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 ENVELOP MOISTENING DEVICE.
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Fig. 1.

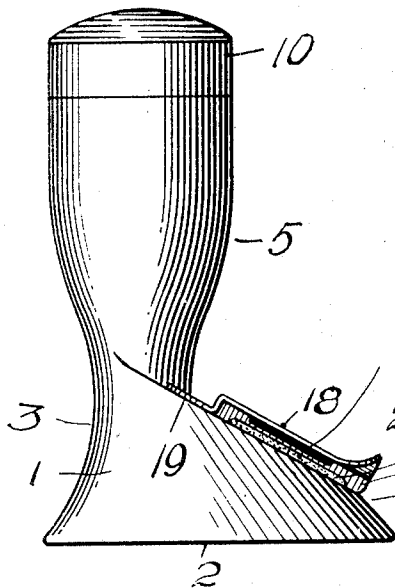


Fig. 2.

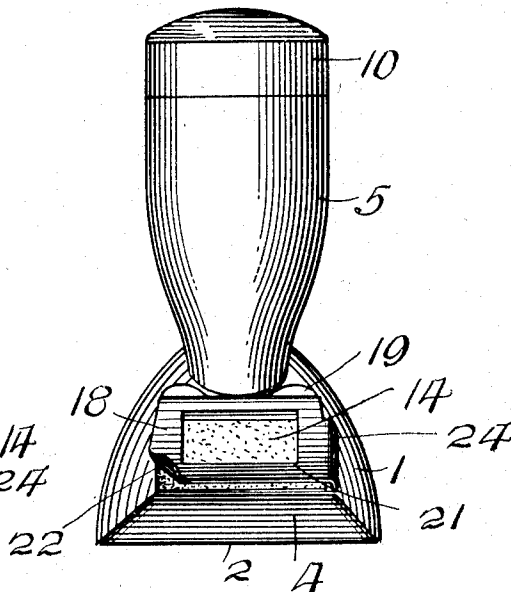


Fig. 3.

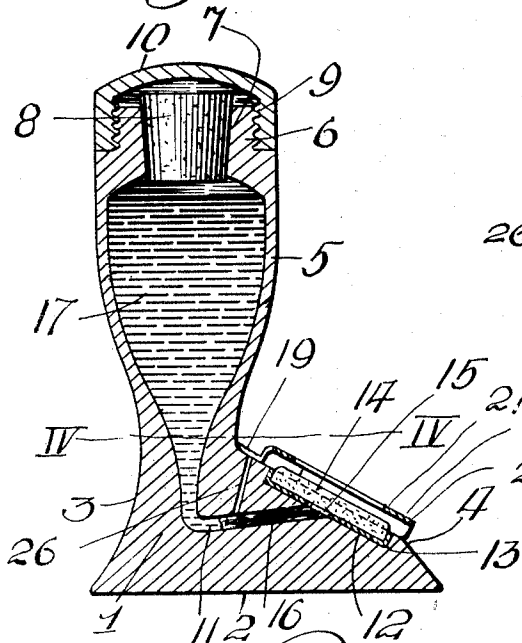
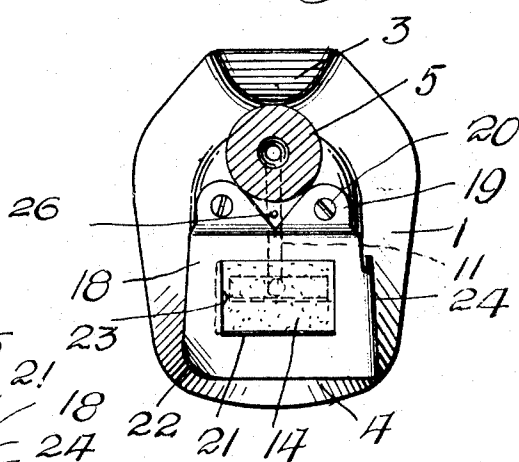


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DONALD C. BAKER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Canal Dover, in the county of Tuscarawas and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Envelop-Moistening Devices, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

10 This invention relates to an envelop moistening device, and the primary object of my invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive device for moistening the gummed flap of an envelop, whereby it will be unnecessary to moisten the same with the tongue or lips.

Another object of this invention is to provide a strong and durable envelop moistening device that can be used for expeditiously moistening envelops and sealing the same, the device presenting a neat and attractive appearance in connection with a desk.

20 With the above and other objects in view, the invention resides in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed.

Reference will now be had to the drawing, wherein:—

30 Figure 1 is a side elevation of the envelop moistening and sealing device, Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same, Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of the device, and Fig. 4 is a horizontal sectional view taken on the line IV—IV of Fig. 3.

35 An envelop moistening device in accordance with this invention comprises an irregular shaped body 1 that has a flat base 2, curved rear and side walls 3, and inclined or beveled front walls 4, and a top that terminates in a tapering receptacle or reservoir 5, which is formed integral with the body 1. The top of the receptacle 5 is reduced, as at 6 and provided with a tapering opening 7 40 that is closed by a cork or stopper 8. The reduced end 6 is exteriorly screw threaded, as at 9 and screwed upon the reduced end of the receptacle is a cap 10. The cap 10 incloses the upper end of the cork or stopper 50 8 and prevents the same from becoming accidentally displaced relatively to the receptacle. The bottom of the receptacle 5 is in engagement with an angularly disposed port 11 formed in the body 1 and said port is in 55 communication with the rectangular seat 12

formed in the inclined front wall 4 of the body 1.

Arranged upon the seat 12 is a rectangular metallic holder 13 for a pad 14 that is preferably made of felt or an absorbent material. The holder 13 has an opening 15 in communication with the port 11 and arranged in said port is a wick 16 adapted to feed the contents of the receptacle 5 to the pad 14. Water or a liquid mucilage 17 can 60 be placed in the receptacle 5. To facilitate the passage of the contents of the receptacle 5 to the pad 14, the body 1 is provided with an air vent 26.

Arranged upon the inclined front wall 4 70 of the device is a retaining plate 18 having apertured lugs 19 that are secured to the body 1 by screws 20 or other fastening means. The retaining plate 18 is spaced from the pad 14 and is provided with a rectangular opening 21 directly above said pad 75 to permit of the flap of the envelop engaging the pad so that the flap can be moistened. One corner of the plate 18 is bent upwardly, as at 22, whereby the flap of an envelop can be easily moved under said plate, and to retain the flap of an envelop in engagement with the pad 14, as the flap of the envelop is moved, the wall 23 of the opening 21 is bent downwardly into proximity to the pad 14 and the end wall of the plate 18 is similarly bent, as at 24. The bent portions of the retaining plate 18 cause an envelop flap to contact with the pad 14, whereby the gummed side of said flap will 90 be moistened as it is passed under the retaining plate 18.

It is preferable to make the opening 15 of the pad holder oblong, as illustrated by dotted lines in Fig. 4, whereby the entire 95 pad will be moistened by the contents of the receptacle 5.

The device can be molded or made from a suitable material and suitably ornamented.

It is thought that the operation and utility of the device will be apparent without further description, and while in the drawing there is illustrated a preferred embodiment of the invention, it is to be understood that the structural elements are susceptible 105 to such variations as fall within the scope of the appended claim.

What I claim is:—

An envelop moistening device, comprising a body having a port formed therein, a re- 110

ceptacle formed integral with said body and
in communication with the port thereof, a
pad holder arranged in the front wall of
said body and in communication with said
5 port, a pad arranged in said holder, a retain-
ing plate secured to the front wall of said
body and extending over said pad, said plate
having an opening formed therein to allow
access to the pad for moistening the envelop
10 flap, and depending portions carried by said

plate and adapted to hold the flap of an
envelop in engagement with said pad as
said flap is passed over said pad.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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