A tooth-care device consists of a gripping handle (2) presenting a distal portion (3) equipped with an array of bristles (4). The bristles array (4) is connected in a revolving way to the handle (2) through a mount (13) assembled rotatably suitable to allow the said bristles array (4) to rotate with respect to the handle (2) in a plurality of predetermined angular usage potions (a, b, c, d), with respect to an axis parallel to the direction of the bristles (4).
AMENDED CLAIMS
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1. Tooth-care device, of the type comprising a gripping handle (2) presenting a distal portion (3) equipped with an array of bristles (4), the said array of bristles (4) being set on a mount (13) connected in a revolving way to the said distal portion (3) through coupling means (14) suitable to allow the said mount (13) to rotate with respect to the said distal portion (3) around an axis (A) parallel to the said direction of the bristles (4), characterized in that the said mount (13) is suitable to rotate in a plurality of predetermined angular usage positions (a, b, c, d), and in that it comprises locking means (19) suitable to selectively lock the said mount (13) of the bristles (4) in one of the said predetermined angular positions (a, b, c, d).

2. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the said mount (13) is suitable to rotate in four predetermined usage position (a, b, c, d) angularly distributed on a plane orthogonal to the said direction of the bristles (4).

3. Device according to claim 2, characterized in that the said four predetermined angular positions (a, b, c, d) of the said mount (13) of the bristles (4) consist of a first position (a) aligned with the axis of the said handle (2); a second position (b) oriented at 45° with respect to the axis of the said handle (2); a third position (c) oriented at 90° with respect to the axis of the said handle (2); a fourth position (d) oriented at 135° with respect to the axis of the said handle (2).

4. Device according to claims 1, 2 or 3, characterized in that the said locking means (19) are strained by elastic means (20) in a lifted tightening position, to selectively lock the said mount (13) of the bristles (4) in one of the said predetermined angular positions (a, b, c, d).

5. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the said coupling means (14) consist of turning mating means comprising a trunnion (15) with octagonal profile
superiorly fastened to the said mount (13) and arranged parallel to the said direction of the bristles (4).

6. Device according to claim 1, characterized in that the said distal portion (3) peripherally shapes a pair of parallel tines (3a, 3b), internally shaping a seat (25) with octagonal profile suitable to be engaged by the said trunnion (15).

7. Device according to claim 6, characterized in that the said locking means (19) comprise a movable collar (5) set coaxial externally to the said distal portion (3) and suitable to slide between a lifted tightening position of the said parallel tines (3a, 3b), for the locking of the coupling means (14) of the mount (13), and a lowered disengagement position that allows the rotation of the same mount (13).

8. Device according to claim 7, characterized in that the said parallel tines (3a, 3b) shape an area (18) of contact with the said collar (5) having conical profile conjugated with a conical bevel (17) of the same collar (5).

9. Device according to claim 7, characterized in that the said movable collar (5) is strained by elastic means (20) in the said lifted tightening position of the said parallel tines (3a, 3b).