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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HERMAN AUSUBEL, a citizen of the United States, and resident of the city of New York, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Tooth-Brush Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to tooth-brush holders or receptacles that are utilized for retaining tooth brushes, while they are not in use, to maintain them in clean sanitary condition.

The principal object of my invention is to provide a simple, inexpensive, efficient and improved tooth-brush holder for the above mentioned purpose that will occupy but little surface-space when placed upon a shelf, that when so placed will be maintained in upright position with its longitudinal axis in vertical position and will cause the air to pass therethrough vertically to maintain the brush in dry sanitary state, that when so placed will maintain all of its sides and particularly its underside out of contact with the shelf-surface to conduce to cleanliness and effective sanitary condition of the brush, and that when so placed will automatically return to normal vertical position, upon its being accidentally toppled over, in order to at all times insure the efficient and sanitary service of the tooth-brush holder.

Other objects and advantages will hereinafter appear.

The accompanying drawing shows a general sectional elevation of the tooth-brush holder.

The tooth-brush holder comprises a bottle-like receptacle 1, of aluminum or other suitable substance, and a cap 2 that threads over the mouth 3 of the receptacle at its upper end 4. Legs 5 secured to the underside 6 of the receptacle 1 serve to elevate the underside and permit air thereto pass through perforations 7 thereof, and the air thus entering the receptacle passes therethrough upwardly and then outwardly therefrom through perforations 8 in the cap 2.

A ring-shaped weight 9 secured to the underside 6 of the receptacle 1 and located between the legs 5 and around the perforations 7 tends normally to retain the receptacle in the upright vertical position shown. And the lower part 10 of the receptacle 1 is so configured that by virtue of its form and in conjunction with the weight 9 it will cause the receptacle, upon being accidentally toppled over, to automatically right itself back to normal upright vertical position.

When utilizing the tooth brush holder, 60 the brush 11 may be first dipped into a saline solution or any other suitable antiseptic fluid, and then it may be inserted into the receptacle 1 in the manner shown, after which the mouth 3 of the receptacle may be closed by means of threading the cap 2 thereover. The tooth-brush holder may be then placed away on a shelf where it will stand on its legs 5 in upright position with its longitudinal axis in vertical position and will occupy but little shelf-space. Its perforated underside 6 will be maintained elevated above the shelf surface and will thereby protect the brush 11 against dust or objectionable contact with any injurious substance, while the air entering the receptacle 1 through the lower perforations 7 and passing out therefrom through the upper perforations 8 in cap 2 will conduce to the effective drying of the brush and maintain it in clean sanitary condition. Should the tooth-brush holder topple over accidentally, it will automatically right itself to normal vertical position and thereby continue to maintain all of its sides out of contact with the shelf surface and will retain the tooth-brush holder in normal efficiently operative state. To the handle 12 of brush 11 is preferably secured a wire 13 which may be passed through a slit 14, provided in the receptacle 1 at its mouth 3, upon insertion of the brush within the receptacle, whereby the convenient removal of the brush from said receptacle may be thus facilitated, by grasping the extremity 16 of said wire and therewith withdrawing the brush 11 from the receptacle.

Variations may be resorted to within the scope of the invention.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A tooth brush holder having the combination of a receptacle for the tooth brush, self righting means to retain said receptacle in upright position and to restore it to upright position when caused to fall, the underside of said receptacle being perforated for passage of air therethrough, the upper side of the receptacle being perforated to permit passage of the air therethrough said receptacle in a vertical direction, and said underside having legs to permit passage of...
the air through said former perforations while the receptacle is in upright position.

2. A tooth brush holder having the combination of an elongated receptacle for the tooth brush, the lower part of said receptacle being weighted and configured so as to retain the receptacle in upright position with its longitudinal axis in vertical position and to automatically restore it to vertical position when caused to fall, the underside of said receptacle being perforated for passage of air therethrough, a cap for opening and closing the upper end of said receptacle being perforated to permit passage of air through said receptacle in a vertical direction, and said underside having legs to permit passage of the air through said former perforations while the receptacle is in upright position.

3. A tooth brush holder having the combination of an elongated receptacle for the tooth brush, the lower part of said receptacle being weighted and configured so as to retain the receptacle in upright position with its longitudinal axis in vertical position and to automatically restore it to vertical position when caused to fall, the underside of said receptacle being perforated for passage of air therethrough, a cap for opening and closing the upper end of said receptacle being perforated to permit passage of air through said receptacle in a vertical direction, and said underside having legs to permit passage of the air through said former perforations while the receptacle is in upright position.

Signed at the city of New York, in the county of Kings, and State of New York, this 17th day of October, A. D. 1917.

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