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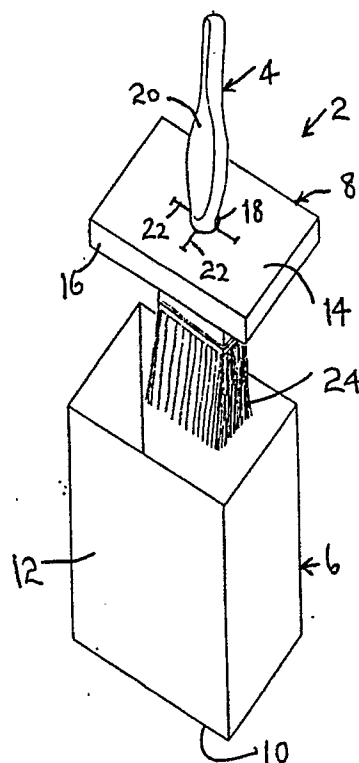
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(54) **A container for a paint brush.**

(57) The container (2) comprises a body (6) and a lid (8), the body (6) having a base (10) and a walled portion (12) which upstands from the base (10), and the lid (8) having an aperture (18) through which a handle (20) of the paint brush (4) passes and gripper means (22) for gripping the handle (20) adjacent the aperture (18) whereby the handle (20) of the paint brush (4) can extend beyond the lid (8) and a brush part (24) of the paint brush (4) can be suspended in the body (6) above the base (10) of the body (6).



**FIG 1**

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