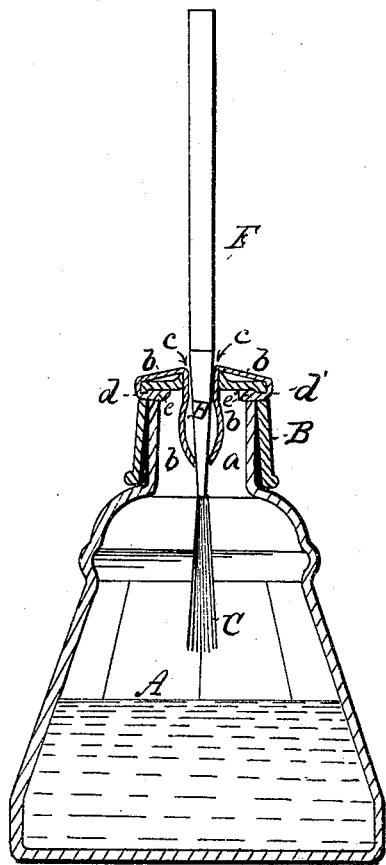


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## MUCILAGE AND MARKING BRUSH.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, EDWARD H. BOSWELL, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Mucilage and Marking Brushes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable those skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

My invention consists in the employment or use of an elastic band applied to the stem of the brush and the cover of a mucilage, marking, or other bottle, for the purpose of always keeping the brush elevated above the contents of the bottle, except when forced down for the purpose of taking up some of the fluid for use.

The drawing represents a vertical central section of a mucilage-bottle, showing an elastic band applied to its brush and cover, according to my invention.

A represents the body of an ordinary mucilage-bottle, and *a* the neck thereof. B is the cover or cap of the bottle; C, the brush; D, its stem, and E its handle, all of the ordinary or any suitable construction.

Through a suitable hole in the stem D of the brush I pass an elastic band, *b*, and carry it up through the hole *c* in the cover of the bottle and over the top of the same, and secure each end of the said band thereto by inserting the ends through holes *d d'*, made in opposite sides of the cover, by tying on the end of each a knot, *e e'*, as shown in the drawing, or otherwise, as occasion may suggest. The hole *c* in the cover is made sufficiently large to allow a free play of the brush-handle therein.

Thus it will be seen that the band *b* constitutes a spring which will always keep the brush elevated above the contents of the bottle, and yet permit the said brush to be forced down to take up some of the said contents when needed for use. The said band *b* may be made of rubber solely, of elastic ribbon, or of any other material having the necessary elasticity.

The advantages of this arrangement are evident: first, its simplicity; second, its cheapness; third, its durability, inasmuch as a new band may be substituted for an old one which may have lost its elasticity before the brush becomes worn out, the material of which it is composed being always easily obtained in just the shape desired; fourth, its convenience, inasmuch as it dispenses with the necessity of screwing the brush up or down in the cover to make it reach the contents of the bottle; fifth, its practicability, for the reason that no spiral spring, which is fragile and likely to get out of order, as well as being cumbersome, is employed. The same arrangement is applicable to brushes used for marking purposes, and in all instances where it is desired to have the brush so placed that it can be quickly inserted in the contents of the bottle to which it belongs, and yet when not in use be kept clear of the said contents thereof.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A rubber or other elastic band applied to the brush and cover of a mucilage, marking, or other bottle, for the purposes herein specified.

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