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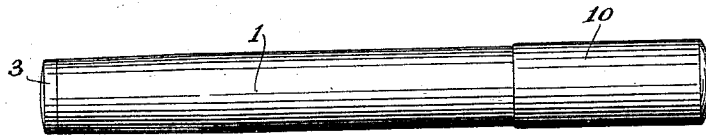


Fig. 1

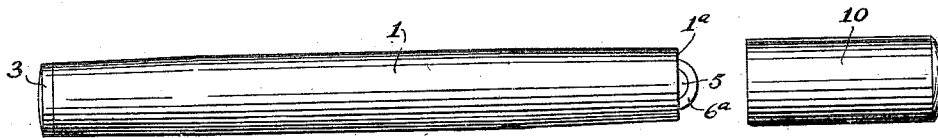


Fig. 2

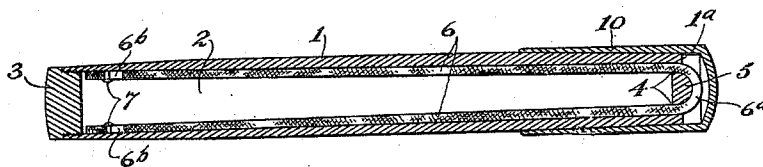


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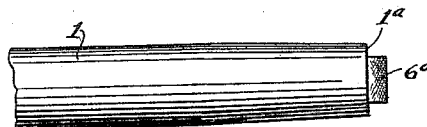


Fig. 4

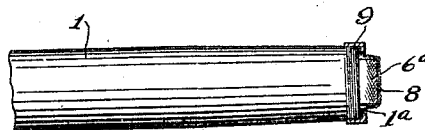


Fig. 5

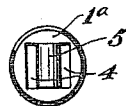


Fig. 6

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARCHIE J. HOBACK, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Roanoke, in the county of Roanoke and State of Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Sanitary Stamp-Moisteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in sanitary stamp-moisteners, the present embodiment being particularly designed for carrying in the pocket for individual or personal use.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a generally improved stamp-moistener of this class of simple, cheap, and efficient construction, much better adapted to its intended purposes than any other device of the same class with which I am acquainted.

With the above mentioned ends in view, the invention consists in the novel construction, arrangement, and combination of parts, hereinafter described, illustrated in one of its embodiments in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

Referring to the drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1, is a view of the improved stamp-moistener with the parts in a closed position for carrying in the pocket of the user. Fig. 2, a view with the protecting cap removed. Fig. 3, a longitudinal sectional view of the same. Fig. 4, a detail view of the moistening end with the protecting cap removed. Fig. 5, a similar view of a modified form of same. Fig. 6, an end view of the moistening end, with the moistening element removed.

Similar numerals of reference designate like parts throughout all the figures of the drawings.

The improved stamp moistener comprises a barrel or cylindrical body portion 1, providing a reservoir 2, and terminating in a moistening end or perforated head 1^a. The opposite end of the barrel or body 1, is provided with a threaded opening adapted to receive and contain a threaded cap 3, whereby the reservoir 2, may be refilled with a moistening agent when desired.

The moistening end 1^a, is provided with oppositely disposed slot openings 4, and an

intermediate bridge member 5, for receiving and holding the moistening element in proper position as hereinafter described.

The moistening element 6, of felt or other suitable absorbent material is folded upon itself forming a U-shaped folded portion 6^a, passing about and covering the bridge member 5, with the oppositely disposed members passing through and filling the slot openings 4, and extending longitudinally throughout the reservoir 2, as shown most clearly in Fig. 3, of the drawings.

As a means for removably holding and detachably securing the folded members of the element 6, within the barrel 1, oppositely disposed retaining pins 7, may be provided within the barrel 1, near the open end thereof, said retaining pins being adapted to engage the free ends of the members by passing through slot openings 6^b, as shown.

If desired, a moistening screen 8, of suitable material may be placed over the exposed or folded portion 6^a, of the moistening element and removably secured in position by means of a threaded flanged ring 9, taking over and threaded upon a threaded end of the barrel as shown in Fig. 5, of the drawings.

A protecting cap 10, is provided for protecting the moistening end of the improved stamp moistener when not in use.

Having thus described an embodiment of my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is,—

A stamp moistener, comprising a barrel constituting a reservoir and provided with oppositely-disposed slot-openings and an intermediate bridge member, a detachable plug at the opposite end of said barrel, a moistening element folded upon itself forming a U-shaped folded portion covering said bridge member with the side members thereof filling said slot-openings and extended longitudinally within said reservoir, and means for detachably attaching the free ends of said side members to the open end of said barrel.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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