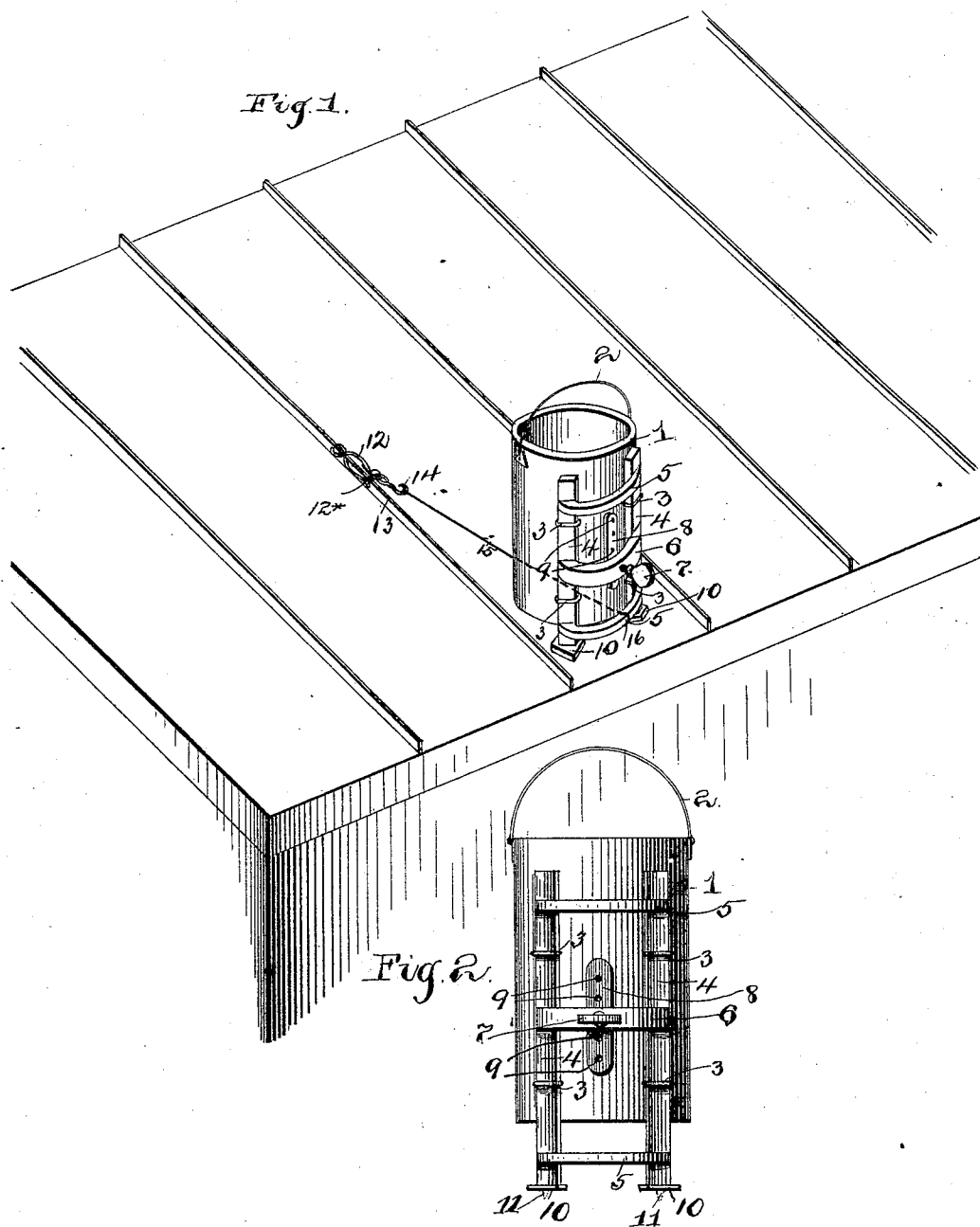


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PAINT BUCKET.

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PAINT-BUCKET.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT P. FORD, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ashland, in the county of Boyd and State of Kentucky, have invented a new and useful Paint-Bucket, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to improvements in paint-buckets adapted to be used by tinner and painters during the operation of painting roofs.

The objects of the invention are to provide a bucket adapted to stand level upon a roof regardless of its incline and which will not slip by reason of such inclination.

With the above objects in view the invention consists in certain features of construction hereinafter specified, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a paint-bucket constructed in accordance with my invention, the same being upon a roof. Fig. 2 is a view in elevation of the bucket.

Like numerals of reference indicate like parts in both figures of the drawings.

1 designates a paint bucket or vessel of proper size and shape, and provided with the usual lifting-bail 2.

On the outside of the bucket, at opposite points thereof, there are secured to the bucket two pairs of vertically-opposite keepers 3, each pair being occupied by a loosely-fitting sliding standard 4. The standards are connected at their upper and lower ends by cross-bars 5, and at their centers by a bridge 6, which spans the distance between said standards and is centrally perforated and provided with a set-screw 7.

Secured to the bucket between the pairs of standards and opposite the bridge-piece is a plate 8, having a series of vertically-aligning perforations 9, each of which is adapted to receive the inner end of the set-screw.

The lower ends of the standards 4 may be provided with rubber pads 10 when designed to be used upon tin roofs, or when designed to be used upon wooden roofs—as, for instance, a shingled roof—spikes 11 (shown by dotted lines, Fig. 2) may be substituted.

The operation of my invention will be readily apparent, in that when seated upon an inclined roof it is simply necessary to adjust the lower pair of standards, so as to bring the bucket upon a level and then insert the set-screw 7 into a convenient opening 9.

The above construction may be found adequate in nearly all instances; but in cases where extremely steep or greatly inclined roofs are to be painted I may employ a safety-anchor in conjunction with my invention.

Referring particularly to Fig. 1, 12 designates a pair of pliers, the jaws of which are locked against separation by a sliding ring 12^x, and adapted to clamp the seam 13 of a tin roof or the lightning-rod or other objects of other roofs. One of the terminals of the clamp is provided with a link or hook 14, and leading from the same is a cord 15, the opposite end of which is provided with a hook 16, adapted to engage the lower cross-bar 5. An anchor will in most cases, however, be found unnecessary, and I may or may not employ the same in connection with my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The combination, with a paint-bucket having opposite pairs of keepers, of standards loosely mounted in said keepers, a bridge-piece connecting the standards, a set-screw passing through the bridge-piece, and a perforated plate located opposite said bridge-piece, substantially as specified.

2. The combination, with a paint-bucket having diametrically-opposite pairs of keepers, of standards mounted for vertical movement in the keepers, upper and lower bars connecting the standards, a central bridge-piece also connecting the standards, a set-screw passed through the bridge-piece, and a perforated plate secured to the bucket between the pair of standards and opposite the bridge, substantially as specified.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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