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TOOTHBRUSH RECORD

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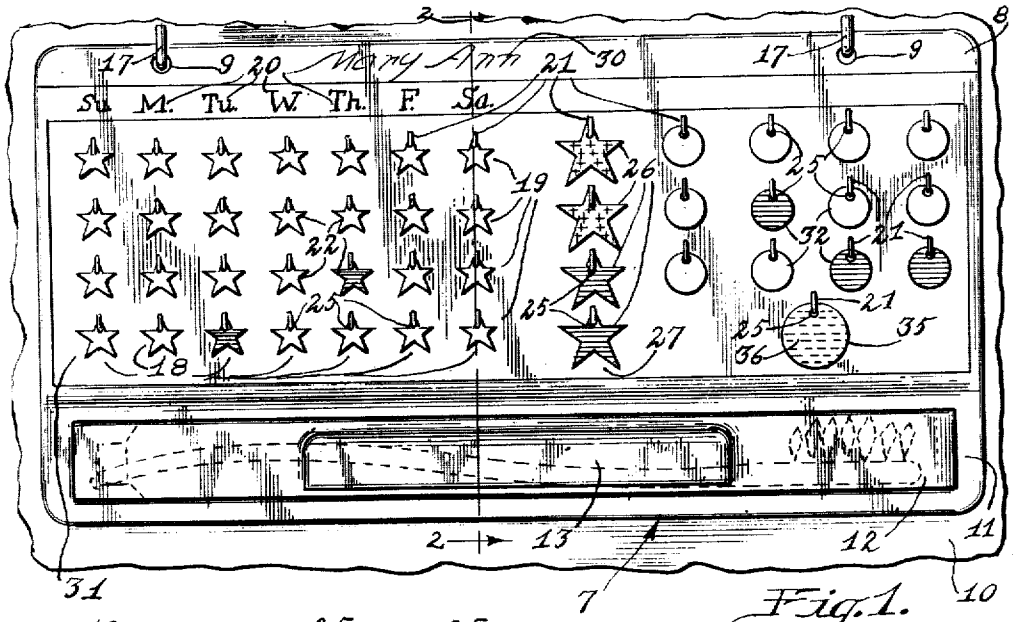


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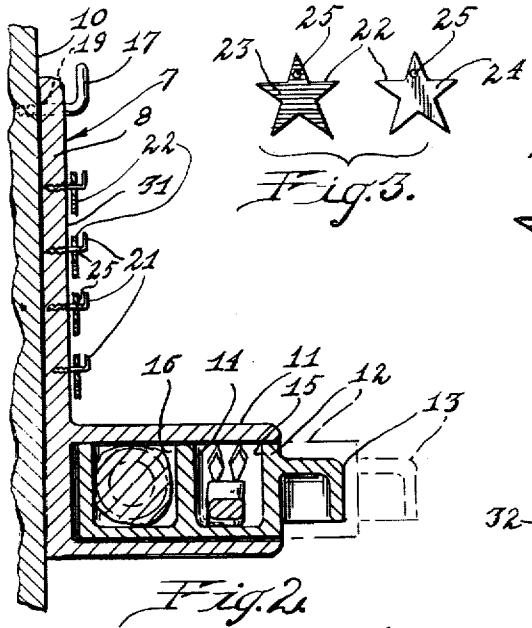


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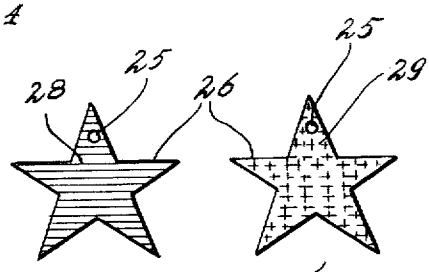


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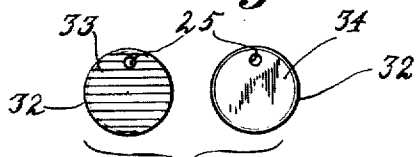


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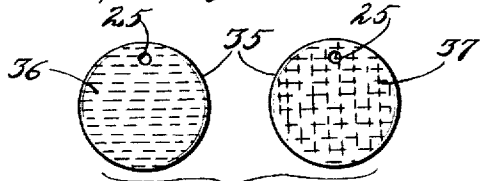


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My invention relates to toothbrushing merit recorders and toothbrush holders.

Since it is often difficult for parents to impress upon children the importance of regular brushing of teeth in connection with daily personal cleanliness, therefore I have devised a means by which the individual child may keep a daily record of his own toothbrushing activity, and having in connection therewith a visual reward motive.

An object of my invention is to provide a means whereby each individual child may keep a daily record of his or her toothbrushing activity which will cover periods of time up to one year.

A further object of my invention is to provide a toothbrushing recorder, of the above-mentioned character, having in connection therewith removable symbols, such as stars and moons of different sizes and having differently colored faces, by means of which the child keeps a daily, weekly, and monthly record of his or her toothbrushing.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a toothbrushing recorder, having a compartment means, such as a drawer, in which may be kept the toothbrushing accessories.

A further object of my invention is to provide a toothbrushing recorder means that may be mounted or suspended upon the wall of the bathroom, and that is of simple design so as to be economically produced in large quantities.

Other objects and advantages embraced in my invention will be disclosed in the following description and the accompanying illustrations, in which like parts are designated by like numerals, and in which;

Fig. 1 is a front view of my invention shown suspended upon a portion of a wall.

Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional view of my invention taken substantially on line 2—2 on Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view showing the two sides of one of the small star symbols used in connection with my invention.

Fig. 4 is a view showing the two sides of a larger star symbol used in connection with my invention.

Fig. 5 is a view showing the two sides of a small moon symbol used in connection with my invention.

Fig. 6 is a view showing the two sides of a larger moon symbol used in connection with my invention.

Referring to the illustrations, my invention is generally designated 7, and consists of a panel assembly 8, having holes 9 therethrough near its top edge for suspending the said panel assembly 8 upon hooks 17 on a wall 10.

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The left side of the face 31 of panel assembly 8 is divided into seven equally spaced vertical columns 18; one for each day of the week and so designated by the legend 20 at the head of each of the said columns 18. The columns 18 are divided into four horizontal divisions 19 representing four weeks, or a moon month. Hooks 21 are mounted, one in each of the above-mentioned 28 divisions of the moon month.

Twenty-eight small stars 22 are provided, each star 22 having, in one of its points, a hole 25, for suspending the said star 22 upon one of the above-mentioned hooks 21. The two faces 23 and 24 of the stars 22 are provided with different colors, such as blue on one side and white on the other. Four large stars 26 are suspended, by means of holes 25 therein, upon hooks 21 in a vertical column 27 in alignment with the four horizontal divisions 19, and to the right thereof. The two faces 28 and 29 of the large stars 26 may be colored blue and gold respectively. Twelve small moons 32 are mounted, by means of holes 25 therein, upon hooks 21, in evenly spaced arrangement, upon the right-hand side of the panel face 31. The two faces 33 and 34 of the said small moons 32 may be colored blue and white respectively. A single large moon 35 is suspended, by means of a hole 25 therein, upon hooks 21 in the space below the said suspended small moons 32. The two faces 36 and 37 of the large moon 35 may be colored silver and gold respectively.

Formed on the bottom edge of panel assembly 8 is a drawer compartment 11, in which a drawer 12 may be manipulated by means of a handle 13 thereon. The said drawer 12 may have a partition 14 running lengthwise therein, dividing the said drawer 12 into a toothbrush-holding compartment 15 and a dentifrice-holding compartment 16, as shown in Fig. 2.

The above-described panel assembly 8, together with drawer compartment 11 and drawer 12, and the symbols 22, 26, 32, and 35 may preferably be made of a light weight material, such as plastic. The user's name 30 may be written or inscribed at the top center of the panel face 31, as shown in Fig. 1.

It will be noticed that my toothbrush recorder has provisions for continual use during a period of 13 moon months of 28 days each, or approximately one year, so that it is advisable to start its use upon a holiday, or some such memorable day as the child's birthday. To start the year,

the small stars 22 are suspended, upon their proper hooks 21, with the blue faces 23 outward; the large stars 26 are suspended, upon their proper hooks 21, with their blue faces 28 outward; the small moons 32 are suspended, upon their proper hooks 21, with their blue faces 33 outward; and the large moon 36 is suspended with its silver face outward. Each day of the week that a child brushes his teeth, he is permitted to turn one of the small stars over so that the white side 24 is facing outward.

If, at the completion of one 7-day week, all of the said stars 22 are turned with their white sides 24 outward, the child is permitted to turn over the large star 26, which is horizontally aligned therewith, so that its gold side 29 is facing outwardly. If during a period of four weeks, or a moon month, all of the stars 22 have been turned with their white sides 24 outwardly and, consequently, all four of the large stars 26 will be turned with their gold side 29 outwardly, then the child is permitted to turn the first one of the small moons 32 over so that its white side 34 is facing outwardly. If, at the end of a year, or 13 moon months of 28 days each, the child has not missed a single day in brushing his teeth, the large moon 36 may be turned so that its gold face 37 is outward, representing a perfect year of toothbrushing. At the end of each month, of course, all of the stars—small and large, are turned with their blue sides 23 and 28, to start another new month. The moons 32, however, representing months, remain in position until the end of the year. And, if any single day or week is not completed in toothbrushing activities, that will be represented by the moon symbol for that month not be turned over, as is shown in Fig. 1, in which the 6th, 11th, and 12th moons have not been turned over.

The reward motive for brushing teeth, as above described, is an important psychological factor in helping the children to regularly brush their teeth, as all children are familiar with the merit system represented by symbols, such as stars, in their own school work, and all children know the value of a gold star. At the end of each year, of course, the child may start all over again with the same toothbrushing recorder, and with the added incentive to make this one a perfect year.

I believe that I have herein shown and revealed the nature of the construction and operation of

my invention in rather succinct terms and, inasmuch as the same is susceptible of many modifications, alterations, and improvements, I hereby reserve the right to all such modifications, alterations, and improvements which come within the scope and spirit of my invention, as well as those falling within the province and suggestions of the accompanying drawings, as well as those lying within the purview of the foregoing description; my invention to be limited only by the appended claim.

Having thus disclosed and revealed my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:

A toothbrushing merit indicator, comprising a panel assembly subdivided into four indicating sections, namely, a daily indicating section provided with hanging means for each day of a lunar month set up in four rows, a weekly indicating section provided with hanging means for each week of said lunar month, a lunar indicating section provided with hanging means for each of twelve lunar months, and an annular totalizer section provided with hanging means for annual indicating, merit symbol means provided with hanging portions removably mountable on the hanging means of all of said sections, the said merit symbol means for any of said sections being of different configuration than those for any other of said sections, each merit symbol of all of the said merit symbol means being of different color on its front and back surfaces, the said merit symbol means being mounted on its respective hanging means with either its front or back surface exposed to indicate a periodic pictorial legend as to the conduct of a particular individual.

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