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NO MODEL.

Fig. 1.

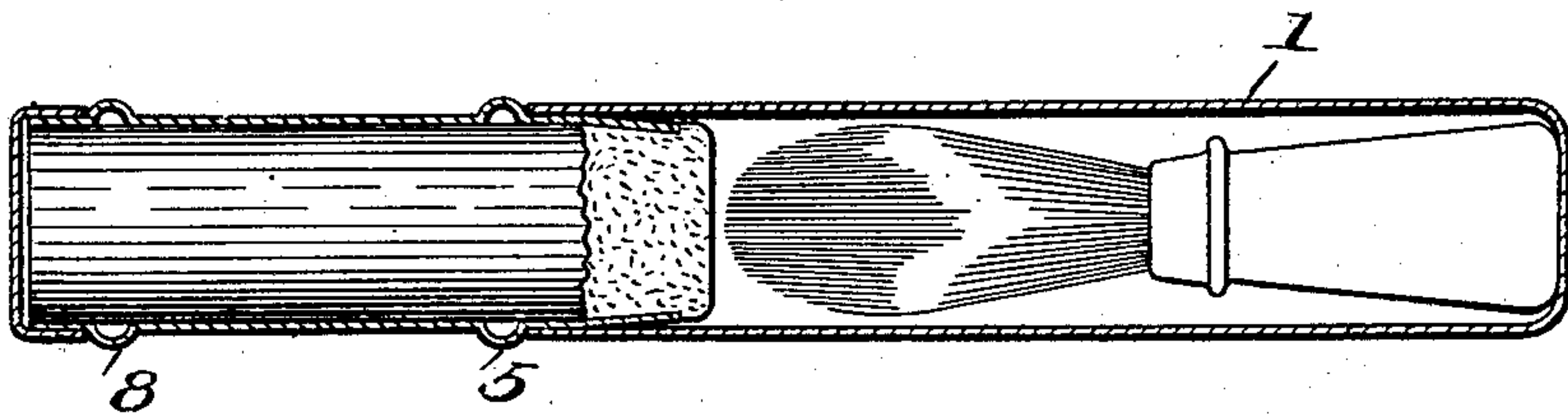


Fig. 2.

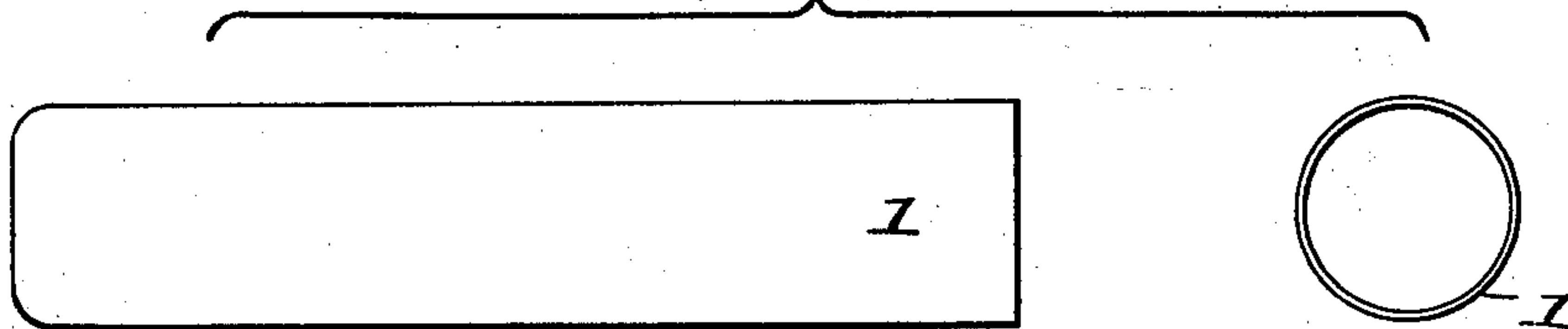


Fig. 3.

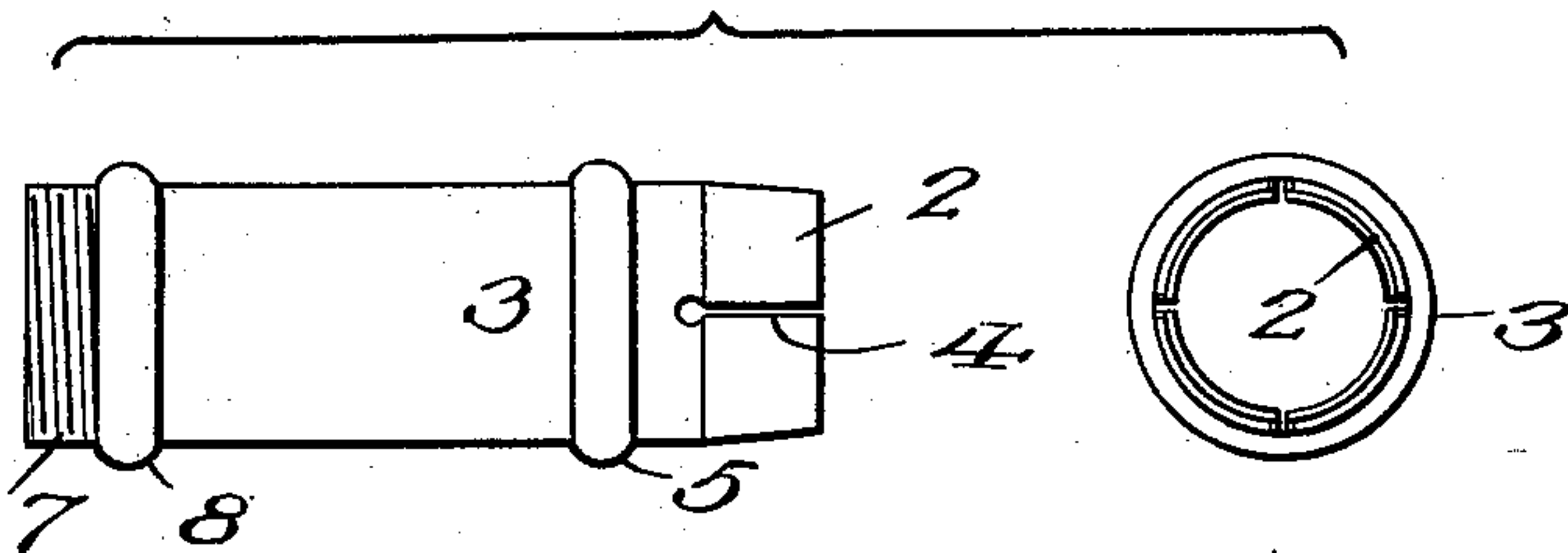
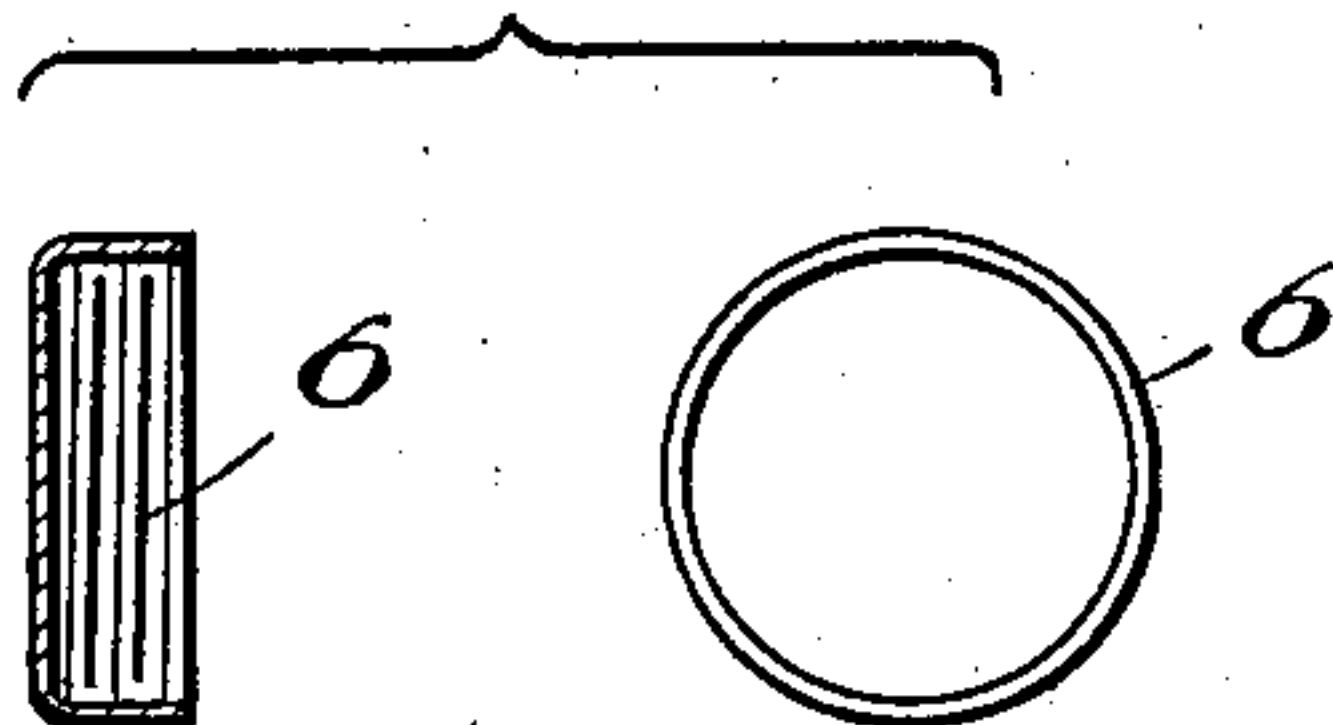


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ERNEST E. CLEVELAND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Worcester, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Toilet Articles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to a new and improved toilet article especially adapted for holding a shaving brush and soap in positions where they can be conveniently reached, but at the same time held out of contact with articles likely to be injured thereby.

A further object is to provide a device of this character which is extremely simple and compact and inexpensive to manufacture.

The invention consists in providing a preferably tubular casing for the reception of a shaving-brush. This casing is open at one end to receive the tapered slotted end of a soap-holder, the opposite end of which is normally closed by a detachable cap.

The invention also consists in the further novel construction and combination of parts hereinafter more fully described and claimed, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, showing the preferred form of my invention, and in which—

Figure 1 is a longitudinal section through a device constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 shows an end and side elevation, respectively, of the casing. Fig. 3 shows an end and side elevation, respectively, of the soap-holder with the cap detached; and Fig. 4 shows a section and end view of said cap.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is a preferably tubular casing formed of any suitable material and preferably provided with a lining of non-corrosive material. This casing is open at one end for the reception of the tapered end 2 of a soap-holder 3. This tapered end is provided with oppositely-arranged slots 4 to provide grasping members integral with the soap-holder, which are adapted to be expanded and contracted to provide for the adjustment of the soap stick and to hold it securely in position, and a bead 5 surrounds the holder to limit its inward movement within the casing 1. An internally-screw-threaded cap 6 is mounted upon the op-

posite threaded end 7 of the holder 3, and the movement of this cap is also limited by means of a bead 8. It will be seen that the casing 1 serves the purpose of a receptacle for the shaving-brush.

A stick of shaving-soap is adapted to be inserted into the holder 3 after the cap 6 has been removed therefrom, and this soap is pressed outward through the tapered end 2 a desired distance, the grasping members at said end expanding to permit of the passage of the soap therethrough. The soap having been pressed so as to protrude the desired distance, the grasping members then contract and hold the soap in adjusted position, as illustrated in Fig. 1. The cap 6 is adapted to be placed in position after the soap has been inserted into the holder 3, and said holder is then secured within casing 1 by inserting its tapered end into the open end of the casing. The two parts will be held together by frictional contact, for the reason that the tapered end 2 will be contracted when inserted thereinto, and the pressure thereof against the inner surface of the ends of the casing will be sufficient to hold the two parts together. It will be understood that as the soap wears it can be forced outward still farther from the holder by first removing cap 6 and then pressing upon the inner end of the soap stick.

It will be seen that by the use of this device both the brush and soap are kept out of contact with articles likely to be injured by moisture retained thereby.

In the foregoing description I have shown the preferred form of my invention; but I do not limit myself thereto, as I am aware that modifications may be made therein without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof, and I therefore reserve the right to make such changes as fairly fall within the scope of my invention.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is—

1. In a device of the character described, the combination with a tubular casing open at one end and adapted to contain a brush; of a tubular soap-holder formed in a single piece of metal, a tapered longitudinally-slotted end to the holder to provide grasping members in-

tegral therewith adapted to be inserted into the open end of the casing and to engage soap within the holder, means for limiting the movement of the holder into the casing, and a detachable cap at the outer end of the holder.

2. In a device of the character described, the combination with a tubular casing open at one end and adapted to contain a brush; of a tubular soap-holder open at both ends, one of said ends being tapered and slotted longitudinally to provide grasping members integral

therewith which are adapted to engage soap within the holder, a bead upon the holder for limiting the movement of said holder into the casing, and a cap adapted to be secured to one end of the holder.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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