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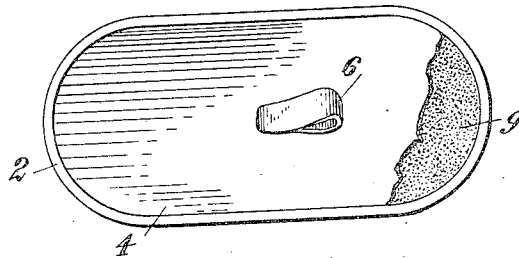


Fig. 1.

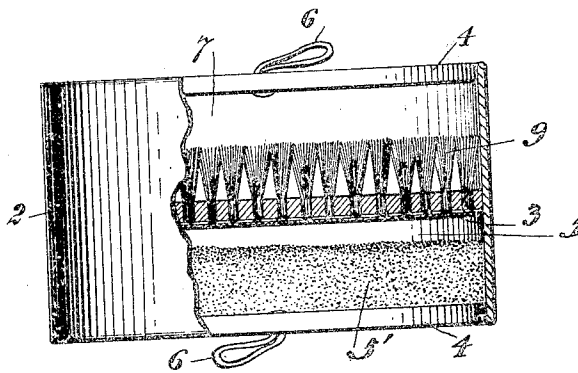


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE HUMMEL, of the borough of Manhattan, city and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Trick Snuff-Boxes, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention provides a pocket utensil having a cell or compartment for holding a quantity of material such as loose snuff conveniently accessible in the ordinary manner by the removal of a cover, and which is also furnished with an additional cell or compartment having a bottom surface whose texture simulates the aforesaid material in its appearance and appeal to the touch.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a plan view of a snuff box embodying the features of my present improvements, part being broken away to indicate the appearance of the bottom of the uppermost compartment upon the removal of its cover. Fig. 2 is partly an elevation, partly a longitudinal section of the snuff box.

Similar characters of reference designate corresponding parts in both figures.

The pocket utensil chosen for the illustration of the invention consists of a box or receptacle for snuff. This box obviously may be of any desired size and form adapted to the purpose for which it is intended. It is here shown of a flattened cylindrical form, the box being designated by 2.

An essential feature of the invention embraces the provision of an article such as aforesaid with two cells or compartments, one for snuff and the other presenting a snuff-simulating bottom surface. Preferably these two compartments are provided with closures in a manner such that the two compartments are indistinguishable from each other.

In the form illustrated, box 2 is provided with a cross partition or diaphragm 3 intermediate its two ends each of which latter

is fitted with a closure 4. These closures are not, in general, indicative of the particular compartments which they serve to close. That is to say closure 4 of compartment 5 holding snuff 5' (the closure having a withdrawing tab or loop 6) is similar to closure 4 and its withdrawing loop 6 of compartment 7.

I have found that in those instances in which it is desired to simulate snuff, the exposed ends of closely associated camel's-hair fibers, herein collectively called brush, answers the purpose as regards appearance and feeling. The back of this brush 9 is secured within compartment 7 in a manner such that the ends of the closely compacted brush hairs are exposed on the removal of the closure of the compartment.

Having described my invention, I claim:

1. In a snuff box, the combination of a partition dividing the interior of said box into two compartments, removable closures for said compartments and means fixed in one of said compartments and simulating the appearance and feeling of snuff.

2. In a snuff box, the combination of a partition dividing the interior of said box into two compartments, removable closures for said compartments and a brush secured in one compartment and simulating the appearance and feeling of snuff.

3. In a snuff box, the combination of a partition dividing the interior of said box into two similar compartments, similar removable closures for said compartments and a brush of camel's hair secured in one compartment and simulating the appearance and feeling of snuff.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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