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Fig. 1.

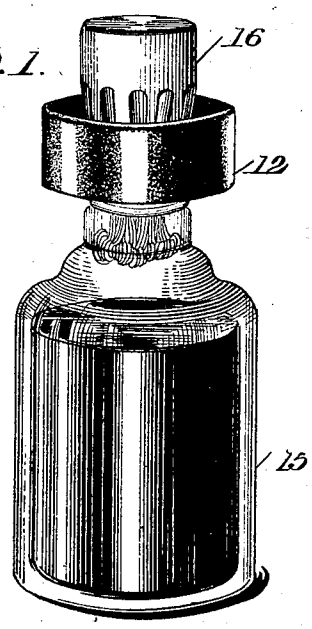


Fig. 2.

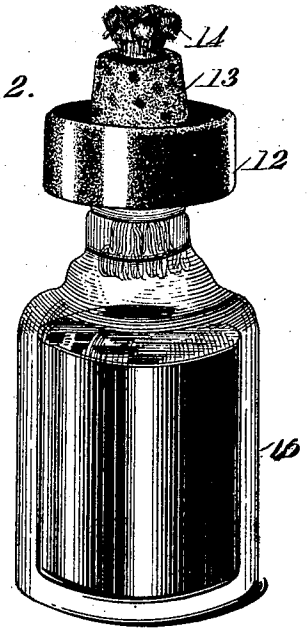


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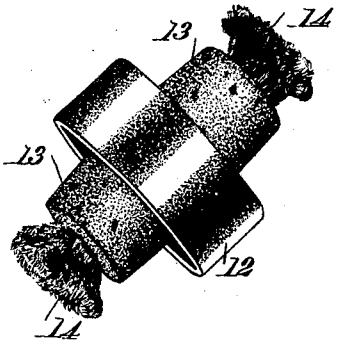
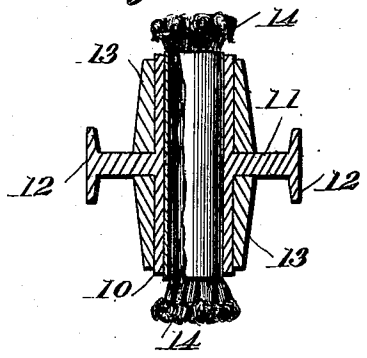


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUFUS M. WATKIN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Herington, in the county of Dickinson and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Daubers for Applying Shoe Polish and the like, of which the following is a specification.

My present invention relates generally to daubers for use in applying shoe polish and the like, and more particularly to a dauber capable of use in connection with a bottle and the like in such manner as to avoid danger of discharge of the contents of the bottle except through the dauber in its use, my primary object being the provision of a simple inexpensive device by means of which shoes may be polished without danger of soiling the hands or the clothing or without danger of spilling any portion of the contents of the bottle containing the polish, and a further object is the provision of a reversible dauber which will insure a proper supply of the contents of a bottle during the polishing of shoes or similar daubing operation.

In the accompanying drawing which illustrates my present invention and forms a part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a bottle to which my invention has been applied, the cap being shown in place,

Figure 2 is a similar view with the cap removed,

Figure 3 is a detail perspective view of my improved dauber removed, and

Figure 4 is a central longitudinal section through my improved dauber.

Referring now to these figures and particularly to Figures 3 and 4 my improved dauber includes a cylindrical holder 10 which may be formed of any suitable material as for instance hard rubber and the like, and which is provided at a central point with an outstanding annular rib 11 at whose outer edge is formed an integral circular ring 12 constituting a handle, those portions of the cylindrical holder lying upon opposite sides of its rib 11, being encircled by bottle neck entering thimbles 13, each of which tapers toward its outer end and thus toward the respective outer end of the holder 10, with its inner end abutting the rib 11 so as to adapt each of the thimbles to enter and completely close the neck of a bottle, as for instance a bottle containing shoe polish to be applied, with the bottle held in the hand and the fingers engaging the holder ring 12.

Through the holder 10 is extended a dauber 14 of any suitable absorbent material, having its ends projecting beyond the ends of the holder, and it is thus obvious that either end of the holder may be extended into the neck of a bottle such as indicated at 15 in Figures 1 and 2 and that where the exposed end of the dauber for instance becomes partly dried so as to impair the free discharge of polish from the bottle through the dauber, the dauber may be removed from the bottle and quickly reversed so that the inner end of the same may be presented outwardly in proper condition for carrying on the operation.

My invention also includes a cap 16 which is formed to telescopingly engage either of the thimbles 13 and may thus be used to cover and protect the exposed end of the dauber between periods of use and is applied as seen in Figure 1.

Thus from the foregoing it is obvious my invention proposes a simple practical dauber which by virtue of its adaptability to application in connection with a bottle from which shoe polish and the like may be applied will, in its use avoid danger of accidental discharge of the contents of the bottle except through the dauber and will permit of the polishing of shoes without danger of soiling the fingers as well as effect a considerable saving in polishing material.

I claim:

A reversible fluid applying device for fluid holding bottles and the like including a cylindrical holder having a central annular rib and an approximately flat ring around the outer edge of said rib forming a handle of substantially greater diameter than the holder, oppositely and outwardly tapering thimbles encircling the said holder at opposite sides of its said rib to adapt the same to enter and close a bottle neck and the like, an absorbent dauber extending through the holder and projecting at its ends beyond the outer ends of the holder, and a cap detachably engageable with the said thimbles whereby when applied to a bottle the exposed end of the dauber may be covered and protected.

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