



**Photo.6: In the third test, SOY-Gel was applied to the moulding taken from an old oak table**



**Photo.7: The SOY-Gel cleaned the surface of the oak moulding ready for re-finishing**

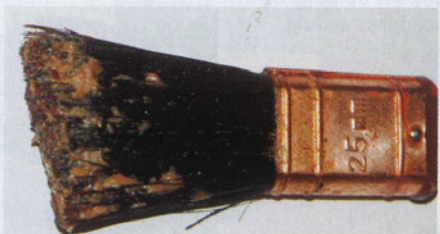
treatments in the intervening 70 or 80 years.

The result (Photo.7) encourages the possibility that SOY-Gel might be used as a preliminary step in the rejuvenation of old furniture.

(While all of the tests were conducted on horizontal surfaces, I did try applying it to vertical surfaces and found that the recommended 3 or 4mm layer of SOY-Gel was in no great hurry to slide off.)

One final possibility for the use of this product came to mind. Like many other woodworkers, I've been known to carefully put aside a brush in 20 or 30mm of turps promising myself that I'd clean it out 'tomorrow'. Weeks, maybe months, later, I've realised that the brush is still there, stuck to the bottom of its container by a thick discoloured paste.

I retrieved a brush in this condition (Photo.8) and placed it in a narrow container (just large enough to accommodate the width of the brush) together with some SOY-Gel. Every time I thought of it over the next few hours, I wiggled the brush around in the SOY-Gel noticing that it gradually became more and more flexi-



**Photo.8: The turps had long since dried when this brush was rescued and placed in a container with a little SOY-Gel**

ble. The next day, I removed the brush from the container and cleaned off the residue with the jet of a hose. The result (Photo.9) was a perfectly usable brush.

The method proved successful with other brushes, even ones which had been left long enough for their bristles to become imbedded in a hardened mass, though the process took several days.

SOY-Gel is an unusual, indeed, possibly unique, product. My simple tests showed that it works well for small jobs but the idea of using it for larger projects is even more appealing since there would be none of the usual problems that arise when employing corrosive and/or smelly liquids.

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**Photo.9: After spending a night in the SOY-Gel, the brush was ready to be used again**



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