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PALETTE CUPS

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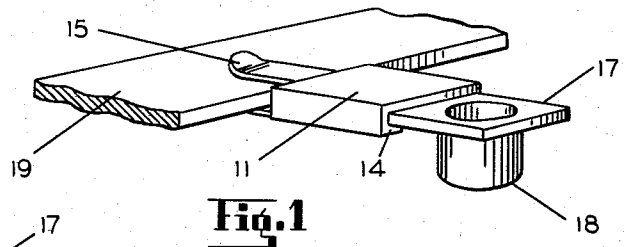


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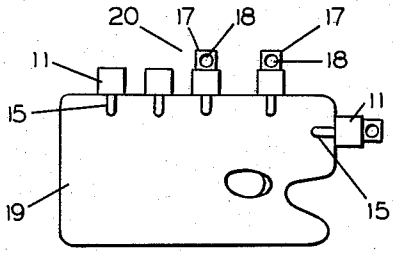


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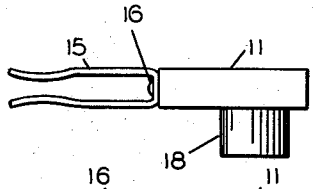


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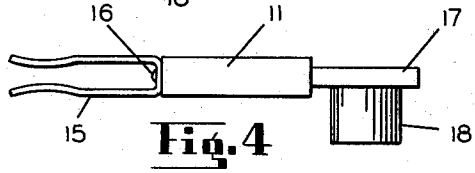


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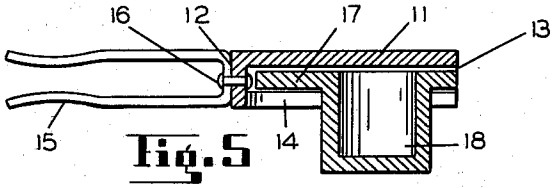


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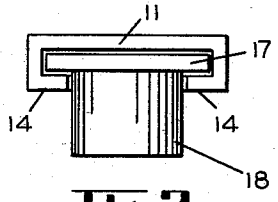


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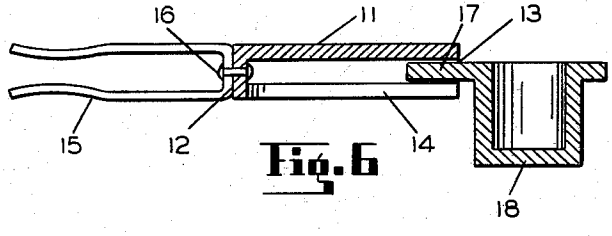


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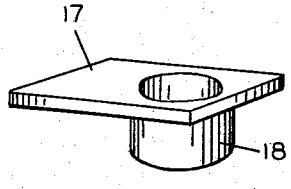


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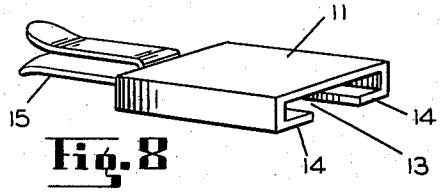


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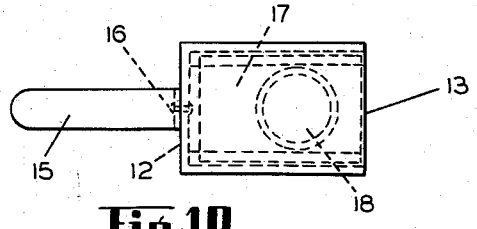


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PALETTE CUPS

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My invention relates to palette cups, and more particularly to an accessory adaptable for use with an artist's palette.

The object of my invention is to provide individual cups or receptacles for paint to be used by the artist in his work.

Another object of my invention is to provide a cup or receptacle that may easily be attached to or removed from the outer edge of a palette.

Still another object of my invention is to provide a cup that is attached along the outer edge of the palette, leaving the entire surface of the palette free for use.

A further object of my invention is to provide a receptacle that is sealed when not in use for the protection of the paint, when the device is in a retrieved position.

A still further object of my invention is to provide a device that is easily manipulated, and readily accessible for use.

Still another object of my invention is to provide a device that may be attached to any shape or size of palette.

It is manifest to anyone familiar with the use of palettes that it is imperative to have a variety of colors of paints available at all times to enable the artist to blend the proper colors on the surface of the palette, to obtain the desired results. It is therefore necessary and convenient to have a supply of various colors of paints available at all times.

The device illustrated, specified and claimed herein provides a means of attaching a plurality of individual cups or receptacles to the outer edge of the palette in a manner whereby the individual paint supply may be sealed when not in use, but easily made accessible and available for use when the occasion demands.

The device is simple in construction, economical to manufacture, yet highly serviceable for the purpose for which it is intended.

Other and further objects of my invention will become more apparent as the description proceeds, when taken into conjunction with the drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the assembled device in an open position and attached to the edge of a portion of the palette.

Figure 2 is a plan view of a plurality of assembled units constituting the invention, attached to the outer edge of the palette, and showing a few of these units in an open position.

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the assembled unit in a closed position.

Figure 4 is a side elevation of the assembled unit in an open position.

Figure 5 is a longitudinal cross-sectional view of the unit in a closed position, as shown in Figure 3.

Figure 6 is a longitudinal cross-sectional view of the unit in an open position as shown in Figure 4.

Figure 7 is an end view of the assembled device illustrating the manner in which the longitudinal channels slidably support the plate forming a receptacle.

Figure 8 is a perspective view of the body member.

Figure 9 is a perspective view of the slidable plate which is integrally constructed with the cup, and

Figure 10 is a top view of the assembled device.

Similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and referring now to the same, the character **11** shows a body which may be constructed of sheet metal or plastic, and may be either formed or molded. It may be of transparent material to better portray the color of the paint disposed within the device. This body **11** is shown closed at its rearward end **12**, and open at its forward end **13**. The body member **11** is flat at the top, and is provided with flanges **14** forming channels extending longitudinally along its two opposite edges. These flanges extend downward and inward. There is a resilient member **15** which may be constructed of spring steel or pliable plastic which is shown attached to the wall **12** of the body **11**. Obviously, it may be integrally constructed with the body **11** or it may be molded into the body **11** if the body is constructed of a molded product such as plastic. As shown in the drawing, the resilient member **15** is riveted by means of rivets **16** to the closed wall **12** of the body.

A separate slide plate **17**, constructed of a flat sheet, has a cup or receptacle **18** shown integrally constructed therewith, and is of a diameter less than the width between the flanges **14** so as to avoid contact therewith. Obviously, the slide plate **17** may be provided with an aperture into which the cup as a separate unit may be inserted, and the plate **17** is of a thickness to fit within the longitudinal flanges **14**. The assembled device may be easily applied to the outer edge of a palette shown as **19**.

In operation, the artist may place the paint or coloring matter into the cup **18**, and insert the plate **17** within the channels **14** of the body **11**. When the plate **17** is retrieved as shown in Figures 3 and 5, the top of the cup **18** is sealed for the protection of the product within the cup **18**. When the paint is to be used, it is merely necessary to slide the plate **17** outward as shown at **20** in Figure 2, and as shown in an extended position in Figures 4 and 6, to provide accessibility of the paint while the artist is mixing his colors or blending the various colors into the desired shade.

The device is convenient and serviceable for the purpose for which it is intended. Any number of complete units may be applied to the edge of a palette as shown in Figure 2, the device being constructed as an individual unit, and is to be used as such.

Although I have shown a particular arrangement of the component parts constituting the device, I am fully cognizant of the fact that many changes in their form and configuration may be made without affecting the operativeness of the device, and without departing from the spirit of my invention or the scope of the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim and desire to secure by letters patent in the United States is:

1. A device to be used in combination with a palette comprising a body member having a flat top wall, a closed end and an open end and respective side walls, each side wall being formed with an inwardly directed horizontal flange spaced downwardly from said top wall forming respective channels, a rectangular plate slidably mounted within said channels, said rectangular plate having a receptacle at one end thereof and depending therefrom, said rectangular plate being slidable through said channels in one direction to position said receptacle beneath the top wall of the body member and slidable in the other direction to position said receptacle beyond the open end of said body member, and a clip member on the closed end

of said body member for securement to an edge of the palette.

2. A device to be used in combination with a palette comprising a body member having a flat top wall, a closed end and an open end and respective side walls, each side wall being formed with an inwardly directed horizontal flange spaced downwardly from said top wall forming respective channels, a rectangular plate slidably mounted within said channels, said rectangular plate having a receptacle at one end thereof and depending therefrom, said receptacle being of a diameter less than the width between said flanges, said rectangular plate being slidable through said channels in one direction to position said receptacle beneath the top wall of the body member and slidable in the other direction to position said receptacle beyond the open end of said body member, and a clip member on the closed end of said body member for detachable securement to an edge of the palette.

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