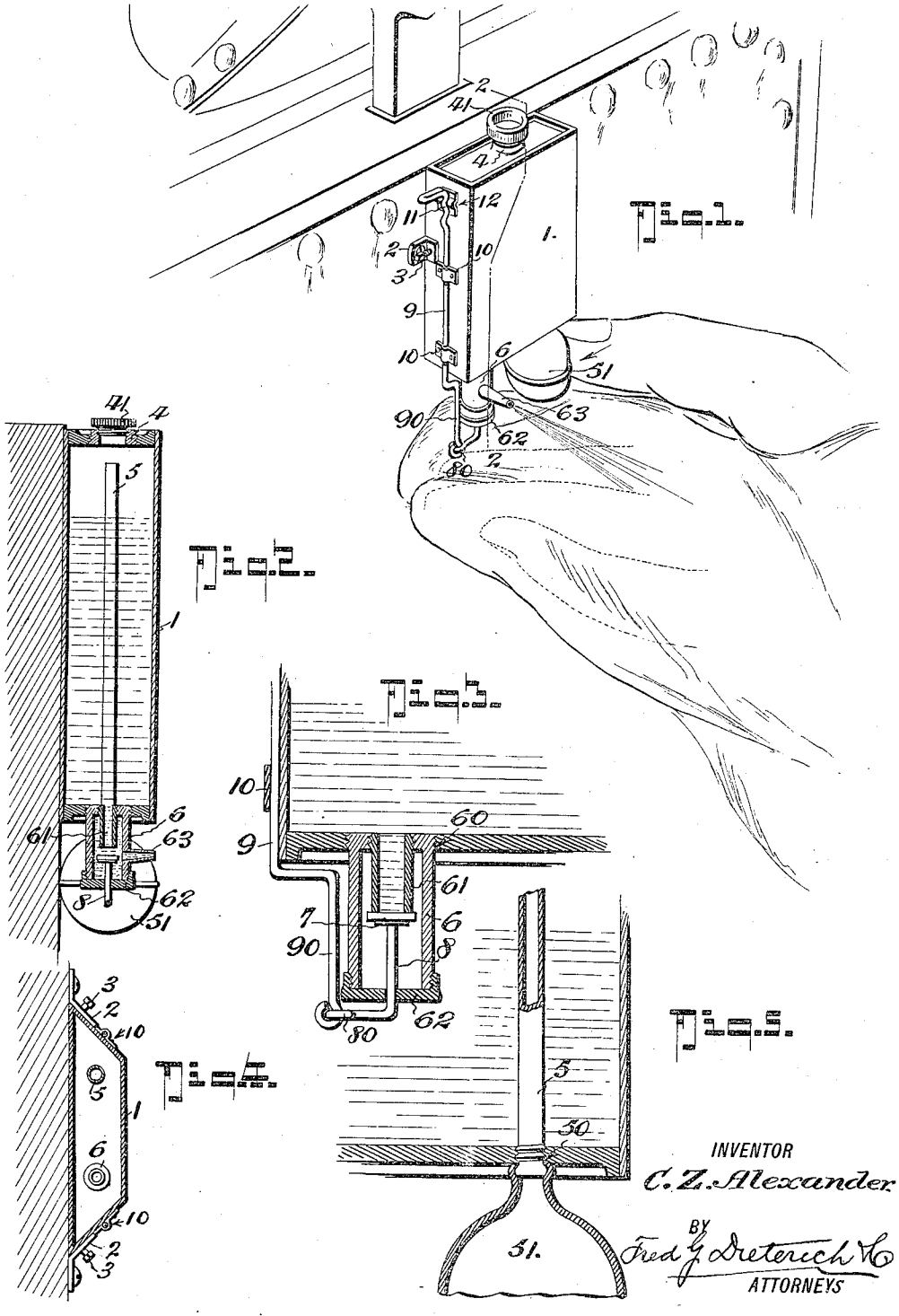
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHRIS Z. ALEXANDER, residing at Redwood City, in the county of San Mateo and State of California, have invented a new and Improved Barber's Accessory, of which the following is a specification.

My invention, which is an attachment to barbers' chairs, is more specifically designed to provide a holder containing the face washing fluid, plain or perfumed, and so mounted on the back of the chair that the barber can quickly and conveniently receive the desired amount of the fluid in his hand or towel for applying it to the face of the customer.

My present invention particularly relates to improvements on the form of barber's accessory disclosed in my Patent No. 1,152,870, dated September 7, 1915.

In the construction shown in my patent referred to, the reservoir is located within the chair back and is hidden by the leather cover that is held over the back of the frame, and a special arrangement of closure device, mounted on the outside of the leather back, is provided for covering up the operating bulb and the ejecting nozzle when the device is not in use.

In the practical application of my patented device, I have found it more or less difficult to apply the device within the chair back under the leather back without, to some extent, marring the appearance of the chair back and further, to properly fit the same in place, required time, which has made the application of the patented device somewhat expensive.

My present invention primarily has for its object to provide an improved construction of a device, such as is shown in my patent referred to, that can be readily removably mounted on the back of a barber's chair and with the ejecting and the discharging nozzle so arranged that the hand or the towel can be held up more closely to the discharging nozzle to receive the fluid spray than is possible in the use of my patented device.

In my said patented device, a hinged cover plate is provided for closing over the discharging nozzle and the bulb.

My present invention also has for its object to provide an improved means for positively closing the discharging nozzle and which must be adjusted to the open position before the ejecting bulb can be operatively manipulated.

With other objects in view that will hereinafter appear, my present invention is a barber's accessory embodying the peculiar construction and novel arrangement of the parts hereinafter described, specifically pointed out in the appended claim and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, the same being shown as operatively mounted upon the back of a barber's chair.

Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the same, the discharging nozzle controlling valve being at the opened position, taken on the line 2—2 on Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a vertical section, on an enlarged scale, of the discharging nozzle and the controlling valve, the latter being in the closed position.

Fig. 4 is a horizontal section showing a slightly modified form of the fluid holder, and

Fig. 5 is a detail section that illustrates the manner of securing the blow pipe and the ejector bulb to the bottom of the holder.

In my present construction, the fluid holder or container is preferably a rectangular shaped sheet metal box 1 whose upper and lower ends are of sufficient thickness to provide for the threaded taps presently referred to.

The holder 1 in practice is removably supported on the back of a barber's chair, as is shown in Fig. 1, between a pair of angle brackets 2—2 by the set screws 3—3.

Instead of making the box shaped as shown in Fig. 1, the same may have its opposite edges beveled, as shown in Fig. 4.

4 designates a filling tube that fits a threaded tap in the top of the box and which is internally threaded to receive the closure tap 41, as shown.

The bottom of the box has two threaded taps 50 and 60, in one of which 50 is threaded the lower end of the blow pipe 5 that extends within the box 1 up to and near the top thereof and whose lower end projects below the box to receive the ejector bulb 51.

6 designates a valve casing whose upper end is threaded to fit the tap 60 in the bottom of the box 1.

By referring now more particularly to Fig. 3, it will be seen that the casing 6 is in the nature of a tube whose upper end is closed and in the said closed end is threaded the upper end of a short tube 61 through which the fluid passes from the box 1 and whose lower end forms the seat for a vertically shiftable valve 7 of leather or rubber clamped upon the upper end of a valve shifting stem 8 that moves through the screw cap 62 that fits upon the lower end of the tubular casing 6, as shown.

63 is the discharging nozzle on the tube 6.

Valve stem 8 terminates in an eye 80 in which projects the lower crank like end 90 of a shifting member 9 in the nature of a stout spring wire rod that is vertically slidable in guides 10 secured upon one edge of the box 1 and whose upper end terminates in a spring latch handle 11, which, when pulled up to the valve closing position engages a clamp latch 12 on the edge of the box 1, as shown.

From the foregoing taken in connection with the drawing, the complete arrangement of my present invention and the advantages thereof will be readily apparent.

The construction of the parts that constitute my present arrangement of barber's accessory provides for a simple and inexpensive means for holding the face fluid in convenient reach of the barber and thereby avoids the necessity of stepping over to the table or shelf to get the fluid holder.

By providing a positive cut-off, in the nature of a valve control, leakage of the fluid from the holder is positively prevented and the danger of loss of fluid from the box 1 by meddling with the bulb, when not necessary, is also overcome.

By pendently projecting the ejector bulb from the holder 1 adjacent the discharging nozzle, as shown, the barber can more completely close the hand (with or without the towel) over the bottom of the holder than is possible in using my patented device; it being understood that when the barber desires to use my present device, he first pushes the valve shifting rod down to open the ejecting tube and by compressing the bulb by the hand holding the towel, the desired quantity of the fluid may be discharged on to the towel or hand, after which, by pulling the shifting rod up, the valve is again moved to close the discharging tube against further ejection of the fluid until the proper operation of the device is again effected.

What I claim is:

A barber's accessory comprising a fluid holder having a bottom provided with an aperture, a tubular valve casing member threaded into said aperture to project beneath the bottom of the same, a tubular valve seat member threaded into said valve casing and located within the same, a valve for engaging said valve seat member, a cap for said valve casing having an aperture, a valve stem carrying said valve and projecting through said aperture, and a valve operating rod connected with said valve stem, guides on said holder for said rod, and means for holding said rod in one of several positions whereby to maintain said valve open or closed substantially as shown and described.

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