disengaged from the locking recesses 10, whereby the closure may now be elevated by the user and the razor removed from the interior of the container by the user.

When the container is moved to horizontal position, the movement thereof will be arrested at this position by the hinge structure which includes an abutment 25 formed in the nature of a square shoulder which engages with further abutments 26 arranged at the base of the hinge on the base member 3. After the container reaches this position, the bolt ends 20 and the recesses 19 are in perfect alignment and the force of the spring 14 will be sufficient to force the bolt ends into the recesses to the full extent.

The hinge elements of the closure member are so arranged that the closure is allowed to move completely through an arc of somewhat over 180° from the position shown in Fig. 2 to the position shown in Fig. 3. In Fig. 3, it will be seen that the closure may move back from the perpendicular to rest against the wall in repose, in which position the closure will be substantially free from accidental falling.

The sides of the container, in the views shown in Figs. 3 and 4, will be sufficient to engage the razor for half of its height or thickness, which will be ample protection against the razor being accidentally moved from the container which, in this position, serves efficiently as a support or a shelf for the razor. It has been the experience of the inventor, and has no doubt been the experience of many other users of electric razors, that the curved contour found in most of the popular razors of this type, renders them very susceptible to accidental rolling from shelves or other places of repose and thus injuring the razor. By providing a mechanism of the nature of the instant invention, such accidental dropping of the razor is eliminated. At the same time, an efficient case is provided, consisting of the container and closure which, in any position other than horizontal, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4, will be securely and substantially automatically latched to each other, whereby the razor may not accidentally be expelled from the container.

Arranged at the end of the base member 3, opposite the hinge 4, is a projecting member 27, which is of suitable configuration to receive the end of the container disposed therein when the container is in a position parallel to the base member 3. A recess is provided in the member 27 in which is inserted a resilient element 28 which may be sponge rubber or other suitable means, adapted to exert pressure against the adjacent end of the container, thus maintaining the bolt end 20 and recess 21 in firm engagement and eliminating any chatter or jar. The resilient member 28 will also serve as a shock absorbing means when the container is lowered into folded or parallel position with respect to the base member 3.

When the container is elevated to horizontal position or perpendicular to the base member, and the latches 8 have been withdrawn from the latching recesses 10 in the closure member, the opening of the closure member will be assisted by thin leaf springs 29 provided in recesses 30, arranged one on each side of the container, as will be clearly shown in Fig. 2. The leaf springs 29 are normally curved outwardly at one end from the container and secured at the other end by means of rivets 31 to the sides of the container 1, whereby when the latches 8 are moved into inoperative position, the normal curvature of the suprings 29 will be reassumed by the springs and in so doing will at least partially elevate the closure member to its raised position, shown in Fig. 3.

The instant invention also proposes to solve the problem of the disposal of the power cord of the electric dry shavers, by providing an additional box 32 having a hinged cover 33. The box is suspended by means of the cover from the lower end of the base member 3 by the provision of an ear 34 arranged on one side of the cover 33, which ear is provided with apertures 35 adapted to receive pins 36 having finger-engaging heads 37 arranged thereon. The pins 36 engage the apertures 35 in the ear 34 and also pass through apertures 38 in the lower end of the base member 3, whereby the base member and cover 33 are maintained joined, as shown in Figs. 1 through 3.

The cord is very easily inserted in the box 32 at the end of the act of shaving, by holding the razor in one hand, with the container 1 in the

position shown in Figure 3, and feeding the cord into the box with the other hand until there is a very short length of cord extending from the end of the razor, at which time the razor may be placed in the container, the closure lowered to closed position, and the thumb buttons 17 actuated to withdraw the bolt ends 20 from the recesses 19, by which action the latches 8 are inserted into the locking recesses 10 to secure the closure in locked position. The container and closure may then be readily lowered to the position shown in Fig. 2 and the remaining short end of cord may be easily fed into the box 32 where it remains when the razor is not in use. The element 27, in projecting from the base member 3, offers no difficulty in inserting the cord in the box, since this element is provided with a concave seat adapted to receive one end of the container and closure, this concave portion, in effect, providing an aligning means to a certain extent for feeding the cord into the box 32.

In the top edge of the forward side of the box, as viewed in Figs. 1 and 2, a cut-out portion 39 is provided, which is adapted to receive the ear 34 when the latter has been detached from the base member 3. Arranged at either side of the cut-out portion 39, as shown in Fig. 1, is a push pin 40 having suitable finger-engaging buttons 41 thereon, which are adapted to engage the aperture 35 in the ear 34. It will be thus seen that the cover 33 not only serves as a connecting member between the box 32 and the base member 3, but also as a closure member for the box 32 after the same has been disconnected.

When the box 32 has been disconnected, it will be seen that the same provides a satisfactory container for the cord when travelling. The cord is placed in the box and the cover 33 latched in closed position by means of the pins 40. The base member 3 is then disconnected from the key-hole slots 6 of the wall bracket 5 and the headed pins 7 on the base member 3 are engaged in suitable key-hole slots 6a provided in the side of the box opposite the front side having the cut-out 39, said key-hole slots being similar to those in the wall bracket 5. By such an arrangement, the container and closure in latched position, as shown in Fig. 2, and the base member 3 maintained in parallel relation to the container by the bolts 20 engaging the recesses 21, may be joined as a unit to the rear of the box 32, which contains the power cord, and the assembled unit will thus be in a compact condition for travelling.

As a further insurance that the container and closure will not be jarred from the assembled position, as shown in Fig. 2, with relation to the base member 3, a further latch means 42 is provided in one of the outer ends of the member 27, which surrounds the unhinged end of the container 1 and the closure 2, the closure 2 being provided with a recess 43 adapted to receive the free end of the latch means 42. The latch means 42 is operated by a suitable finger button 42a, clearly shown in Fig. 1, which operates in a suitable slot 44. The latch means 42 is accommodated in a bore in one of the outer ends of the member 27 and is so fitted that the same operates with a frictional grip between the latch and bore, whereby the latch will be retained in latched or unlatched position, as desired, without any further holding means being necessary.

The added latch means 42 is only for use when travelling, as an extra precaution, but is not required when being used in the home, at which time it is moved to inoperative position and left there. The means 20 and recess 21 are sufficient to maintain the container in locked position in home use, when the device is used on the wall supported by the base member 3.

Suitable spring means 45 are provided on the wall bracket 5 to engage the rear side of the base member 3 when the same is connected to the wall bracket to retain the same thereon and ensure against accidental dislodgment. As an additional means to prevent accidental dislodgment of the base member 3 from the wall bracket 5, a slidable latch 46 is provided in the upper end of the base member shown in Fig. 2, adapted to be received in an aperture 47a, provided with a protuberance 48a located at the upper end of the wall bracket 5. The latch 46 is in frictional but slidable engagement with the end of base member 3 and may be retained in projected or withdrawn position merely by its engagement between the headed bolt that retains it and the base member 3.

When the base member 3 is joined to the box 32 by means of the headed pins 7 and the key-hole slots 6a provided in the box, disengagement of the two is prevented except when desired, by means of the slidable latch member 46, see Figs. 2 and 5, slidably adapted to engage in an aperture 47 provided in the protuberance 48 at one end of the box 32.

The lower ends of the container 1 and closure 2, as viewed in Fig. 2, are open to receive the plug 49 normally attached to one end of the power cord and adapted to be connected to the plug receiving end of the razor. By such an arrangement, it will be seen that as disposed in Figs. 1 through 3, the razor may be maintained in the container in folded and out of use position, while the plug remains connected with the razor. Such an arrangement also reduces wear on the plug connecting elements and the cord being attached to the razor will serve as an additional gripping means to assist the user in removing the razor from the container when the container is in the open position shown in Figs. 3 and 4.

By inserting a switch between the razor plug and the electric outlet, the plug need never be disconnected from the razor unless desired. If desired, with the razor and plug remaining in contact, the box arrangement 32 may be dispensed with except for travelling purposes and other suitable means used to dispose the cord on suitable means such as a reel, with or without an automatic switch, appropriate hooks or other means.

It is contemplated to form the cavity for the razor in the container and closure so as to provide suitable clearance for the cutting head whereby in the event the case should receive a jar, no damage will be sustained by the razor head, which is the most vulnerable part of the razor, requiring the greatest care. Since most of the heads of electric razors now on the market are of substantially similar overall dimensions, it is readily feasible to provide such a cavity that will accommodate all existing electric razor heads.

By slightly modifying the present arrangement and construction, the present invention lends itself very readily to serve as a container adapted to be disposed on a shelf such as the ordinary bathroom shelf rather than to be mounted on the wall. In this connection, it is contemplated, for instance, that the present recess 21 in the base member 3 may be bored clear through the base member so as to form an aperture. The outermost portion of the aperture may be then

threaded and the end of the aperture then be refilled by means of a headed and threaded stud or plug so that the plug would then form an abutment similar in dimensions to the present solid portion of the base member 3 now forming a stop for the end 20 of the bolt 11. The plug may be formed with suitable serrations on its head, whereby the same may be readily manipulated by thumb and finger

When desired to use the device only as a container on a shelf, the threaded plug could be removed, whereby the bolt end 20 would be permitted to move through the then unobstructed aperture until the latches 8 disengaged the locking recesses 10. In order to permit such disengagement the bolt end 20 would have to move through the aperture then provided in the base member 3 a slight distance past the end of the base member and, in order that this end would not project any farther than necessary, a suitable stop means could be provided such as a slidable latch similar to the present latch 36 elsewhere shown, which could be arranged to arrest the movement of the thumb buttons 17 by being disposed, for example, to move across the slots 17a and thus limit the distance the thumb buttons 17 and the bolt end 20 could move. Any other suitable stop means could be provided such as a pin insertable in the side of the case to engage the fixed abutment members 15 carried by the bolts 11.

All of the foregoing arrangement is for the purpose of eliminating the necessity of operating the thumb buttons 17 and the locking bolts each time it is desired to open the closure 2 when the container is used on a shelf. The normal or main locking means will be temporarily inactive by such arrangement of parts as just described and, if desired to latch the closure while the same is disposed on the shelf, the secondary latching means 42, now primarily intended for use only when the device is serving as a travelling kit, may be used as a latching means for the closure although under most circumstances no latch would be necessary since when the container would be used on the shelf it would not be essential that the razor be locked in the container gravity being sufficient to keep the closure in closed position in most instances.

Also, when the container is serving in the capacity of a container on the shelf, the wall bracket 5 could have a suction cup applied to the back thereof adapted to engage the surface of the shelf and prevent accidental removal thereof from the shelf or, rather than apply the suction cup to the bracket member, the same could be applied to the rear side of the base member 3. Similarly, any suitable pinch clip or other means could be used on the container or base member to hold it securely to the shelf.

In using the assembly as a travelling kit, the device lends itself to ready removal of the razor from the container by engaging the base member 3 or the assembled base member and box 32 in one hand, manipulating the latching means by the buttons 17 with the other hand, raising the container and closure to the position, with respect to the base member, shown in Fig. 3, manipulating the closure member by the thumb, for instance, of the hand holding the base member, and removing the razor by the hand that has just manipulated the latching means. In other words the arrangement is of such a compact nature that all of the workable parts may be easily operated by a few simple movements and within a small space, in such a way that there would be little danger of dropping the razor from the confining container 1 which has been designed to efficiently retain the razor until such time as it is desired to remove the same therefrom.

By the foregoing, it will be seen that the present invention provides a utilitarian device, neatly arranged and compact, solving a problem which has confronted the users of electric razors for some time. The structure provided is foolproof in nature and as automatic as is feasible to construct in such a device. The device is not only well adapted for home use, but also may be folded and connected in such a manner as to form a compact and durable travelling kit for both the razor and cord, as well as a shipping case. The parts involved in effecting this construction are relatively few in number considering the meritorious advance made by such an invention, and the design is such that the parts will not readily wear out and may be easily manufactured.

While the invention has been illustrated in some detail, it should be understood that the invention is not to be limited to the precise details herein illustrated, but may be carried out in other ways, as falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

I claim as my invention:

1. A container having a closure member cooperating therewith, adapted to be opened and closed, a base member for supporting the container and closure in a plurality of positions with respect to said base, and means operable in one position of the container to hold said closure member closed and in another position to allow said closure member to open, and cooperative structure on said base adapted to control the operation of said means.

2. A container having a closure member adapted to be opened and closed, a base member for supporting the container and closure in a plurality of positions with respect to the base, and manually operable securing means operable in one position of the container to hold said closure member closed and in another position to allow said closure member to open.

3. A container having a closure member adapted to be opened and closed, a base member for supporting the container and closure in a plurality of positions with respect to the base, and spring-pressed latching means operable in one position of the container to hold said closure member closed and in another position to allow said closure member to open.

4. A container, closure means for the container, a base member to which the container is pivoted, latching means cooperating with said container and base member for latching said container in a plurality of predetermined positions, said latching means also serving to latch said closure means.

5. A container and closure member therefor adapted to be opened and closed, a base member pivotally supporting the container, spring-pressed means adapted to retain said container in a plurality of positions with respect to said base member, and a latching mechanism associated with said spring-pressed means, whereby in one position said closure may be opened and in another position maintained in locked relationship with said container by said latching mechanism.

6. A container having an elongated contour, closure means therefor, a base member to which

the container is pivoted, spring-pressed latch means cooperating with said container, and stop means carried by said base member to maintain said container with its longitudinal axis either perpendicular or parallel to the plane of said base member.

7. A container having an elongated contour, closure means therefor, a base member to which the container is pivoted, said member having a plurality of stops, spring-pressed latch means cooperating with said container, and with one of said stops, to maintain said container with its longitudinal axis either perpendicular or parallel to the plane of said base member, and additional latch mechanism associated with said first latch means to latch said closure means to the container in closed engagement when the container is in one of said maintained positions.

8. A container having an elongated contour, closure means therefor, a base member to which the container and closure are pivoted, said base member having a plurality of stops, spring-pressed latch means cooperating with said container and with one of said stops, to maintain said container with its longitudinal axis perpendicular and another of said stops to maintain said container parallel to the plane of said base member, and additional latch mechanism associated with said first latch means to latch said closure means to the container in closed engagement when the longitudinal axis of the latter is in parallel position with respect to said base member.

9. A container, closure means therefor, a base member pivotally supporting said container, a slidable bolt on said container, two recesses in said base member adapted to receive one end of said bolt, one recess being in a position to maintain the container parallel to the base member when engaged by the bolt, and the other recess being in a position to maintain the container perpendicular to the base member when engaged by the bolt.

10. A container, closure means therefor, a base member pivotally supporting said container, a slidable bolt on said container, said base member containing two recesses adapted to receive one end of said bolt, one recess being in a position to maintain the container parallel to the base member when engaged by the bolt and the other recess being positioned to maintain the container perpendicular to the base member when engaged by the bolt, said bolt being spring-pressed in the direction of said recesses.

11. A container, closure means therefor, a base member pivotally supporting said container, a bolt carried by and slidable with respect to said container having a plurality of latching means connected thereto, said base member having a plurality of recesses therein, one of said latching means adapted to cooperate with one of said recesses to maintain said container substantially parallel to said base member and with another of said recesses to maintain said container substantially perpendicular to said base member, the other of said latch means cooperating with said closure to maintain the closure in closed engagement with said container.

12. A container, closure means therefor, a base member pivotally supporting said container, a bolt carried by and slidable with respect to said container, said bolt having a plurality of latching means carried thereby, said base member having a plurality of recesses therein, one of said latching means adapted to cooperate with one of said recesses to maintain said container substantially parallel to said base member and with another of said recesses to maintain said container substantially perpendicular to said base member, the other of said latch means cooperating with said closure, said bolt being spring-pressed to automatically cause said closure engaging latch to move to inoperative position when said container is perpendicular to said base member.

13. A razor container of elongated contour, adapted to hold razors of the "dry-shaver" type, closure means therefor, a base member pivotally supporting said container in a plurality of positions, means associated with said container operable in one position to hold the closure member latched to the container and the container with its longitudinal axis parallel to the base member and operable in another position to maintain the container with its longitudinal axis perpendicular to the base member and the closure unlatched, the container serving as a shelf-like support for the razor when in the latter position.

14. A razor container, adapted to hold razors of the "dry-shaver" type, a closure member cooperating therewith adapted to be opened and closed, a base member supporting the container and a closure member as a unit in a plurality of positions, means operable in one position to hold said closure member closed and in another position to allow said closure member to open, and said container also having suitable apertures to acccommodate a power carrying cord and plug attached to the razor.

15. A multicompartment razor container adapted to hold a razor and power cord of the "dry-shaver" type comprising one compartment having a closure member cooperating therewith adapted to be opened and closed, a base member supporting said compartment in a plurality of positions, an additional compartment also mounted on said base member, means operable in one position of said first compartment to hold said closure member closed and in another position to allow said closure member to open, said first compartment being primarily adapted to receive a razor of the "dry-shaver" type, having a power cord attached thereto, and said second compartment being adapted to receive and retain the cord in folded condition, the unitary container thereby comprising means to completely contain a razor and power cord in assembled or disconnected condition.

16. A multicompartment razor container adapted to hold a razor and power cord of the "dry-shaver" type comprising one compartment having a closure member cooperating therewith adapted to be opened and closed, a base member supporting said compartment, an additional compartment having a plurality of attaching means whereby it is adapted to be mounted on said base member in two different positions, the first compartment being adapted to receive a razor of the "dry-shaver" type having a power cord attached thereto, said second compartment being adapted to receive the folded power cord, said second compartment in one of said positions being disposed below said first container when supported on a wall, said second container in said second position being disposed parallel to and adjacent one side of said bracket member, whereby the entire unit presents a compact arrangement for travelling, the unitary container thereby comprising means to completely contain a razor and power cord in assembled or disconnected condition.

17. A container and wall bracket structure,

cooperating attaching means on said container and bracket adapted to detachably retain the same in cooperative relationship, a closure member cooperating with the container adapted to be opened and closed, a base member supporting the container and closure as a unit in a plurality of positions, means operable in one position to hold said closure member in closed position with respect to said container and in another position to allow said closure member to open, said base member serving as a permanent support for said container and base member when attached to said wall bracket, and said container and base member serving as a carrying case for the razor when detached from said wall bracket.

18. A container and closure means therefor, a base member to which the container is pivoted, a plurality of latching means cooperating with said container and base member consisting of connected latch means having a portion disposed in each side of the container and base member for latching said container in predetermined positions, said latching means also serving to latch said closure means in closed position to the container.

19. A container and closure means therefor, a base member to which the container is pivoted, a plurality of latching means cooperating with said container and base member consisting of one latch means disposed in each side of the container and base member for latching said container in predetermined positions, a second latching means also serving to latch said closure means with respect to the container, said latching means at each side of the container being joined, whereby the same may be moved as a unit.

20. A container and closure means therefor, a base member to which the container is pivoted, movement limiting means arranged between the base member and container whereby the latter may be pivoted from a position where its longitudinal axis is substantially horizontal to the base member to a position where said axis is substantially perpendicular thereto, whereby the movement of the container is thus limited to substantially a 90° arc, latching means cooperating with said container and base member for latching said container in predetermined positions within said 90° arc, said latching means also serving to latch said closure means with respect to said container.

21. A razor container particularly adapted to hold razors of the "dry-shaver" type, having a closure member cooperating therewith, adapted to be opened and closed, a base member supporting the container and closure in a plurality of positions and means cooperating between said closure member and container operable in one position to hold said closure member closed and in another position to allow said closure member to open, the container when in the latter position serving as a shelf-like support for the razor and having means adapted to retain said razor from accidental dislodgment from said container in said position.

22. A container, closure means therefor, a base member to which the container is pivoted having a plurality of stops, spring-pressed latch means arranged between and cooperating with said container and one of said stops in said base member to maintain said container with its longitudinal axis either perpendicular or parallel to said base member, additional latch mechanism associated with said first latch means to latch said closure means to the container when the latter is in one of said maintained positions and supplementary latch means arranged between the base member and the container and closure assembly cooperating with said first mentioned latch means to aid in maintaining said container in the position parallel to the base member whereby the unit provides a compact, durable assembly for travelling purposes.

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