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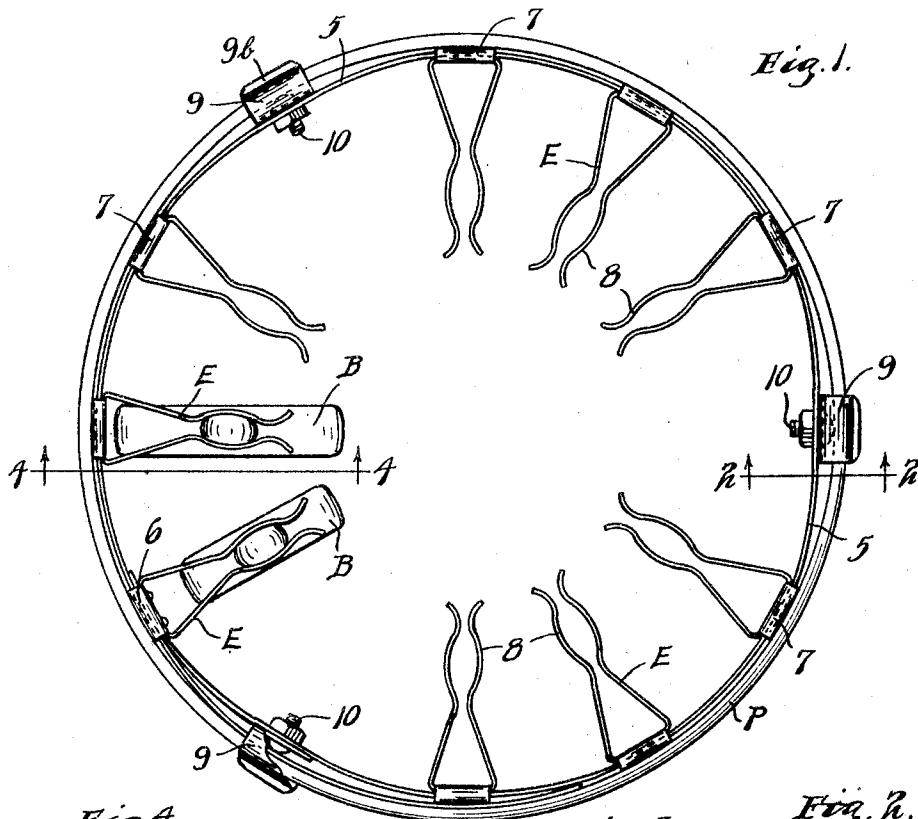


Fig. 1.

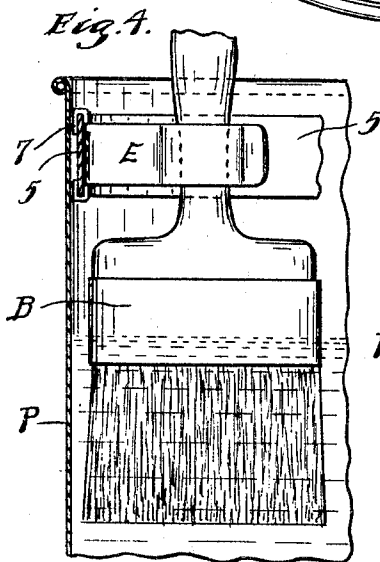


Fig. 4.

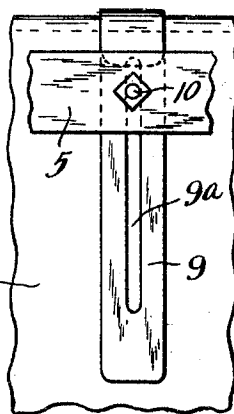


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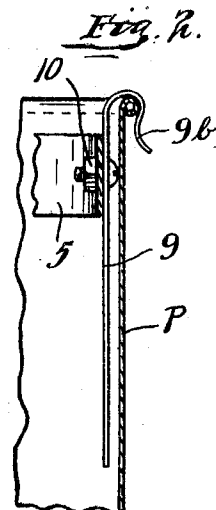


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to holders or hangers and especially to such devices which may be supported from containers, such as paint pots to hold brushes or other implements used in connection with the contents of the container.

It is an object of my invention to provide a simple, inexpensive and durable holding device especially adapted to be used in connection with paint pots for supporting a plurality of brushes or other implements at a desired level with respect to the liquid or contents of the pot or other container.

It is a further object to provide a paint brush holder adapted to be quickly adjusted for attachment within the inner periphery of a paint can or pot and adapted further to be adjusted vertically to cause one or more of the brushes to be held at desired heights with respect to the bottom of the container.

A further object is to provide a device of the class described, wherein a plurality of brush holding elements may be adjusted circumferentially upon an annular supporting member to space the handles of brushes carried thereby at various distances apart within a paint container.

More specifically it is an object of my invention to provide a band or annular supporting member having a wide range of circumferential adjustability to be nested within containers of various sizes and to provide adjustable means for supporting said band at various heights relative to the top and bottom of the container, and to provide a series of circumferentially adjustable holding elements projecting radially from said band.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description made in connection with the accompanying drawings in which like reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views, and in which,

Fig. 1 is a top plan view of an embodiment of my invention applied to a paint container of conventional type;

Fig. 2 is a cross section taken on the line 2—2 showing the manner in which the sup-

porting band is adjustably connected with the container;

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary inner view of the container showing a portion of the supporting band and one of the adjustable supporting hooks; and

Fig. 4 is a cross section taken on the line 4—4 of Fig. 1, showing the manner in which a brush may be supported within the container.

As illustrated in the drawings, my device includes an adjustable annular supporting member 5, preferably in the form of a band of spring metal having a loop or keeper 6 affixed to one of its ends by suitable means, such as rivets and having its opposite end passed through said loop or keeper to frictionally and adjustably hold said band substantially in the form of a circle.

A series of loops or supporting clips 7 are slidably mounted upon band 5 each carrying an inwardly and substantially radially extending holding element E, which, as shown, is constructed from a resilient strip formed to provide a pair of spaced resilient fingers 8 preferably having diverging entrance extremities and intermediately disposed clamping portions. Holding elements E may be rigidly attached to the slidable clips 7 in any suitable manner, such as by spot welding.

Adjustable band 5 is provided with a plurality (shown as three) of adjustable hook members 9, as shown each comprising a strip of material having a longitudinally extending slot 9a therein and provided with an outwardly and downwardly turned upper extremity 9b, which is adapted to engage the upper edge of a container, such as a paint pot. Hook elements 9 may be adjustably secured in spaced relation upon band 5 by suitable means, such as the nutted bolts 10.

The fixed loop or keeper 6 may carry one or the radially extending holding elements E if desired.

In utilizing my device, the band 5 is first adjusted circumferentially to snugly fit the inner periphery of a paint pot or other container by slipping the projecting end of said band through the keeper 6. Hook elements

9b are then engaged with the upper edge of the container to support the device therefrom and the nuts on bolts 10 may then be loosened and subsequently tightened to adjust the height of the holding device relative to the level of the liquid within the container. Thus, as shown in Fig. 4, the supporting hooks are so adjusted as to cause the handles of the brushes B to be held in proper position to permit the brush proper to be immersed within the liquid. The several holding elements E may be spaced as desired upon band 5 by merely sliding their supporting clips 7 thereon. It will be obvious that additional holding elements may be attached upon the band by releasing the sliding engagement between the ends of the band and inserting the supporting loops 7 of the desired additional holding elements and again slipping one end of the band through the keeper 6.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that a simple, compact and inexpensive device has been provided for efficiently holding a plurality of brushes at a desired level within a container with respect to the bottom or the level of the liquid of the container. It will further be seen that my device may be quickly and conveniently adjusted for attachment within containers of various circumference and that the brushes or other implements to be held may be easily inserted within the diverging entrance extremities of the holding fingers 8.

It will, of course, be understood that various changes may be made in the form, details, arrangement and proportions of the parts without departing from the scope of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. A holding device comprising an elongated strip of material having a keeper adjacent one end thereof, the opposite end of said strip being slidably disposed within said keeper, hook members engageable with the upper edge of a container to support said strip, vertically adjustable connections between said hooks and said strip, and a holding element circumferentially adjustable upon said strip and extending substantially horizontally and inwardly therefrom.

2. A holding device, comprising an annular member adapted to fit within the inner periphery of a container, a plurality of circumferentially spaced supporting elements having hooked upper ends engageable with the edge of a container, slidable connections between said supporting elements and said annular member to permit vertical adjustment of said annular member within said container, clamping means for holding said supporting members relatively rigid with said annular member, and a holding element supported from said annular member

and adapted to extend inwardly within said container.

3. A holding device, comprising a circumferentially adjustable annular member constructed from a single strip of resilient material having its ends adjustably secured together, means for supporting said annular member in telescoped position within a container and above the bottom of said container, and an inwardly and horizontally extending holding element slidably connected with said annular member and supported therefrom.

4. A holding device comprising a member adapted to fit within the inner periphery of a container, means engageable with the upper edge of said container for supporting said member, connections between said supporting means and said member for permitting vertical adjustment of said member with reference to the bottom of said container and a holding element supported from said member and extending inwardly thereof within said container.

In testimony, whereof I affix my signature.

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