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Fig. 1.

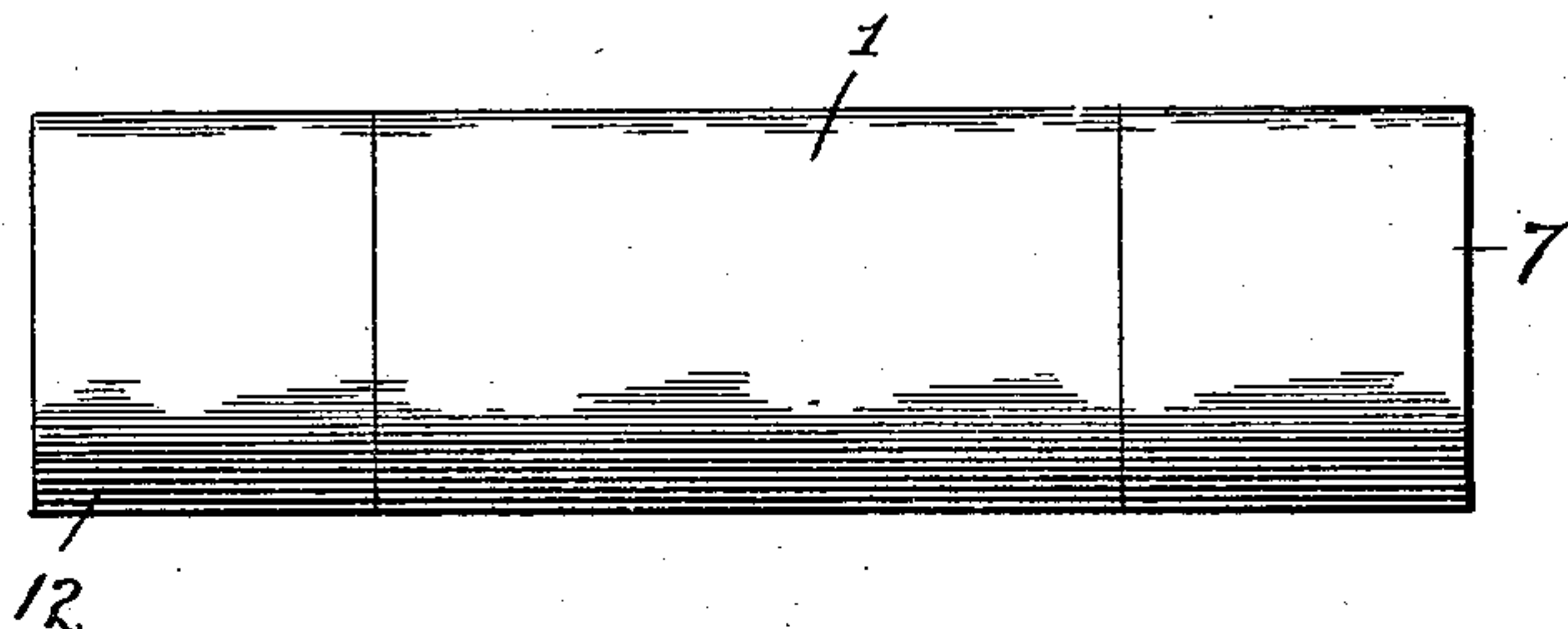


Fig. 2.

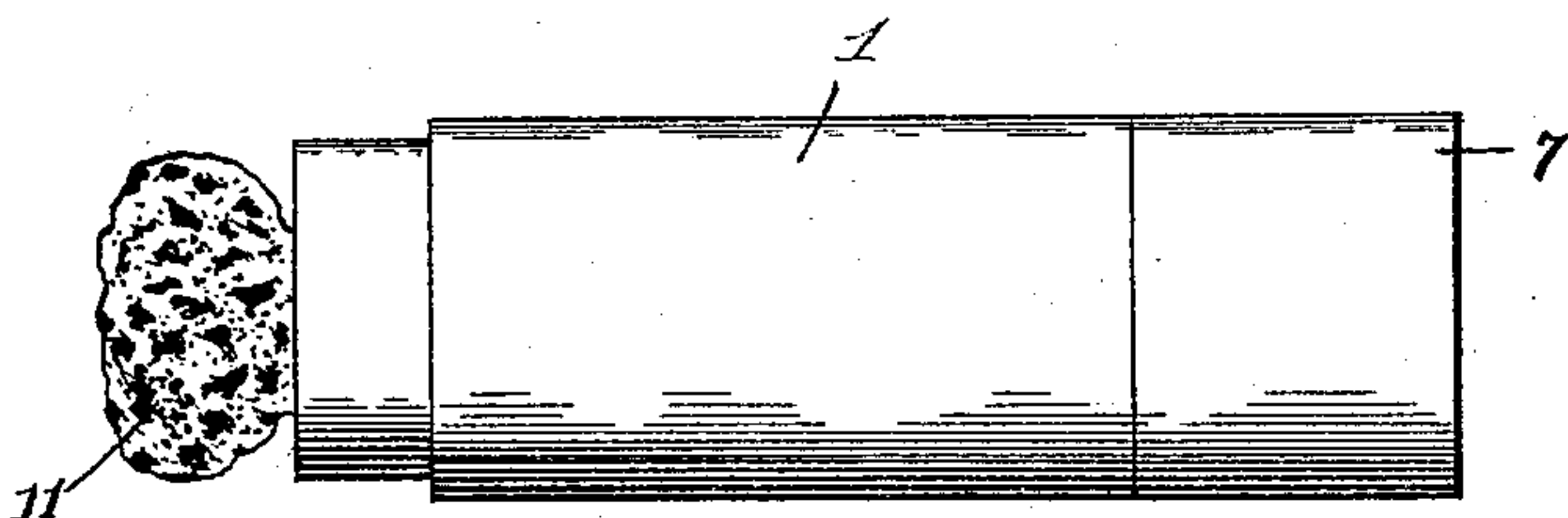
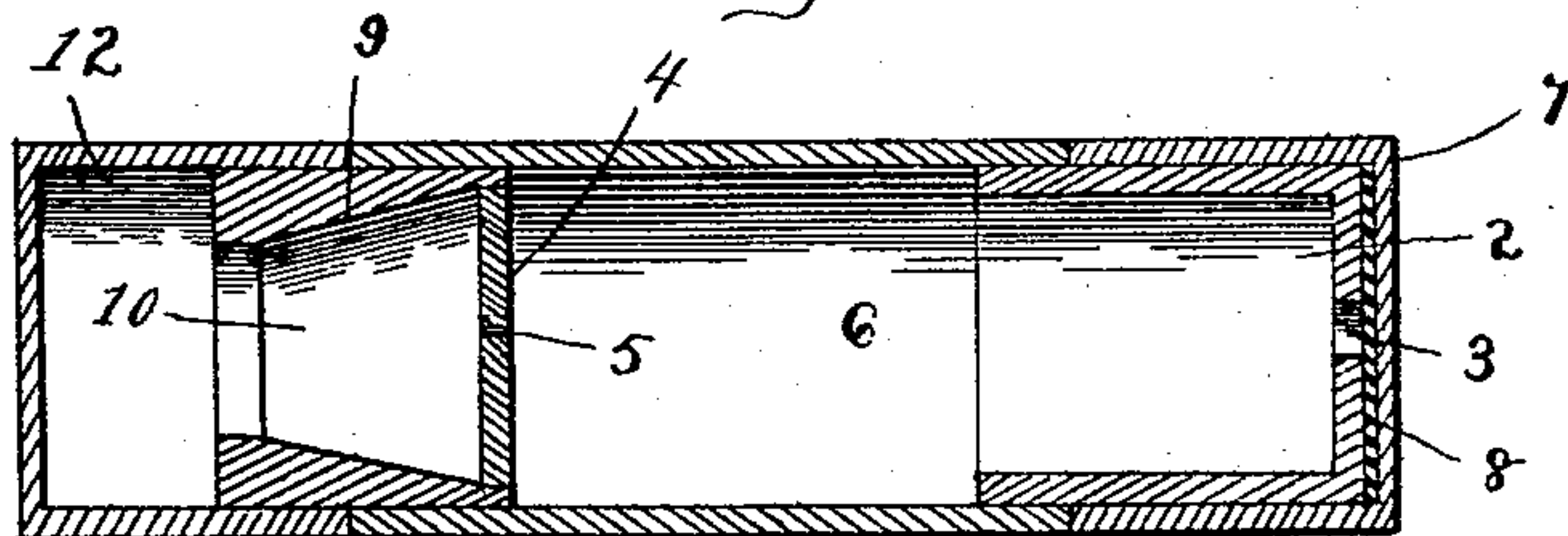


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE R. SHEBBEARD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Trenton, in the county of Mercer and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Envelope or Stamp Moistener, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a pocket stamp and envelope moistener, and it has for its object to provide a portable device supplied with a reservoir or fountain and an absorbent dauber or pad and adapted to be carried in the pocket.

Further objects and advantages of the invention will appear in the following description, and the novel features thereof will be particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a side view of the device closed. Fig. 2 is a similar view with the dauber or pad protecting cap removed. Fig. 3 is a central longitudinal section of the moistener.

Similar numerals of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 represents a tubular body portion which is provided at one end with a head 2, having a central inlet or filling opening 3, and provided at a point removed from the opposite end with a partition 4, having a central microscopic feed perforation 5. The bore of the body portion between the head 2 and the partition 4 forms a reservoir or fountain 6, adapted to contain water or other moistening fluid, a cap 7 being fitted upon the end of the body portion and provided in its top with a cushion or washer 8, which may be of rubber to close the inlet opening 3. The end of the body portion adjacent to the partition 4 is flanged, as shown at 9, thus forming a socket or holder 10, between the partition and the flange, the sides of such socket or holder being convergent toward the extremity of the body portion, whereby the shape of the socket or holder is substantially conical.

11 represents an absorbent dauber or pad, which is preferably of sponge and is fitted in the socket or holder with its outer end projecting beyond the mouth of the socket in position to be employed as a means of applying a moistening agent to the surfaces of stamps, envelope flaps, &c. A cap 12 is fitted upon the end of the body portion to cover and protect the dauber or pad when not in use.

The reservoir or fountain being filled with the moistening liquid, and the cap which is employed to cover the inlet opening having been fitted to its place, the device is ready for use, and said fluid will be fed slowly through the feed perforation in the partition between the reservoir or fountain and the interior of the socket or holder to enable the sponge or other absorbent dauber or pad to be saturated thereby.

It will be understood that while the tubular shape of the moistener adapts it especially to be carried in the pocket, it may be used as a desk appliance. Furthermore, the shape and finish of the device may be varied within the skill of the mechanic to suit the requirements of the conditions under which it is to be employed, and various changes in the form, proportion, and the minor details of construction may be resorted to without departing from the principle or sacrificing any of the advantages of this invention.

Having described the invention, what I claim is—

The herein described stamp and envelope moistener, comprising a tubular body-portion having reduced extremities and inclosed at one end, said closed end being provided with a perforation 3 through which the interior of the body-portion may be filled with a moistening liquid, a partition 4 arranged near the opposite end of the body-portion and forming between the same and the closed end a reservoir, and between said partition and the adjacent end of the body-portion a socket, the walls of this socket being convergent from the partition to the extremity of the body-portion and the partition being provided with a feed-opening 5, and removable caps fitted upon the reduced extremities of the body-portion to cover the socket and close the opening 3, respectively, said socket being adapted to receive a moistening sponge which is held in place by the convergent walls of the socket and is fed with liquid through the opening 5, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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