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Fig1.

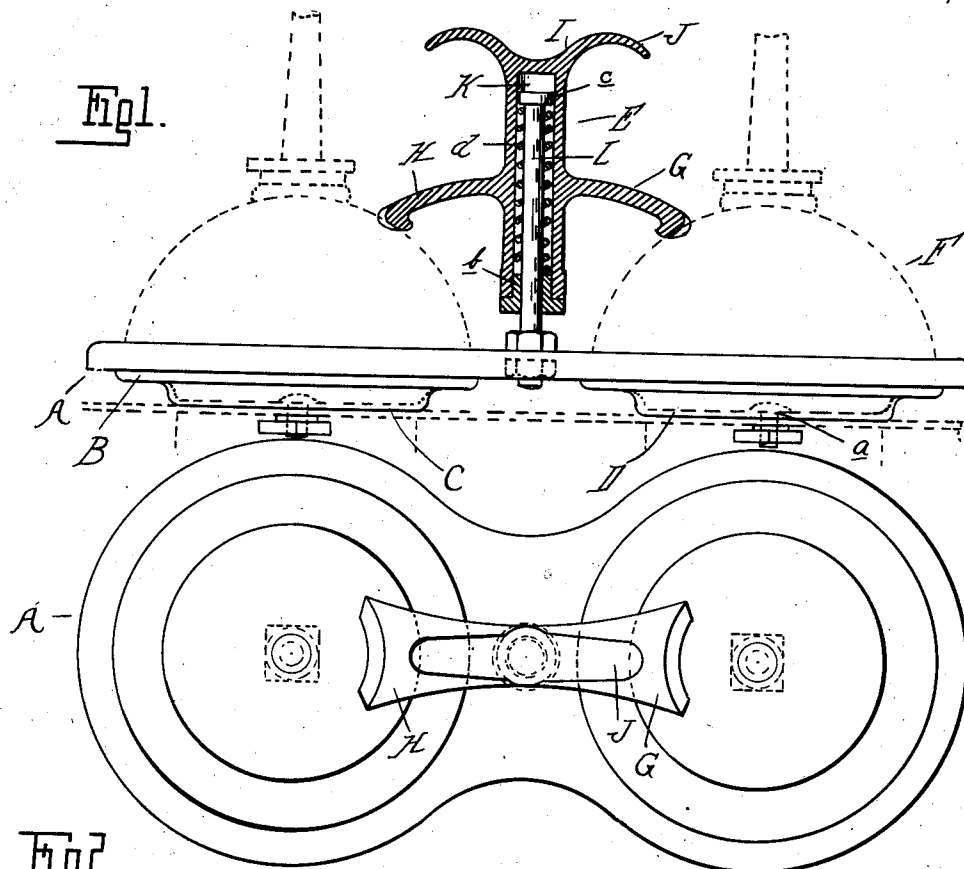
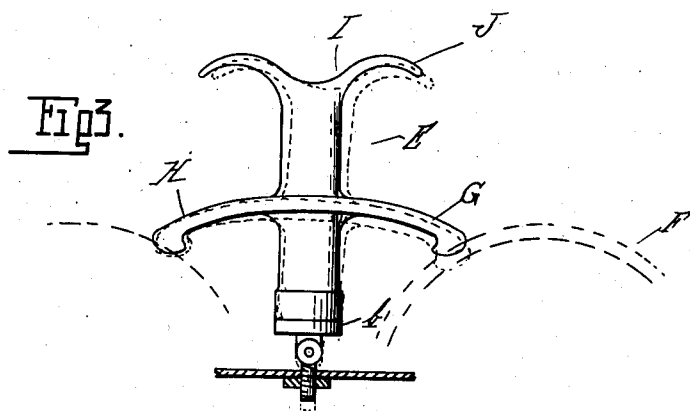


Fig. 2.



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## OIL-CAN HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. DUNHAM, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Oil-Can Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

The invention has reference to a holder for oil cans, especially designed for use in connection with automobiles, and consists in the novel and simple construction thereof, in the peculiar arrangement and combination of parts, and in certain details of construction, as will be more fully hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings,—Figure 1 is a sectional elevation illustrating a construction embodying my invention; Fig. 2 is a plan view; and Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1, showing a modified construction.

In the drawings thus briefly described, the reference letter A represents the part of the automobile to which the holder is adapted to be applied; B designates the base or supporting section of the holder, formed preferably with two oppositely-disposed depressed seat portions C and D for the oil cans, the depressions being of sufficient depth to permit of the use of screws, as *a*, for holding the base to the part A of the vehicle.

Mounted centrally of the base intermediate the can seats is a retainer E for holding the cans, as F, upon the base. In the present instance, the retainer is designed for holding two cans in place, as shown, and in its preferred construction is provided with complementary arms G and H, which are adapted to extend over the seats sufficiently to engage the can bodies, as plainly shown in Fig. 1. These arms are united to an operating member I having finger-lifts J at its upper end and provided with a tubular bore K in which extends an upright L, the latter serving as a guide and support for the reciprocating part. The lower portion of the member I is provided with an abutment *b*; the extremity of the upright L with a head *c*; while a spring *d* is interposed between the parts, and acts normally to hold the retainer proper in a downward position for the purpose of effecting the desired engagement of

the can bodies to prevent the removal thereof from the support.

As thus constructed, it will be obvious that the retainer may be easily raised to allow of the withdrawal and replacement of the can or cans, and further that it is susceptible of rotation, whereby the retaining arms may be moved out of engagement with the oil cans and left in their inoperative positions while the removal and replacement of the can are being effected.

In Fig. 3 I have shown a modified form of retainer having a rocking connection with the base, so as to allow the retainer to tilt in the direction of either can. Constructed in this manner, cans of different size may be used and held properly to the base or support.

What I claim as my invention is,—

1. In an oil can holder, the combination with a base having complementary seats, of an upright secured to the base intermediate said seats, a spring pressed retainer mounted on said upright and having can engaging arms extending outwardly toward the centers of said seats.

2. In an oil can holder, the combination with a base having complementary seats, of a common retainer mounted on said base intermediate said complementary seats and adapted for movement substantially in vertical and horizontal planes.

3. In a holder, the combination with a base having spaced complementary seats, of an upright secured to said base intermediate said seats, a spring pressed retainer slidably engaging said upright and having arms extending outwardly and adapted to retain the articles to be held in said seats.

4. In a holder, the combination with a base having a plurality of seats, of an upright mounted thereon substantially intermediate the centers of said seats, a shiftable spring-pressed retainer slidably engaging said upright and having arms corresponding in number and extending outwardly in operative relation to the several seats.

5. In an oil can holder, the combination with a base having complementary can seats, of a spring pressed common retainer having arms extending outwardly toward the centers of said can seats, and a rocking connection between said retainer and base.

6. In an oil can holder, the combination  
with a base having complementary can seats,  
of an upright pivoted to the base for rocking  
movement intermediate said complementary  
5 seats, a spring pressed member slidably en-  
gaging said upright and having can engag-  
ing members extending outwardly in opera-  
tive relation to the can seats, said spring

pressed member having a finger lift posi-  
tioned at its upper end.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature  
in presence of two witnesses.

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