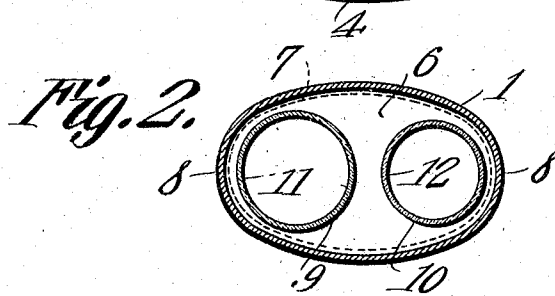
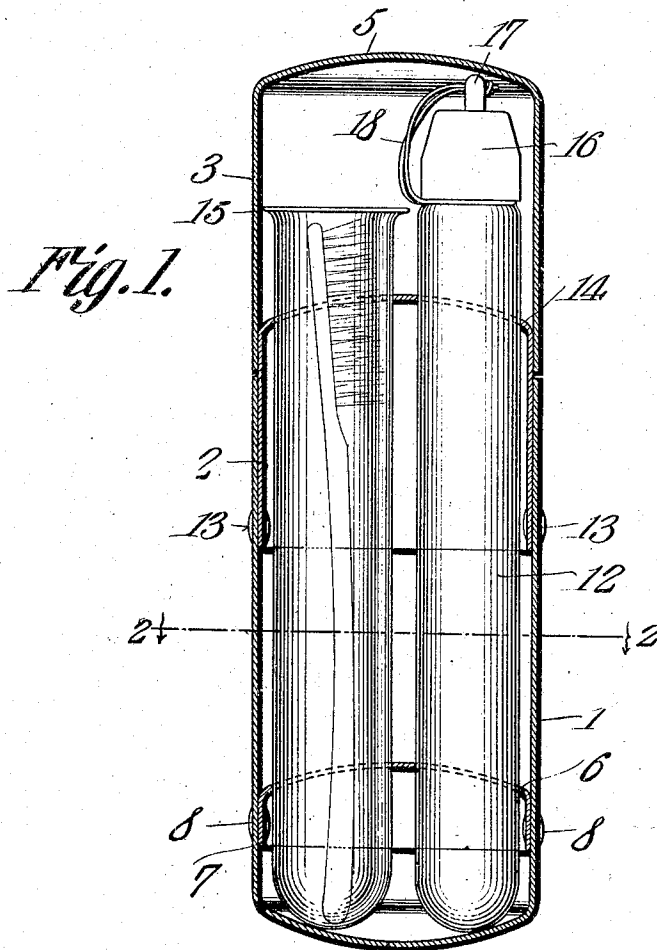


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. DE GOWIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cheboygan, in the county of Cheboygan and State of Michigan, have invented a new and useful Tooth-Brush Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates generally to tooth brush cases, and particularly to one of the class designed to be carried in the pocket of the user.

The object of the invention is to provide an article of this character, adapted more particularly for use by traveling men, that shall be neat in appearance, light in weight, compact in structure, and thoroughly sanitary in character, and in which the case shall be internally braced in such manner as effectively to resist pressure that would otherwise tend to distort or crush it, and thus destroy the receptacles provided to contain the tooth brush and dentifrice.

Such an article is illustrated in the accompanying drawings and the invention consists in certain novel features of the same which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, and in which like characters of reference indicate corresponding parts: Figure 1 is a view in vertical longitudinal section through a tooth brush case constructed in accordance with the present invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1, and looking in the direction of the arrow thereon.

The receptacle comprises a bottom member 1, a top member 2, and a cover 3, all of these parts being seamless structures constructed from aluminum, and elliptical in cross section in order to occupy the smallest possible space in the pocket of the user.

The bottom member 1 is provided with an outwardly dished end wall 4 in order to present a rounded surface to the pocket, thus to prevent undue wear, and the same is true of the end wall 5 of the cover.

Permanently secured within the bottom member, at any appropriate point in its length, is a dished partition 6 having a marginal flange 7 that fits snugly against the inner walls of the bottom and is held assembled therewith in any preferred manner, as by rivets 8 as shown, and is provided with two orifices 9 and 10 through which project

the inner ends of the tooth brush and dentifrice holding receptacles, 11 and 12 respectively.

Telescoped within the outer end of the bottom member is the top member 2, the two parts being held permanently assembled in any preferred manner as by rivets 13. The end wall 14 of the top member is dished on substantially the same lines as the partition, and the swell of each is in the direction of the end wall of the cover this arrangement materially reinforcing the parts against pressure directed laterally thereupon. The end wall 14 is provided with two orifices, similar to those in the partition, and through which project the outer ends of the receptacles 11 and 12. Of these, the former is designed to receive a tooth brush, and is preferably provided with a flared mouth 15, and the latter to contain a liquid dentifrice, its mouth being closed by a cap 16 of rubber, through which projects one end of a stopper or plug 17, the other end of which is connected with the neck of the receptacle 12 by a cord 18. The orifice normally closed by the plug 17 is provided for the purpose of supplying the dentifrice to the brush without waste, and the plug, as will be obvious, prevents leakage should the case be laid in a horizontal position.

As will be seen by reference to Fig. 1, the bottom member and cover are of the same size in cross section, while the top member is enough smaller than either to telescope within the bottom member and thereby provide an effective sleeve to fit within and hold the cover assembled with the bottom member, the outer edge of the latter forming a shoulder against which the former will abut.

It will be seen from the foregoing description that by the provision of the dished partition and end wall 14, the case will effectively be braced adjacent to each end against yielding to ordinary external pressure, and similarly braced intermediate of its ends by the double thickness of the metal at the part where the top member and cover telescope so that even if the metal of the case be thin, it will be capable of retaining its initial shape even when subjected to such pressure as would ordinarily distort or crush it sufficiently to cause breakage of the receptacles 11 and 12.

The article hereindescribed, while simple in character, will be found thoroughly efficient for the purpose designed, as it will en-

able the user to retain a tooth brush in a clean and thus thoroughly sanitary condition, and further will in a large measure prevent loss of brushes.

5 What is claimed is:

1. A tooth brush holder comprising a case having fixed end walls, one of said walls having orifices therethrough, a partition within the case having orifices registering  
10 with the orifices in said end wall, and a cover fitting over said orificed end wall of the case.

2. A tooth brush case comprising a bottom member, an outward dished orificed

partition arranged therein, a top member 15 secured within the bottom member and provided with an outward dished orificed end wall, receptacles projecting through the two sets of orifices, and a cover engaging the top member.

20 In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own, I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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