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SHAVING BRUSH AND SOAP HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR Q. WALSH, a subject of the King of Great Britain, and a resident of the city of New York, borough of Manhattan, in the county and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Shaving Brush and Soap Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

10 The object of this invention is to provide a device by which shaving-soap and a shaving-brush may be held to a single handle, thus enabling each to be used conveniently.

15 The device is particularly useful to persons shaving themselves, although it may be used also by professional barbers.

20 The invention comprises a handle having at one end certain peculiar means for carrying a stick of shaving-soap and a shaving-brush. Preferably these means are such as will permit the removal of the brush and soap, and the handle is hollow, so that the brush and soap may be stowed therein, thus making the device convenient for travelers.

25 This specification is an exact description of one example of my invention, while the claims define the actual scope thereof.

30 Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section thereof. Fig. 3 is a sectional view showing the parts stowed away within the hollow handle. Fig. 4 is a sectional view of the soap-holder, and Fig. 5 is an inner end view of the same.

35 *a* indicates the main part of the device which forms the handle. This main part is widened out at its base to give to the device a suitable bearing, enabling it to stand upright when not in use. At its upper end the main or handle part *a* is formed with two tubular branches *b* and *c*, thus giving the upper end of the handle the form of a fork, and said branches being open at their ends, the branch *b* to receive the brush and the branch *c* to receive the soap-holder.

45 The brush comprises the bristles *d* and a ferrule *d'*, the ferrule being arranged to fit

tightly yet removably within the end of the tubular branch *b*.

50 The soap-holder comprises the tube *e*, arranged to fit tightly within the tubular branch *c*. This tube *e* has a follower *e'* therein, and *e*² indicates a star-spring attached to the follower, which holds it tightly in place, the star-spring engaging its ends with the tubular holder *e*. This enables the follower *e'* to be pushed outward through the tubular holder 60 as the soap wears away. The enlarged flared lower end of the handle *a* is thickened, as indicated at *a'*, thus forming a socket, the size of which is such that the tubular soap-holder *e* may be fitted tightly yet removably therein, as indicated in Fig. 3. 65

70 In using the device the parts are arranged as in Figs. 1 and 2—that is to say, with the brush in the tubular branch *b* and the soap in the tubular branch *c* of the handle *a*. The handle may now be taken in the hand and the soap or the brush applied to the face as desired, the change from one to the other only requiring a partial turn of the device in the hand of the user. This makes the operation extremely convenient. When the device 75 is not in use, the flared or enlarged end of the handle *a* enables the device to be stood upright on the table or other support, thus avoiding bringing the wet brush into contact with the supporting-surface. 80

85 If desired, the device may be left continuously in the adjustment shown in Fig. 1; but if it be desired to put it in a hand-bag or pack it otherwise for traveling the soap-holder *e* should be removed from the branch *c* and the brush should be removed from the branch *b*. Then the brush should be introduced into the tubular handle *a* by passing it through the tubular branch *c*. In this connection it is 90 pointed out that the ferrule *d'* of the brush is not as great in diameter as the internal diameter of the branch *c*. This enables the brush to be introduced in the manner explained. Then the soap-holder should be 95 placed in the open lower end of the handle. This holds the brush in place and also secures the soap-holder, all of which is illustrated in Fig. 3. To remove the parts, the soap-holder should be withdrawn and the brush dropped 100

downward and out of the handle through the open lower end thereof. Thus by avoiding returning the brush through the open branch c I avoid bending backward the bristles of the
5 brush.

Various changes in the form, proportions, and minor details of my invention may be resorted to at will without departing from the spirit and scope thereof. Hence I consider
10 myself entitled to all such variations as may lie within the intent of my claims.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

15 1. As a new article of manufacture, a toilet device comprising a handle having a forked or branched end, a brush held by one branch, and means at the other branch for holding a piece of soap.

20 2. As a new article of manufacture, a toilet device comprising a hollow handle having two branches open at their ends, a brush removably fitted within one branch, and a soap-holder removably fitted in the other branch,
25 the end of the handle opposite the said branches being open, for the purpose specified.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a toilet device, comprising a handle having one end

enlarged to hold the handle in upright position, and two branches at the other end for respectively carrying a shaving-brush and a piece of soap.

4. A new article of manufacture, comprising a hollow handle having one end open and
35 having at the other end two open branches, one branch being of internal diameter equal to the internal diameter of the first-named end of the handle and the other branch being of lesser diameter, a brush removably fitted
40 in the said branch of lesser diameter, and a soap-holder removably fitted in the other branch.

5. As a new article of manufacture, a toilet device, comprising a hollow handle for the
45 purpose set forth, the handle being capable of resting on one end in upright position, a brush removably carried at the other end of the handle, and a soap-holder also removably
50 carried at said other end of the handle.

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

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