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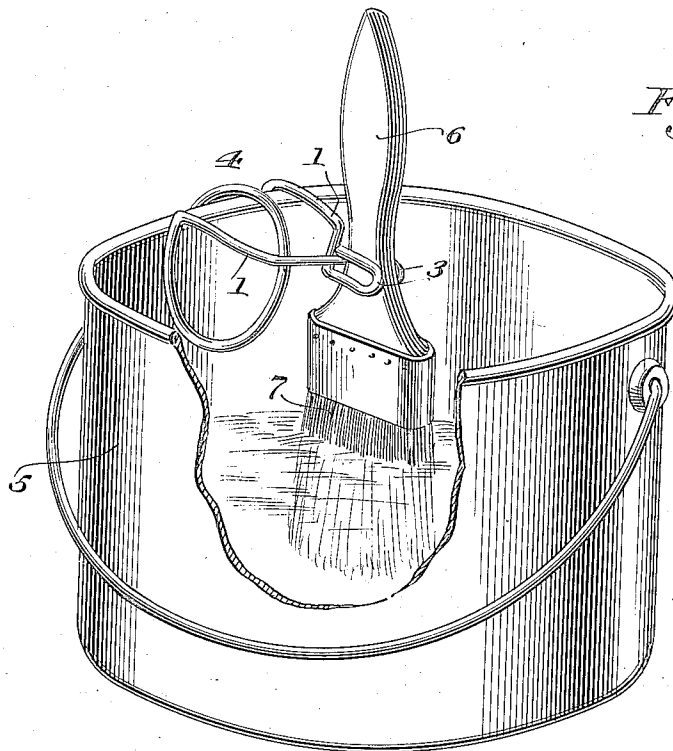


Fig. 1.

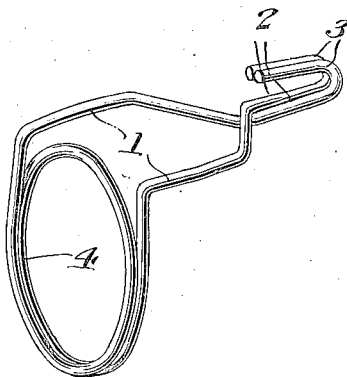


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BERNARD P. ARNEST, a citizen of the United States, residing at Denver, in the county of Denver and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paint-Brush Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to paint brush holders, the object of the invention being to provide a device by which a paint brush may be suspended from the rim of a paint bucket, so as to keep the brush bristles immersed in the paint, whereby the paint upon the bristles may be kept from drying out and the bristles maintained in good order.

A further object of the invention is to provide a holder of the character described which may be inexpensively manufactured from a single piece of spring wire, and which is adapted for holding either flat or round handled brushes, while permitting adjustment of the brush as occasion requires according to the level of the paint to submerge the bristles to the proper extent.

The invention consists of a device embodying the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a paint bucket showing a brush suspended therein by my improved holder, a portion of the bucket being broken away for clearer illustration; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the brush holder detached.

In carrying my invention into practice I provide a paint brush holder preferably formed from a single piece of wire, the ends of the wire being longitudinally curved for a portion of their length, as shown at 1, and thence curved or inclined toward each other in convergent relation to provide clamping jaws 2, terminating in inwardly inclined back-turned or hook-shaped bearing members 3 which increase their extent of clamping surfaces. The central portion of the wire is formed to provide a double coiled spring clasp 4, which is disposed at right angles to the arms 1 so as to occupy a substantially vertical position when the device is in use.

In employing the device for supporting a paint brush within a paint bucket or receptacle 5, the coil 4 is slipped down over the rim edge of the bucket, thereby clamping the holder to the wall of the bucket. The arms 1 of the holder will thereupon project horizontally into the bucket, whereupon the handle 6 of the brush may be inserted and clamped between the bearing surfaces 3 of the jaws 2 to suspend the brush so that the brush bristles 7 will be submerged in the paint. A brush which is used at greater or less intervals may in this manner be kept in good condition, without the necessity of constantly cleaning the bristles, as the paint upon the bristles will be kept from drying out and the bristles maintained in good condition. When the brush is thus supported the handle 6 will project so that it may be conveniently grasped and the brush may accordingly be conveniently removed for use at any time.

It will be apparent, of course, that the coil 4 forms a spring clasp which allows the holder to be vertically adjusted to immerse the brush bristles to the desired extent as occasion may require, according to the depth of the bucket and the level of the paint. The spring jaws also permit the brush to be adjusted for the same purpose, and are adapted to engage the handles of round and flat handled brushes with equal efficiency.

The device is simple in construction, may be manufactured and sold at a low cost, and its utility and conveniences are manifest.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:

1. A paint brush holder comprising a length of spring wire bent to form a vertically disposed coil presenting clamping elements and adapted to engage the wall of a paint bucket, spring arms extending outwardly at right angles from said coil, to project horizontally into the bucket, and clamping jaws at the extremities of said arms normally held closed by the action of the arms and adapted to be spread thereby to receive and clamp the handle of a paint brush.

2. A paint brush holder comprising a length of wire bent to provide a spirally formed clamp presenting clamping convolutions to engage the wall of a paint bucket,

spring arms extending at right angles from
said convolutions to project horizontally
into the bucket, and clamping jaws at the
extremities of said arms normally held
5 closed thereby and adapted to be spread by
pressure upon the arms to admit and grip
the handle of a paint brush.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature
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