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SHAVING BRUSH.

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Fig. 1.

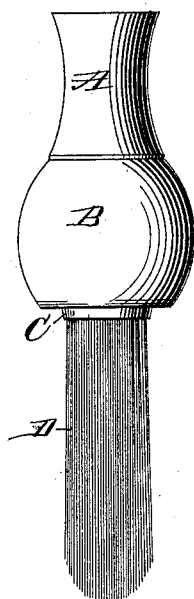


Fig. 2.

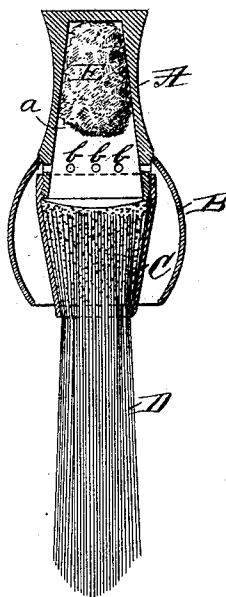
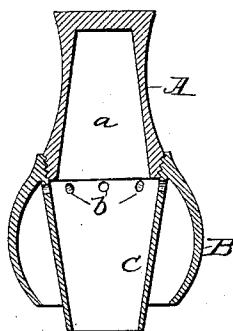


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES LOWE ERSKINE, a citizen of the United States, residing at the city of Hoboken, in the county of Hudson and State of New Jersey, have invented new and useful Improvements in Shaving-Brushes, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to shaving-brushes; and the object of my improvements is to devise a handle which will prevent any excess of lather or water taken up by the brush from flowing down upon the fingers and wrist of the operator.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a shaving-brush furnished with my improved handle; Fig. 2, a sectional view of the same, and Fig. 3 a view illustrating a slight modification.

Similar letters indicate similar parts.

In the drawings, A represents the handle; B, the drip-cup; C, the ferrule, and D the bunch of bristles forming the brush.

The handle A is made hollow with perforations *b* in the rim. The handle projects beyond the encircling portion of the drip-cup B to an extent sufficient to allow the ferrule C to be screwed upon it without covering the perforations *b*.

Shaving-brushes heretofore manufactured have not been provided with any arrangement for shielding the hand of the user from the overplus moisture of the brush. My improvements are designed to secure this end and render the operation more cleanly and comfortable to the person shaving.

It is clear that when a brush made according to my improved design is taken from the lather any surplus liquid will flow downward into the drip-cup B, and be there retained in most of the positions which the brush assumes when being used to apply the lather. To secure this retention the spheroidal shape of the cup B is especially adapted, and is for that reason selected in preference to any other.

The chamber *a* in the handle A, being connected with the interior of the drip-cup by the perforations *b*, enlarges its capacity for receiving the excess of liquid and facilitates the retention thereof. In this chamber a sponge or equivalent material, E, may be inserted with advantage, to absorb the water which finds its way into the handle.

When the brush is replaced in the shaving-cup the gathered liquid in the handle will flow down through the perforations out of the drip-cup B and back again into the lather.

The perforations *b* may be made in the rim of the ferrule C below the screw-threads, instead of in the rim of the handle, as shown in the drawings.

In Fig. 3, the cup and ferrule being in such case preferably made integral, the ferrule C is connected with the projecting neck of the handle by means of screw-threads. It is thereby easily detached, and the interior of the handle more readily cleansed from deposits of soapy matter. If desired, the ferrule C can be made non-detachable, and the sponge or equivalent material inserted into the chamber *a* before securing the bristles in said ferrule.

The parts A, B, and C may be made of any suitable material, and their general shape varied to suit the taste of purchasers.

Having now described my invention, what I claim is—

1. A shaving-brush composed of the hollow handle A, having the perforations *b*, the drip-cup B, and the bristle-carrying ferrule C, all constructed, combined, and arranged substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore described and shown.

2. In a brush, the combination, with a hollow handle, of a drip-cup secured thereto and separated a distance therefrom to form an annular chamber, substantially as described, whereby it is adapted to collect the drip and discharge the same into the hollow handle.

3. The combination, in a shaving-brush, of a handle provided with a chamber, *a*, sponge E therein, bristle-carrying ferrule C, attached to the end of the handle, and drip-cup B, secured to the handle and communicating with chamber *a*, substantially as described and shown.

4. In combination with a hollow handle, a cup secured thereto, and a bristle-carrying ferrule attached to the handle centrally within the cup, the annular chamber thus formed communicating with the hollow handle, substantially as described.

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