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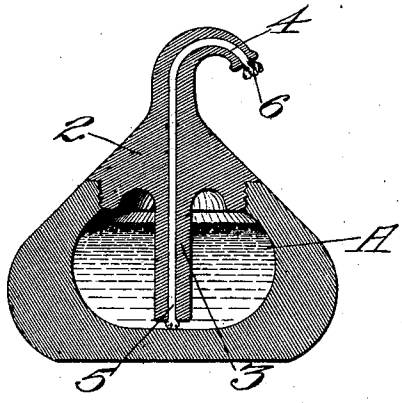


Fig. 1.

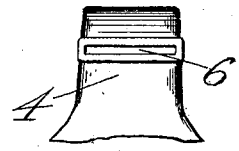


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CARL NEUER, a citizen of the United States, residing at San Francisco, in the county of San Francisco and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Stamp-Moisteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a stamp moistening device.

Its object is to provide a simple, practical, neat and attractive device to sit on a desk by which stamps, stickers and the like may be moistened preparatory to their being attached to envelops or other surfaces to which they are to be applied.

The invention consists of the parts and the construction and combination of parts as hereinafter more fully described and claimed, having reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a vertical section showing the construction of my stamp moistening device. Fig. 2 is a front elevation showing the upper flattened neck of the cap.

A represents a receptacle of suitable size, shape and material, adapted to contain water. Preferably this receptacle is of metal and heavy enough to stand upright on a desk or table without danger of tipping over when in use, but at the same time capable of being easily moved from place to place. In practice it is usually made pear-shaped as here shown, and about as large as a good size pear, flattened on the bottom and weighted so as to stand upright.

Screwing into or otherwise detachably connected to the receptacle or vessel A is a top or cap 2 which carries a downwardly extending, flattened tubular projection 3 reaching nearly to the bottom of the receptacle when the cap is screwed on. Extending above the cap and carried thereby and operating as an extension of the tube 3, is a hollow flattened curved neck or stem 4. The tube 3 and stem 4 having a continuous passage or throat to receive a wick 5 like an ordinary lamp wick, of suitable absorbent material, through which sufficient water is drawn by capillary attraction from the inside of the vessel to enable a stamp or other sticker to be moistened by simply rubbing the adhesive side of the stamp, label or other sticker, against the moist projecting end 6 of the wick. The tube 3 and neck 4 are preferably made integral with cap 2 as here shown, but I do not necessarily limit myself to such construction. The tube part 3 is preferably impervious to moisture, except such as is drawn up through its lower open end into the wick. If the wick is dipped directly into the water, or if the tube was perforated or pervious, too much water would be drawn up and the outer end of the wick would be kept too moist. I also prefer to curve the neck 4 as here shown so as to carry the wick off to one side of the device with a return bend so that the moistening end of the wick points downward to enable the stamps to be handled with respect to the wick in the most efficacious manner. It also keeps the device from getting wet and sloppy. The passage way in the neck and tube is flattened to enable a wick of proper width to be used.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

1. A stamp moistener comprising a vessel to contain water and having a removable cover, said cover provided with a tubular extension which projects inside the receptacle to a point near the bottom thereof, said cover having, also an external tubular curved neck in continuation with said extension, said neck having a return bend, and a wick occupying the passage-way in said extension and neck, said wick having one end in the presence of the liquid in the receptacle and the other extending downward from the open end of the neck to provide a moist portion for the application of the stamp.

2. A stamp moistener comprising a vessel to contain water, a screw-cover for said receptacle, said cover having a flat tubular extension inside the vessel and a flat tubular neck outside the cover, said neck provided with a return bend, and a wick in the flat tubular channel formed in said extension and neck.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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