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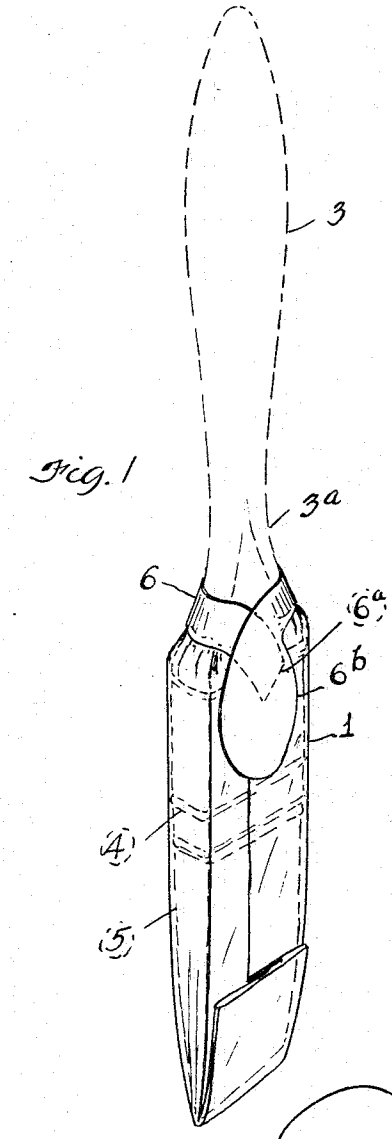


Fig. 1

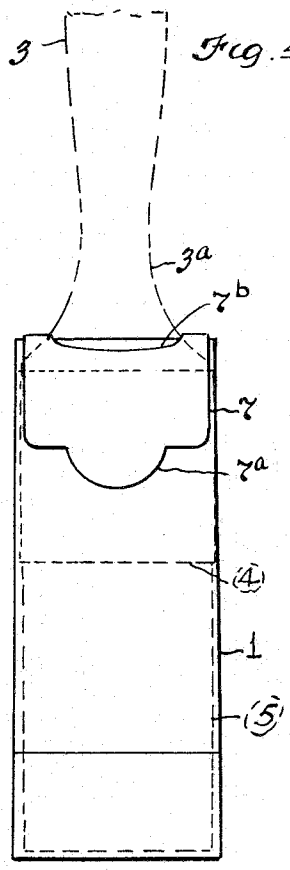


Fig. 4

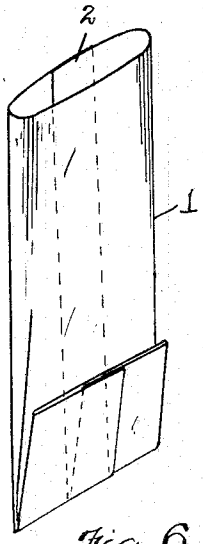


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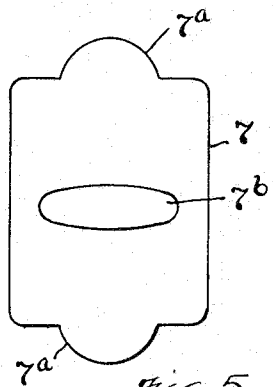


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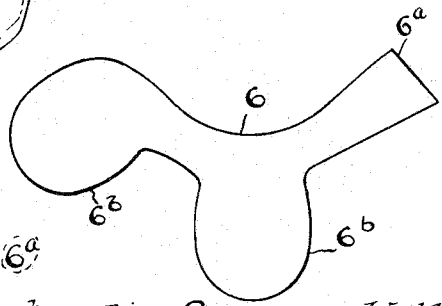


Fig. 2

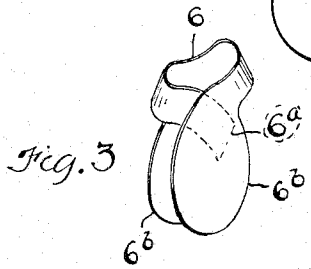


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to display containers for paint brushes and the like and to novel means for retaining the brushes in such containers.

In the merchandising of paint brushes and the like, it has heretofore been the practice to display the brushes to prospective purchasers without any covering for the bristles thereof, with the result that the bristles were likely to become covered with dust and dirt, thereby presenting an unclean and unattractive appearance to such prospective purchasers.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a novel display container for paint brushes and the like, which will not only lend a neat and attractive appearance to the brushes, but will also serve to protect and maintain the bristles of the brushes in a clean condition from the time the brushes are manufactured until they are used.

Another object of the invention is to provide novel means for effectively sealing the open end of the container and preventing withdrawal of the brush therefrom, which means may incidentally serve to bear printed matter for advertising purposes or the like.

To the accomplishment of the foregoing and related ends, said invention, then, consists of the means hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the claims, the annexed drawing and the following description setting forth in detail certain mechanism embodying the invention, such disclosed means constituting, however, but one of various mechanical forms in which the principle of the invention may be used.

In said annexed drawing:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a paint brush positioned in the novel display container, showing a device for sealing the upper open end of the container and preventing withdrawal of the brush from the container; Fig. 2 is a plan view of the novel sealing device before being applied to the brush; Fig. 3 is a perspective view, showing the sealing device as it appears when positioned on the brush; Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view of a brush having thereon a modified form of the container sealing device; Fig. 5 is a plan view of a modified form of sealing device before being applied to the brush; and Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the display container.

In accordance with the invention, a display container 1, which is preferably made of a material of a thin transparent nature, such, for example, as cellophane or oiled paper, is formed from a rectangular blank by suitably folding marginal portions of the blank on the central portion thereof to provide overlapping edges, which are adhesively secured together to form a flattened tube having a longitudinally extending seam 2. The front and back portions of this tube are then separated sufficiently to permit the tube to be slipped down over the handle 3 of a paint brush, the tube being preferably of sufficient width to pass down over the ferrule 4 and bristles 5 of the brush and of sufficient length to extend from a point adjacent the constricted portion 3a of the handle, which I shall designate the throat of the brush, to a point somewhat beyond the ends of the bristles of the brush. With the tube thus positioned on the brush, the lower end of the tube is creased on a line coinciding with the ends of the bristles, folded over into contact with the body of the tube and adhesively secured thereto.

A container or bag is thus provided, which, due to the fact that it is open at the top, would permit the brush to be readily removed therefrom or permit the container to slip from the brush if the brush was not properly supported. In order to prevent such removal of the brush from the container and to effectively seal the upper open end of the container, I provide a novel sealing device for the container.

Referring more particularly to that form of the invention shown in Figs. 1 to 3, it is seen that the sealing device consists of a band or collar 6, which terminates at one end in a flared tab 6a and has integral pendent portions 6b extending therefrom at spaced points. One surface of this sealing device is provided with an adhesive, such as glue, and both surfaces of the flared tab 6a are so provided. The sealing device is preferably made of paper or similar opaque material, which is stiffer than the material from which the container is made and which is better adapted to bear printed matter, as may be desired.

With the brush positioned in the container, as described, the upper open end thereof is first contracted about the throat 3a of the brush, and the band or collar 6, after moistening the glue bearing surfaces thereof, is then caused to encircle the contracted end of the container in the manner shown in Fig. 1, so that the collar and contracted end of the cover snugly engage the throat of the brush. The tab 6a is then caused to adhere to the glue bearing surface of the pendent portion 6b at the other end of the collar and the moistened surfaces of both of the pendent portions are caused to adhere

to the container 1. It will be noted that this form of the sealing device is contractible, so that it may be applied to various sizes of brushes, and that after it is securely positioned around the throat of the brush, it not only serves to seal any openings between the upper end of the container and the throat of the brush, so as to prevent access of dirt or dust to the bristles, but also prevents the brush from being withdrawn from the container.

In Figs. 4 and 5, I have shown a modified form of the sealing device, which is better adapted for brushes of greater width than that shown in Fig. 1. The sealing device, as here shown, consists of a substantially rectangular shaped paper member 7, provided at opposite edges with integral substantially semi-circular extensions 7*a*, and having a centrally located hole 7*b* therein. This hole is of a size sufficient to permit the sealing device to be passed down over the widest portion of the brush handle. One surface of the sealing device is provided with an adhesive.

In using this form of the sealing device, the upper open end of the container is not contracted about the throat of the brush, but after moistening the adhesive bearing surface of the sealing device, it is secured to the container in the manner shown in Fig. 4 so that it not only serves to close portions of the upper open end of the container, but also prevents withdrawal of the brush from the container.

Other modes of applying the principle of my invention may be employed instead of the one explained, change being made as regards the mechanism herein disclosed, provided the means stated by any of the following claims or the equivalent of such stated means be employed.

I therefore particularly point out and distinctly claim as my invention:—

1. A container for a paint brush or like article, having a body with a handle of less diameter, projecting therefrom, said container comprising a bag adapted to receive and enclose such body with the open end thereof adjacent the base of such handle, and a collar formed to fit closely around said handle and encircle same and having depending portions adapted to be attached to the corresponding sides of such bag, the open end of the bag being confined between the collar and the body of the brush by such attachment.

2. A container for a paint brush or like article, having a body with a handle of less diameter, projecting therefrom, said container comprising a bag adapted to receive and enclose such body with the open end thereof adjacent the base of such handle, and a collar formed to fit closely around said handle and having two oppositely located depending portions adapted to be adhesively attached to the corresponding sides of such bag, the open end of the bag being confined between the collar and the body of the brush by such attachment.

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