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MOISTENER FOR POSTAGE STAMPS, ENVELOPES, AND THE LIKE

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Fig.1.

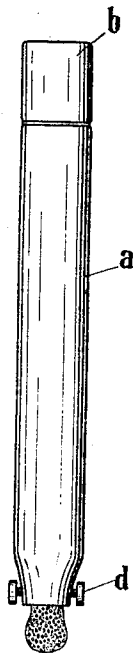
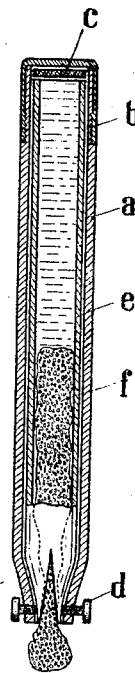


Fig.2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, KURT MIKELEITIS, a citizen of the German Republic, residing at Schlaupitz, District Reichenbach, Silesia, Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Moisteners for Postage Stamps, Envelopes, and the like, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an implement which is designed to serve for moistening postage stamps, the gummed flaps of envelopes, labels or the like and is characterized in that in a sleeve of convenient material closed by a water tight fitting cap a tube is inserted which carries a sponge partly projecting from the lower end of the tube where it is held, on the one hand, by a beak shaped tapering of the tube and, on the other hand, by clamping screws.

An embodiment of the invention is shown, by way of example, in the accompanying drawing in which—

Fig. 1 is a side elevation and

Fig. 2 a vertical section.

The sleeve *a* has at its upper end a removable cap *b* with rubber insertion *c*. The sleeve is tapered at the lower end and two clamping screws *d* are screwed into opposite sides of this end. In sleeve *a* a tube *e* is located and in this tube a sponge *f* is inserted. The lower end of the tube is of similar shape as the lower end of the sleeve but slit so that when the screws *d* are tightened the parts formed by the slits are

pressed tightly around the sponge *f*, the out-flow of water from the tube through the sponge being thus prevented. The edges of each slit are preferably made to overlap one another when the tube end is compressed by the tightening of the screws.

In order to prepare the implement for use the screws are tightened, the cap is removed and water poured into the tube whereupon the cap is put on again and the screws are loosened so that the water can filter through the sponge to moisten the outer projecting end of the same.

I claim:—

A moistener for postage stamps, envelopes and the like comprising in combination a sleeve of suitable material tapering at the lower open end and open at the upper end, a tightly fitting cap closing the upper end of said sleeve, a tube inserted in said sleeve designed to be filled with water, the lower end of said tube being tapered and having longitudinal slits to make this end of the tube elastic, a sponge in the lower end of the tube projecting from the end of said tube, and clamping screws mounted in the sleeve for pressing together the elastic slit front end of said tube so that the sponge is compressed and the filtering of water through the same prevented until said screws are loosened.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

KURT MIKELEITIS.