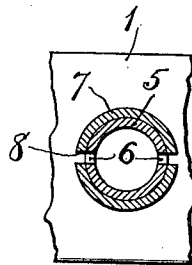
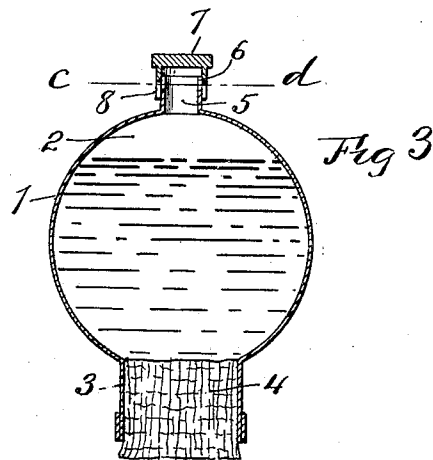
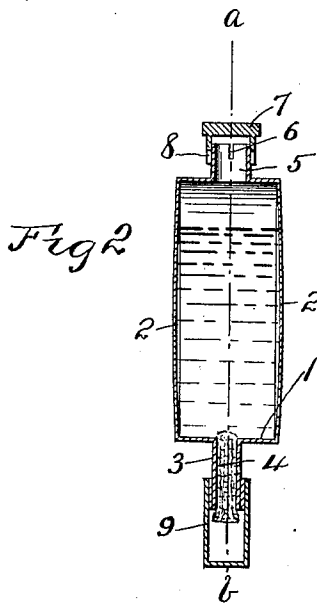
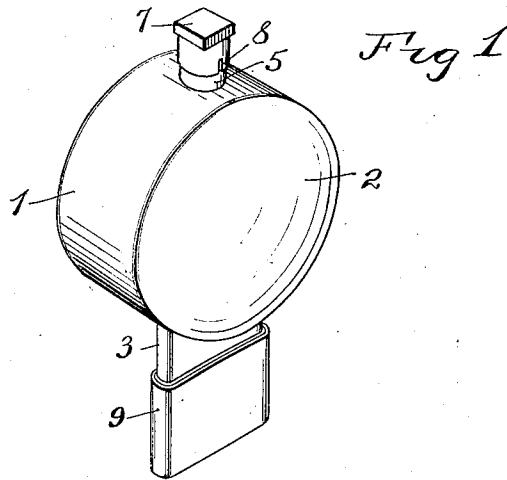


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM BLIEDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Jackson and State of Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Stamp-Moisteners, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in stamp moisteners.

The object of my invention is to provide a stamp moistener from which moisture may be readily and evenly fed and applied to stamps.

Another object of my invention is to provide a stamp moistener which is simple in construction, may be cheaply manufactured and which is not liable to get out of order.

Other features of my invention are herein after fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings which illustrate one form of my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device with the closing cap on the discharge tube. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical central sectional view. Fig. 3 is a section on the line *a-b* of Fig. 2. Fig. 4 is a cross section on the dotted line *c-d* of Fig. 3.

Similar reference characters designate similar parts.

The body of the device is preferably a cylinder 1 having resilient compressible ends 2 and a peripheral discharge tube 3, preferably mounted therein absorbent material, such as cotton, said absorbent material 4 projecting from the outer end of the tube 3 so that the moisture may be easily applied to the gummed surfaces of stamps. The body is provided opposite the tube 3 with a peripheral filling tube 5, preferably of resilient material, and having one or more longitudinal slots 6 which extend to the outer end of the tube 5.

Fitted snugly on the tube 5 is a cap 7 which is rotatable and longitudinally movable on the tube 5, and which is provided with one or more longitudinal slots 8 adapted to register with the slots 6 so as to permit air to enter the tube 5 and interior of the cylinder 1. By having the cap 7 rotative and longitudinally movable on the tube 5, the cap may be adjusted so as to regulate the admission of air to the exact amount required. By

having the cap or the tube 5 of resilient material and longitudinally slotted, the cap may be made to snugly fit the tube 5 and yet be easily removed or turned.

To prevent loss of moisture when the device is not in use, I provide a cap 9 which is removably and snugly fitted to the outer end of the tube 3.

When it is desired to moisten stamps or envelopes or any other gummed articles, it is but necessary to remove the cap 9 and apply the absorbent material 4 to the gummed surface. The cap 7 is adjusted to effect the proper supplying of air to the vessel. If after continued use the absorbent material becomes clogged, it may be replaced with new material. In operating the device, when it is desired to discharge considerable moisture through the absorbent material 4, the compressible ends 2 are compressed toward each other, thus forcing the water through the absorbent material 4. At other times the ends need not be compressed as the absorbent material will withdraw sufficient moisture to effect the desired function.

I do not limit my invention to the structure shown and described as many modifications, within the scope of the appended claims, may be made without departing from the spirit of my invention.

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

1. In a stamp moistener, a vessel having a discharge tube and a resilient filling tube having a longitudinal slot extending to the outer end of the filling tube, absorbent material located in and projecting from the discharge tube, and a cap snugly fitted and longitudinally movable on the filling tube to and from a position in which it will cover the slot in the filling tube.

2. In a stamp moistener, a vessel having a tubular filling member and a discharge tube, and a member for closing the filling member, one of said members being resilient and compressible by the other member, one member having an air inlet and the other member being movable to and from a position closing said inlet.

3. In a stamp moistener, a vessel having a tubular filling member and a discharge tube, and a member for closing the filling

member, one of the members having a longitudinal slot at one end and being resilient and the other member being snugly fitted to the slotted end of the resilient member and  
5 movable longitudinally thereon to and from a position closing said slot.

In testimony whereof I have signed my

name to this specification in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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