

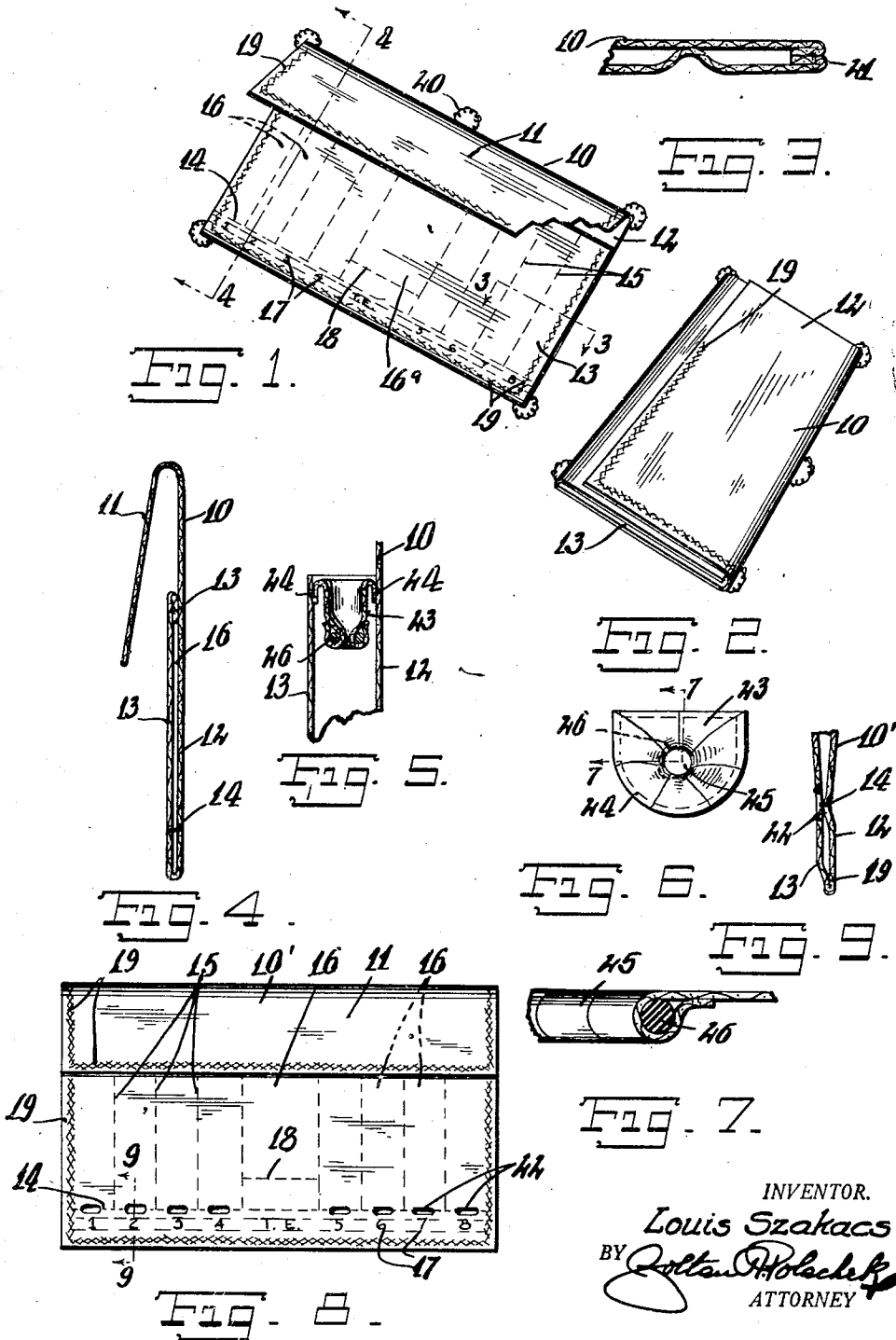
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This invention relates generally to holders and has more particular reference to a novel tooth brush and tooth paste holder.

The invention has for an object the provision of a device of the class mentioned, which is of simple durable construction, desirable in use and efficient in action, and which can be manufactured and sold at a reasonable cost.

The invention proposes the use of a sheet of material bent for providing a top cover and a portion for holding tooth brushes and a tube of tooth paste. Stitches are used for dividing the said brush portion into a plurality of individual sections so that each tooth brush may be disposed in one section. The various sections may be identified by numerals placed on the outside of the articles. The sheet of material should be neatly decorated with stitches, embroidery or other means. While the said sheet may be of cloth it is not limited to this material and the use of waterproof material such as rubber or celluloid is suggested. At the tops of each of the individual brush sections a pleated cover may be arranged which is normally urged closed and automatically openable upon the insertion or withdrawal of a tooth brush.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawing, forming a material part of this disclosure:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a device constructed according to this invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the device in a folded condition.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary horizontal sectional view, taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a vertical sectional view, taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail view of a portion of Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a plan view of the pleated cover used in each of the brush sections.

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary sectional view, taken on the line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is a front elevation view of a modified form of the device.

Fig. 9 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view, taken on the line 9—9 of Fig. 8.

The reference numeral 10 indicates generally a sheet of material, preferably cloth, bent so as to have a top cover 11, a chamber back portion 12 and a chamber front portion 13. A horizontal line of stitches 14 engaged near the bottom of the article serves for determining the bottom of the brush chamber of the device. This chamber is disposed between the front and back portions.

A plurality of rows of stitches 15 arranged vertically and spaced from each other form individual tooth brush chambers 16. Indicating numerals or letters 17 are arranged on the face of the article indicating each of the individual chambers 16 for naming these chambers. One of the individual chambers is of an exceptional large size and is indicated by numerals 16^a and constitutes a tooth paste chamber. A row of stitches 18 engage between the front and back portions 12 and 13 serves for shortening the length of this chamber. The reason for this is that the size of a tube of tooth paste is less than the length of a standard tooth brush.

Decorative stitches 19 are engaged around the edges of the article. Decorative loops 20 are engaged on the corners and at other points. The ends of the back portion 12 and the front portion 13 are preferably turned in as indicated by numeral 21 for forming a finished edge. During non-use of the article it may be folded in three parts as disclosed in Fig. 2.

Figs. 8 and 9 disclose an article constructed similarly to the one just described, but different in that the material 10' from which it is made is waterproof. It may either be rubber, celluloid or other similar materials. On the bottom of each of the chambers 16 drain apertures 22 are formed. These drain apertures are in the front portion 13 of the article and are disposed preferably on the line of stitches 14. In the event that a wetted tooth brush is engaged in the holder, the water therefrom may drain out of the aper-

ture 22. Furthermore, air may circulate through these apertures.

Each of the chambers 16 have a pleated cover 23 stitched on its very top end by stitches 24. This cover completely closes the opening of each of the brush sections. The cover consists of a pleated piece of material having a central opening 25 and a circular elastic band 26 secured onto the material around this opening. A tooth brush may be forced against the cover for expanding the elastic band and permitting the passing of the tooth brush. It is pointed out that this cover prevents insects from creeping into any of the brush chambers.

While I have shown and described the preferred embodiment of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise construction herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:—

1. A device of the class described, comprising a sheet of material bent for presenting a top cover, a chamber back portion, and a chamber front portion, stitches securing the chamber back and front portions together, and other stitches dividing the chamber formed by the back and front portions into a plurality of brush sections, and pleated covers with central apertures automatically contracted by elastics, attached at the tops of each of the brush sections.

2. A device of the class described, comprising a sheet of material bent for presenting a top cover, a chamber back portion, and a chamber front portion, stitches securing the chamber back and front portions together, and other stitches dividing the chamber formed by the back and front portions into a plurality of brush sections, and pleated covers with central apertures automatically contracted by elastics, attached at the tops of each of the brush sections, the elastics being of circular band form.

3. A device of the class described, comprising a sheet of material bent for presenting a top cover, a chamber back portion, and a chamber front portion, stitches securing the chamber back and front portions together, and other stitches dividing the chamber formed by the back and front portions into a plurality of brush sections, pleated covers with central apertures attached on the tops of each of the brush sections, and means for automatically contracting the apertures after insertion in or removal of articles from the brush sections.

4. In a tooth brush and paste holder, material forming a chamber for receiving a tooth brush or a tube of paste, a pleated cover with a central aperture covering the cham-

ber, and means for automatically contracting the aperture after the insertion or removal of articles from the chamber.

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