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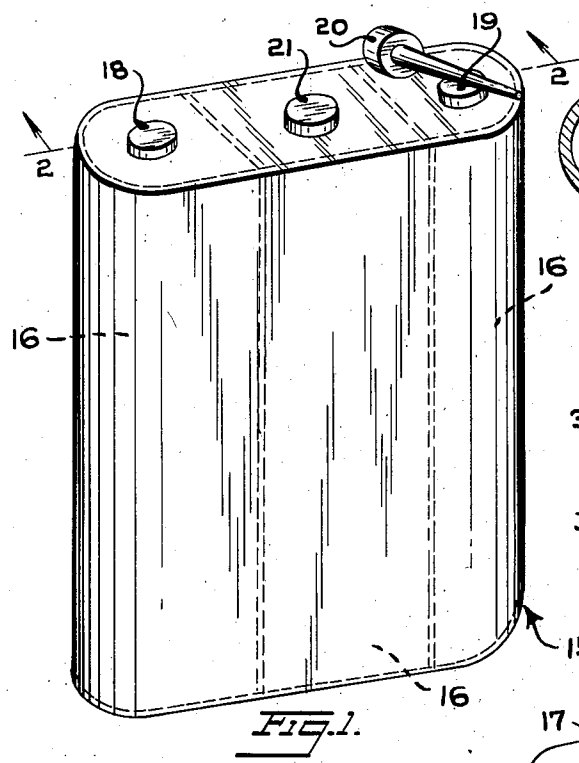


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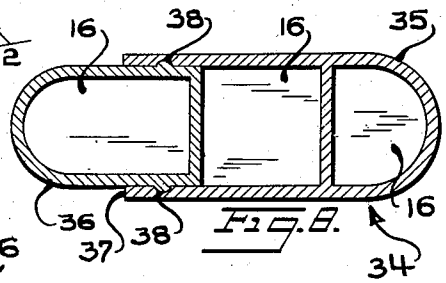


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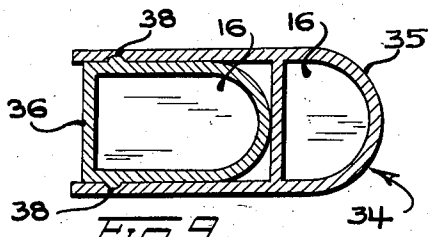


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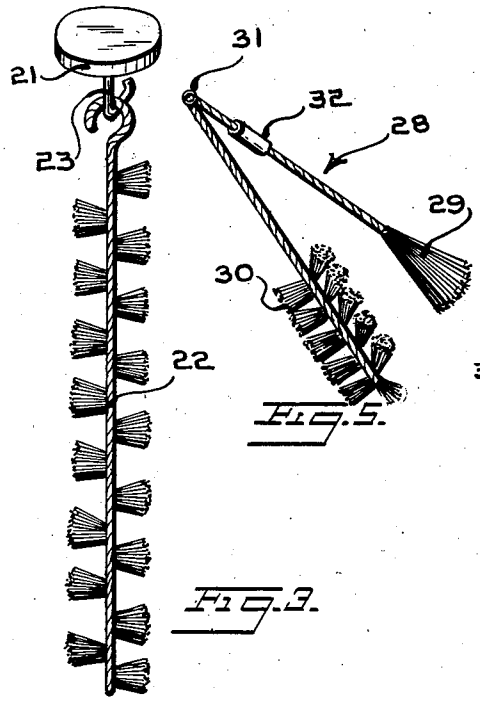


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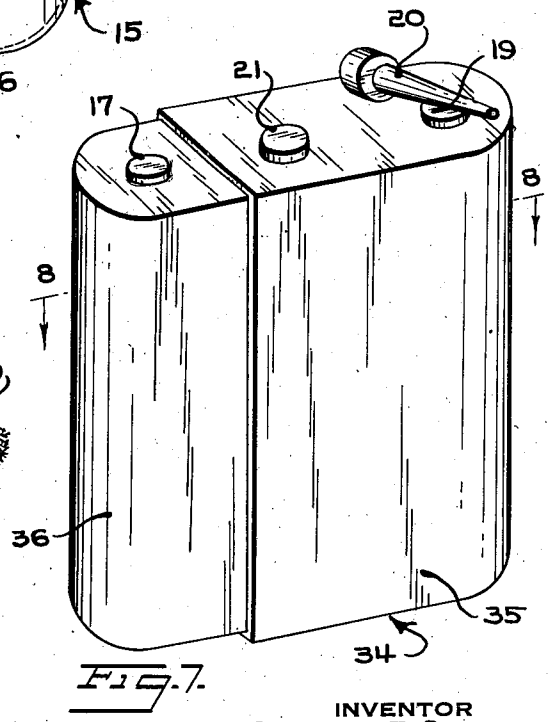


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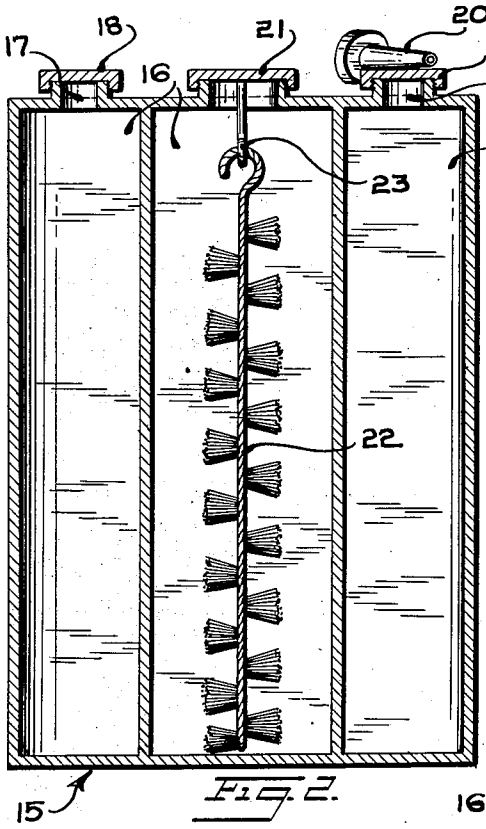


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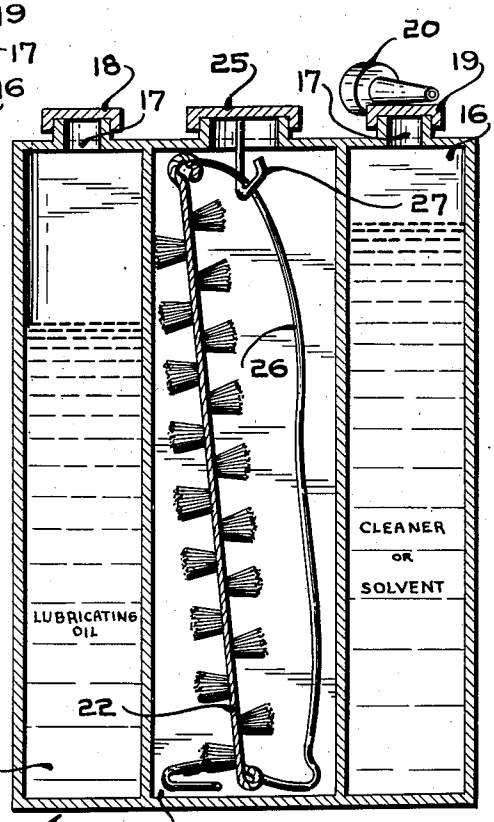


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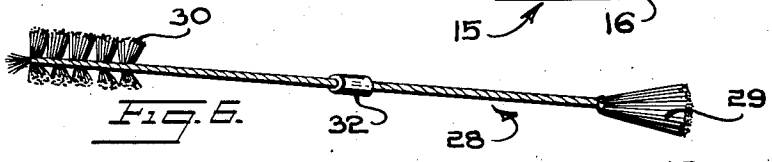


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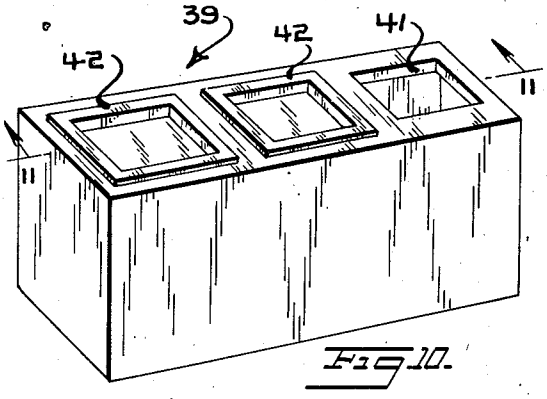


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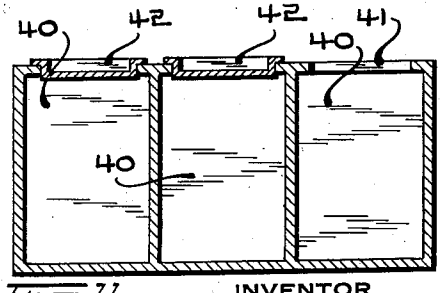


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This invention relates to new and useful improvements in containers, and more specifically to a multi-chambered container.

It is frequently desirable and useful to have in the home, office or factory, or in the car, or about the person in a handy pocket size, a container having many internal sections or chambers each capable of containing liquids, ground material such as condiments, or articles of various kinds. In some cases, a multiple container is more convenient when one or more of the sections that are not in use, can be nested in or about the other sections, reducing the space that the device occupies.

It is my object to provide a multi-chambered container capable of holding liquids in certain compartments, and articles of common use in other compartments, such as oil, cleaning fluid or a solvent and a brush, wad or cleaning patch to service fire arms, typewriters, household appliances and various types of machinery.

Another object is to provide a structure in the container that will be capable of containing and securing a brush therein, or a similar element, such as, wads, cleaning patches or oil rods.

Still another object is to provide a special kind of long-handled brush with the device.

Another object is to design the structure so that the brush is easily attached to and removed from the container.

Another object is to provide a container of more limited application having, among other features, a nozzle secured to one of the caps in the container.

Another object is to provide a container having a plurality of compartments wherein the number of compartments available for use may be reduced or enlarged by telescopically mounting at least one compartment on or in another of said compartments.

I attain these and other objects by providing a container comprised of two elements, one element having an open side and being so formed as to permit the smaller element to be inserted in the larger one through the open side. This insertion can be made reversely, that is to say, the smaller element may be inserted with either of two opposite sides foremost. The container is provided with three chambers in its extended position and two in its telescoped position. Openings in the chambers are provided with caps, one of the caps having a brush attached to its under side by hook and eye interlocking means.

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Other objects and features of my container will appear as the specification proceeds.

In the drawings and in the specification in which like reference numbers designate similar parts:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of my container.

Fig. 2 is a section along the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of a type of cap that can be used with the container.

Fig. 4 is a section corresponding to the section 2—2, showing another type of cap and means to secure the brush to the cap.

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of another type of brush that can be used in the container.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view showing the brush of Figure 5 in its extended position.

Fig. 7 is a perspective view of another form of my container.

Fig. 8 is a section along the line 8—8 of Figure 7.

Fig. 9 is a section of the container shown in Figure 7 with the smaller element reversed in position within the larger element.

Fig. 10 is a perspective view of still another form of my container, with one of the covers removed.

Fig. 11 is a section along the line 11—11 of Figure 10.

Referring to the drawings in more detail, in the form of my invention shown in Figures 1 to 6 inclusive, the container 15 has a plurality of internal chambers 16 each having an opening 17. A cap 18 closes one of the openings. Another cap 19 has a nozzle 20 attached to its upper surface (see Figure 1). Another cap 21 has a brush 22 secured to the under surface of the cap by coacting interlocking means 23. In still another form of cap 25, the brush 22 is secured to a thong 26 which is passed over a hook 27 attached to the under surface of the cap. This thong 26 makes it possible to draw the brush through the barrel of a firearm when cleaning. Another form of brush 28 (see Figures 5 and 6) is comprised of two brushes 29 and 30, joined by a pin hinge 31, a sleeve 32 being adapted to slide over the hinge to hold it in extended position (see Figure 6). The pin hinge 31 may act as an attaching means and is adapted to coact with the attaching means on the underside of the cap 21 securing the brush to the cap. The two brushes 29 and 30 have brushing means of different types, the brush 29 having long, soft bristles, and the brush 30 having short, stiff, tufted bristles. When the handle is locked in extended

position, it is of sufficient length to insure manipulatability.

In the form of my invention shown in Figures 7 to 9 inclusive, the container **34** is comprised of a large container **35** and a small container **36**. The larger container **35** has an open end **37** through which the smaller container **36** can be inserted with either of two sides of the smaller container foremost (see Figures 8 and 9). Coacting interlocking means **38** removably join the two containers whichever of the two sides of the smaller element enters first.

In the form of my invention shown in Figures 10 and 11, the container **39** is rectangular in cross-section and has box-like compartments **40**, rectangular openings **41**, and rectangular covers **42** to close the openings.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claim.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

A container comprised of two elements, the horizontal and vertical cross-sectional areas of one element being smaller than the corresponding cross-sectional areas of the other element, the larger element having a plurality of chambers, one of which has an open side through which the smaller element can be completely inserted with either of two sides foremost, and coacting interlocking means on the two elements capable of securing them to each other whichever of the two sides of the smaller element enters foremost, the open sided chamber being substantially filled when said smaller chamber is completely inserted therein.

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