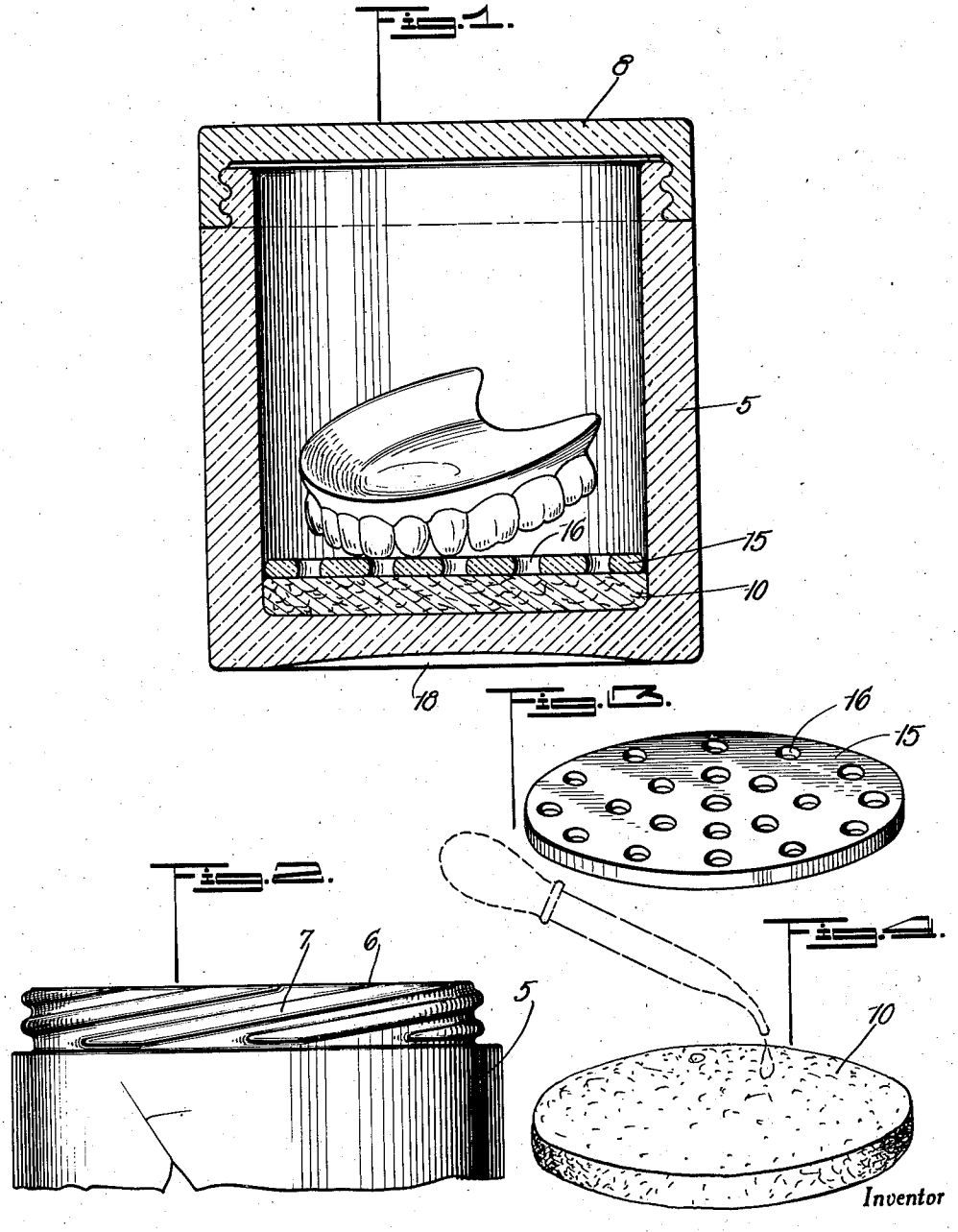
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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in receptacles, and more particularly it pertains to a new and novel receptacle especially adapted for the storage of articles which it is desired to maintain moist without subjecting them to the action of excessive moisture.

Dentures in the form of plates, bridge work and the like are commonly removed from position and the common practice is to place them in water over night when not in use. This practice is unsightly and detrimental to the dentures in that it subjects the dentures to an excess of moisture causing deterioration thereof.

It is one of the primary objects of the present invention to provide a device for holding artificial dentures when not in use and which will retain the same out of sight. As shown in the drawing and hereinafter described, a construction and arrangement is provided whereby the artificial denture is carried upon a support so that the same is protected from the transmission of shocks thereto which may be imparted to the container, by being hit or dropped, in placing the same on a hard porcelain wash stand, or otherwise.

A still further object of the invention resides in the provision of novel means whereby the artificial dentures when contained in the receptacle will be subjected to sufficient moisture and yet not to excessive moisture and thus prevent deterioration of the dentures.

A still further object of the invention resides in novel means whereby the dentures when carried in the receptacle will be subjected to a sterilizing action.

With the above and other objects in view, reference will be had to the accompanying drawing, in which;

Figure 1 is a sectional view of a container or receptacle constructed in accordance with the present invention,

Figure 2 is a fragmentary view in elevation illustrating the top of the container or receptacle with the closure removed,

Figure 3 is a perspective view of one element of the container, and;

Figure 4 is a perspective view of an absorbent pad used in combination with the container or receptacle.

The container consists of a main body portion 5 and this body portion is preferably formed of glass, porcelain or other suitable material preferably of an opaque nature in order that unsightly articles contained therein will not be visible through the walls thereof. The upper end of the body portion 5 is formed with a reduced open portion 6 and said reduced open portion is provided with a plurality of screw threads 7. The reference character 8 designates a closure formed preferably of the same material as the body 5 and this closure cap is threaded to receive the reduced portion 6 of the body 5 and form a closure for said body.

The reference character 10 designates an absorbent pad. This pad may be of any suitable material which will absorb water or other liquid and it is so shaped as to conform to the bottom wall of the container 5 and is of substantially the same size as said bottom wall.

Means is provided to support the article contained within the container or receptacle out of contact with the absorbent pad 10, and in the present embodiment of the invention, this means consists of a perforated disk like member 15.

This disk like member 15 is of relatively substantial mass and smaller size than the inside of the cylindrical body portion 5 of the container and preferably formed from the same material as the container or receptacle and the same is of a size and shape to substantially conform to the absorbent pad. The disk is provided with a plurality of perforations 16 which may be arranged in the disk in any desired number.

The device is used in the following manner:

The closure 8 being removed, the pad 10 is saturated with any suitable liquid preferably water. If water is used, a few drops of formaldehyde or other similar fluid may be incorporated therewith as illustrated in Figure 4 to provide a sterilizing agent.

The absorbent pad being in position in the container, the perforated disk like member is placed therein on top of the pad upon which it is resiliently and freely supported, after which the several articles to be retained in the container may be positioned upon the perforated disk 15. The closure 8 is now screwed home and the container closed.

The absorbent pad 10 will throw off enough moisture to impregnate the air in the container and the air surrounding the articles will transmit the moisture thereto in the proper quantity to prevent deterioration thereof from excess of moisture. Also, the formaldehyde will act as a sterilizing medium to destroy all micro-organisms which may be present upon said articles.

It will be noted that the outer face of the bottom wall of the container 5 is hollowed out

or concaved as at 18 in order that the receptacle may be more firmly carried by any suitable support such as a table, bureau or the like.

While the invention has been herein disclosed in a preferred form, it is to be understood that the invention is not to be limited to the specific construction herein illustrated, and that it may be carried out in other forms without departing from the spirit thereof.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, and what it is desired to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is:

1. A container for artificial dentures comprising an opaque cylindrical body portion with a bottom wall closing its lower end and provided with a removable closure of like material removably secured upon and closing the upper end of the said body portion of the container, an absorbent pad of cushioning material of substantially the same diameter as the inside of said cylindrical body portion of the container and positioned in the lower portion thereof resting against the bottom wall, said pad being adapted to be saturated with a volatile liquid and sterilizing agent, a perforated disk-shaped member of relatively substantial mass and smaller size than the inside of said cylindrical body portion of the container and which is resiliently and freely supported by said pad in spaced relation to the side wall of said container and resting upon said pad, the artificial denture being carried upon said disk and protected from the transmission of shocks thereto which may be imparted to the container.

2. A container for artificial dentures comprising a cup-shaped body portion with a removable cover, an absorbent pad of resilient material positioned upon the bottom of the body portion of said container, and a denture supporting member of relatively substantial mass of smaller size than the inside dimensions of the side walls of said container, said denture supporting member being positioned upon and freely supported by said resilient pad out of contact with any part of said container and thereby adapted to protect the artificial denture from the transmission of shocks thereto which may be imparted to the container, the shocks being absorbed by said resilient pad.

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