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Fig. 1

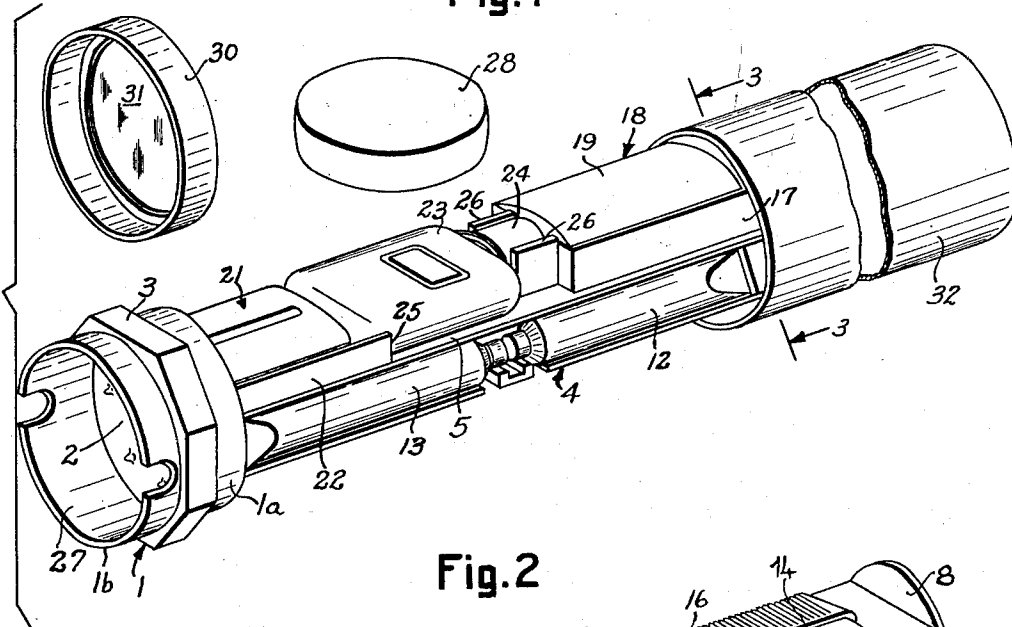


Fig. 2

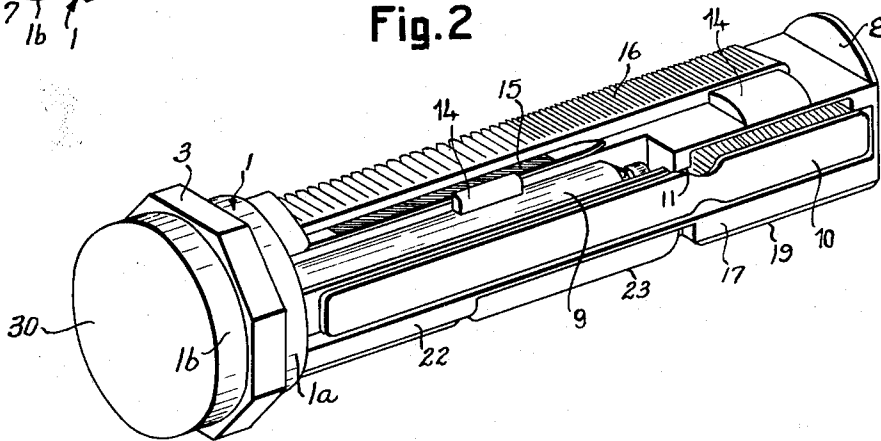
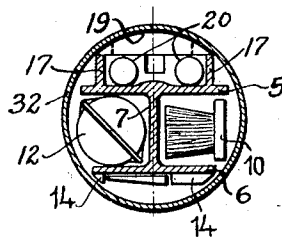


Fig. 3



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The present invention relates to a device for receiving and holding in the minimum space a plurality of traveling articles and, in particular, toilet articles to be used when traveling. For convenience of terminology, the device is herein referred to as a toilet kit.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a toilet kit having holding means for the individual articles which not only provides better accommodation of the articles but also facilitates the handling of the device. The invention achieves the greatest possible utilization of the space available, assures secure holding of the individual objects and provides maximum convenience in using the kit.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will be appreciated from the following description of a preferred embodiment shown, by way of example, in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Fig. 1 is a partially exploded perspective view of a toilet kit embodying the invention.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view, showing the toilet kit turned approximately 180° about its longitudinal axis from the position shown in Fig. 1, with one cover on and the other removed.

Fig. 3 is a cross-section taken approximately on the line 3-3 in Fig. 1.

The embodiment of the invention illustrated in the drawings comprises a cylindrical wall portion 1 and a transverse wall portion 2 closing one end of the cylindrical wall. Intermediate its ends, the cylindrical wall 1 is provided with a non-circular external flange 3 which is shown as an octagonal circumferential shoulder. The flange 3 thus divides the cylindrical wall 1 into two portions, namely an inner portion 1a, between the flange and the end closed by the transverse wall 2, and an outer portion 1b, between the flange 3 and the outer end of the cylindrical wall 1.

On the side of the transverse wall 2, opposite that on which the cylindrical wall projects, there is provided an elongated carrier 4 for holding various toilet articles. The carrier is provided with ledges, projections, recesses and the like, forming receptacles and holding means for the individual toilet articles that are to be accommodated. As shown in the drawings, the carrier 4 comprises spaced longitudinal walls 5 and 6 which project from the transverse wall 2 and are approximately perpendicular to the transverse wall. The longitudinal wall 5 is preferably somewhat wider than the longitudinal wall 6, as shown in Fig. 3. A longitudinal web 7 connects the longitudinal walls 5 and 6 intermediate their

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side edges and an end wall 8 is provided at the end of the carrier which is opposite the transverse wall 2.

The spaced longitudinal walls 5 and 6 and the connecting web 7 of the carrier 4 form compartments for removably holding the various toilet articles. The spaces provided by the walls 5 and 6 and web 7 may be suitably subdivided and holding means are provided to facilitate the correct positioning of the toilet articles on the carrier and to retain them in position without, however, interfering with their ready removal. As illustrated in the drawings, a space or channel on one side of the web 7 between the longitudinal walls 5 and 6 holds a tube of toothpaste 9 and a toothbrush 10. An intumed flange 11 assists in positioning the toothpaste and toothbrush and holding them in position. On the other side of the web 7, there are shown a tube 12 for skin cream and a tube 13 for shaving cream. On the outer face of the longitudinal wall 6, there are provided holding means shown in the form of projecting portions 14 for holding a nail file 15 and a comb 16. On the outer face of the other longitudinal wall 5, there is provided an outwardly projecting rim 17 forming a box-like compartment 18 having a removable lid 19, the outer surface of which is convex, as shown in Fig. 3. This container may be used, for example, to hold a collapsible safety razor 20. Adjacent the opposite end of the longitudinal wall 5, there is shown a second container 21 with side rims 22. The latter container may be used for razor blades, adhesive tape, etc. A flask or bottle 23 having a neck and a cap 24 is positioned on the outer face of the wall 5 between the containers 18 and 21, being removably held in place by extension 25 of the rims 22 and by projecting portions 26 on the wall 5 which engage the cap of the bottle. The outer side of the bottle is preferably convex, as shown in Fig. 1.

The cylindrical wall 1 cooperates with the transverse wall 2 to form a cylindrical container 27 which may, for example, be used to hold a round cake of soap 28. A cup-shaped cylindrical cover 30 is of an internal size and shape to fit frictionally over the outer end portion 1b of the cylindrical wall 1, to close the container 27. If desired, the outer end of the cover 30 is provided with a mirror 31.

A second similar, but longer, cup-shaped cylindrical cover 32 fits frictionally over the opposite end portion 1a of the cylindrical wall 1 and encloses the elongated carrier 4 and the articles associated therewith. It will be under-

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stood that the outside dimensions of the carrier and the articles accommodated on it are such that the cylindrical cover 32 will fit snugly over them. Preferably, the cover 32 is adapted to fit closely over the convex outer surface of the bottle 23 and the cover of the container 18 (Fig. 3), so as to lock them in place. Likewise, the cover further secures the other objects in place on the carrier.

The flange 3 not only serves as a stop or abutment for the respective covers 30 and 32 but, through its polygonal shape, prevents the kit from rolling on a supporting surface such as a table top.

The subject of the invention is particularly adapted to be used as a kind of "miniature pocket dressing case." For this purpose, an extra light material, for example aluminum, may be employed. If artificial resin or artificial glass, i. e. a transparent material, is used for making the covers, in particular the cover 32, the result is not only a more pleasing appearance but it affords the added convenience of being able to see at one glance whether all of the toilet articles are present.

It will be understood that the embodiment of the invention illustrated in the drawings is merely by way of example and that the invention is not limited to the exact sizes, shapes and arrangements shown.

What I claim is:

1. A toilet kit for holding a plurality of toilet articles including a tooth brush and preparations in paste and liquid form, comprising a cylindrical wall portion, a transverse wall closing one end of the cylindrical wall, a non-circular external flange intermediate the ends of the cylindrical wall, a pair of spaced parallel longitudinal walls projecting from the side of the transverse wall opposite the cylindrical wall, a longitudinal web connecting said longitudinal walls intermediate their edges, said spaced walls and web cooperating to form holders for a tooth brush and tubes of paste preparations on opposite sides of the web, an outwardly projecting rectangular rim on the outer face of one of said longitudinal walls forming a box-like compartment, a removable lid closing said compartment, retaining means on the outer face of said longitudinal wall for holding a bottle and a pair of cup-shaped cylindrical covers of an internal size and shape to fit frictionally on said cylindrical wall, one of said covers fitting over the end portion of said cylindrical wall on one side of said flange and the other cover fitting over the opposite end portion of the cylindrical wall and enclosing said longitudinal walls and the compartments associated therewith.

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2. A toilet kit for holding in a compact and convenient manner a plurality of toilet articles and preparations in paste and liquid form, comprising a cylindrical wall portion, a transverse wall closing one end of the cylindrical wall, a non-circular external flange intermediate the ends of the cylindrical wall, a pair of spaced parallel longitudinal walls projecting from the side of the transverse wall opposite the cylindrical wall, a longitudinal web connecting said longitudinal walls intermediate their side edges, said spaced walls and web cooperating to form compartments for removably holding tubes of paste preparations on opposite sides of the web, an outwardly projecting rims on the outer face of one of said longitudinal walls forming a rectangular box-like compartment, a removable lid for said compartment, the outer surface of the lid being convex, a bottle positioned on the outer face of one of said longitudinal walls, means for removably holding the bottle in position, the side of the bottle remote from said wall being partially cylindrical, and a pair of cup-shaped cylindrical covers of an internal size and shape to fit frictionally the outside of said cylindrical wall, one of said covers fitting over the end portion of said cylindrical wall on that side of the flange remote from the transverse wall to form with said cylindrical wall and transverse wall a close cylindrical container and the other cover fitting over the opposite end portion of the cylindrical wall and enclosing said longitudinal walls and the compartments associated therewith and engaging the convex surfaces of said lid and bottle to lock them against removal.

3. A toilet kit according to claim 2 in which the last mentioned cylindrical cover is transparent.

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