

curved at its lower end if desired, or shaped in any manner suitable for preventing the container from being stood on its lower end. This construction, of course, encourages the user to hang the device on the wall by means of the tab 28.

The cover member 27 in this form of my invention is not provided with a centrally located wick but utilizes a flat wick 29 or a piece of fabric inserted through a pair of slot-like openings 31 to permit both ends of the wick to dip into the liquid poison. The main advantage of a device utilizing a flat wick is that it is less expensive in construction.

The modified form of the invention shown in Figure 5 is more adapted to decorative treatment and may be mounted so as to be relatively inconspicuous. This device is preferably in the form of a wedge-shaped container having side walls 32 joined together along their bottom edges, as at 33, and provided with a recessed cover member 34 flanged and soldered, as at 36, or otherwise fastened to the top edges of the side walls 32.

The cover member is provided with a plurality of wick members 37 mounted through slots 38 in the cover member in the same manner as in the device shown in Figures 3 and 4. One or more tabs 39 may be provided at one side of the container for hanging the device on nails or hooks. In place of the tabs, holes may of course be provided through the flanged rim or, if desired, hook members may be soldered or otherwise fastened to the rear of the container to permit the device to be hung on the wall or on the rear side of a picture frame.

It is apparent that I have provided a device suitable for killing insects which may be manufactured very inexpensively, which may be marketed and handled in a safe manner, and in which the efficiency of the poison medium may be renewed when necessary by the addition of plain water.

It will be further apparent that I have provided a device of such shape as to discourage setting it on a table or shelf or other place where it would be readily available to children.

Although I have described specific embodiments of my invention, it is apparent that modifications thereof may be made by those skilled in the art. Such modifications may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention as set forth in the appended claims.

I claim as my invention:

1. In a device of the character described, a container, a recessed cover fixedly attached thereto, a wick passing through an opening in the cover, a water soluble capsule sealed within the container, and a water soluble poison in the capsule.

2. A new article of manufacture comprising the combination of a container in substantially the shape of an inverted cone for receiving a liquid, a water soluble capsule in the container, said capsule containing a water soluble poison, a recessed cover permanently affixed to the top of the cone to seal the poison capsule therein, the said recessed cover having at least two openings therethrough, a wick extending through at least one of said openings and down into the container, and means for hanging the container.

3. In an insect exterminator, a container for liquid poison, a closure for the top thereof comprising a sheet metal member of substantially frusto-conical form secured in inverted position at the base thereof to the upper edge of the container, the truncated portion of the cone having two openings extending therethrough adjacent the opposite edges thereof, and a flat wick disposed across the upper side of the said cone and down through the said openings into liquid poison within the container.

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