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FLY-EXTERMINATOR.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ROBERT L. PARK and ROBERT E. JONES, citizens of the United States, residing at Fort Morgan, in the county of Morgan, and in the State of Colorado, have invented a new and useful article, which we call a "Fly-Exterminator," of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in fly-extermi-
nators, our object being to provide a device of this class of exceedingly simple and cheap construction.

It consists of a piece of absorbent material having a part cut therefrom on two sides, the said part being left intact on one side and bent downwardly, whereby it may be made to project into a receptacle containing liquid, with which the piece of absorbent material will become saturated by capillary attraction, the paper having been previously treated by the use of a poisonous substance. This piece of material should be placed on top of the receptacle containing the liquid.

The device will be fully understood by reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of our improved device in use, being shown in connection with a suitable liquid-containing receptacle. Fig. 2 is a vertical section taken through the same. Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the device shown in detail before the tongue is bent downwardly.

The same reference characters indicate the same parts in all the views.

Let the numeral 5 designate a piece of absorbent material, as paper, the same being of suitable strength or rigidity to maintain itself in position on top of a receptacle 6. The device 5 is preferably disk-shaped and is desira-

bly made considerably larger than the top of the vessel to which it is applied, whereby it may be made to completely close the vessel without the exercise of special care. It is provided with a tongue 8, which is formed by cutting two slits from the outside inwardly to about the center of the disk and bending the intermediate part downwardly. This part is left intact at its inner extremity and is of sufficient length to extend into the liquid 7 of the receptacle 6. This paper may be treated by the use of any desired poison adapted to exterminate flies and other vermin.

The operation of the device will be readily understood. The liquid travels through the tongue 8 upwardly to the body of the disk by capillary attraction, whereby the disk is completely saturated with the said liquid, the latter being rendered poisonous by the substance with which the disk has been treated.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is—

A fly-exterator comprising a liquid-containing receptacle, and an absorbent disk mounted thereon and provided with an integral tongue cut from the body of the disk, left intact at its inner extremity and bent downwardly into the liquid the said disk being provided with a poisonous substance.

In testimony whereof we have signed our names to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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