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㉑ Stick-shaped piece drive container and stick-shaped piece supplying cassette.

㉒ A stick-shaped piece drive container capable of preventing a stick-shaped piece from drying out by evaporating moisture is provided. A stick-shaped piece supplying cassette capable of supplying a stick-shaped piece to the stick-shaped piece drive container in a simple way is also provided. The stick-shaped piece drive container is comprised of an outer cylinder (1) and a screw shaft (5) having a helical groove (5B) provided on a circumference thereof and a connecting portion provided on a front end thereof, and being inserted in the outer cylinder (1) unrotatably but movable in an axial direction thereof. An inner cylinder (2) has a projection provided on a rear inside thereof that fits the helical groove (5B), and is immovably mounted in the outer cylinder (1) but is rotatable in an axial direction thereof to extend out of it forwardly. A stick-shaped piece holder (4) is detachably coupled with the connecting portion of the screw shaft (5) and slidably provided in the inner cylinder (2) for holding a stick-

shaped piece. A cap (8) detachably fits the inner cylinder (2) or the outer cylinder (1) or both. Sealing means (9A) provided on a circumference of the stick-shaped piece holder (4) close by fitting the inside of the inner cylinder (1).

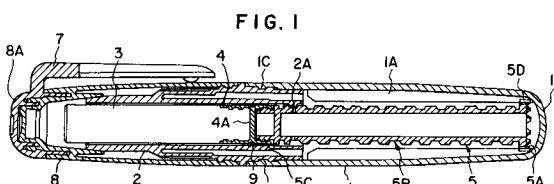


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