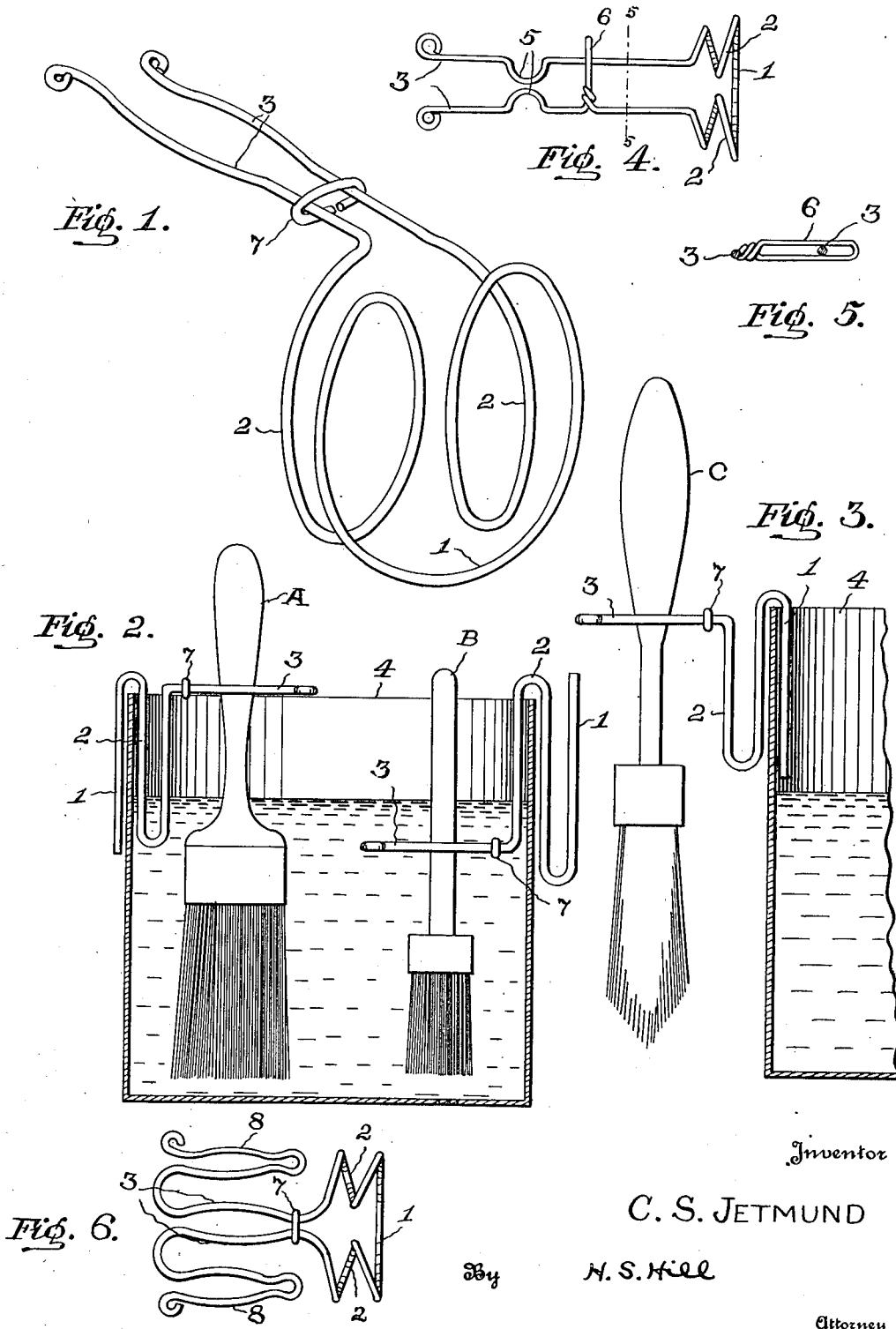


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLS S. JETMUND, a citizen of the United States, residing at Dows, in the county of Wright, State of Iowa, have invented a new and useful Brush-Holder Attachment for Buckets; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

The present invention relates to a brush supporting attachment for buckets, and has for its object to provide a device of this character which embodies novel features of construction whereby various sizes of brushes can be supported within a bucket with the bristles raised above the bottom of the bucket but properly submerged in the water or other liquid with which the bucket is filled, thereby keeping the bristles soft and pliable and preventing them from being bent out of shape by supporting the superposed weight of the brush head and handle. Further objects of the invention are to provide a brush supporting attachment of this character which is comparatively simple and inexpensive in its construction, which can be quickly applied to a bucket or removed therefrom, which can be adjusted to support either a large brush or a small brush, and which will hold the brushes either on the outside or on the inside of the bucket, as may be desired.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain novel combinations and arrangements of the parts as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the novel features thereof being pointed out in the appended claims.

For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a brush supporting attachment for buckets constructed in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view through a bucket having a pair of the devices applied thereto, one of the devices being arranged to support a large brush, while the other device is inverted and arranged to support a small brush.

Fig. 3 is a sectional view through one side of a paint bucket, showing one of the devices as applied to the bucket and arranged for

supporting the brush on the exterior of the bucket.

Fig. 4 is a top plan view on a reduced scale of a modified form of the invention.

Fig. 5 is a transverse sectional view on the line 5—5 of Fig. 4.

Fig. 6 is a top plan view on a reduced scale of a further modification of the invention.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

This brush supporting attachment may be quickly applied to the edge of a paint bucket for the purpose of engaging the handle of a conventional paint brush to hold the brush in an upright position, either on the outside or on the inside of the bucket. As indicated more clearly by Fig. 1, the attachment is preferably formed from a single length of wire. The middle portion of the wire is bent to provide a U-shaped base 1, which is arranged substantially in a vertical plane. The sides of the U-shaped base 1 have the upper ends thereof curved upwardly and terminate in vertically elongated coiled portions 2 which are arranged upon one side of the base. The ends of these coiled portions 2 are bent outwardly at points adjacent the top of the U-shaped base 1, forming spaced arms 3 which extend at substantially right angles to the plane of the base 1 and have a resilient action so as to grip the handle of a brush or like member which may be inserted between the same. If desired, a looped keeper 7 may be placed at the base of the jaws 3 to prevent them from being forced too far apart and increase the gripping action of the jaws.

When it is desired to support a large size brush, such as that indicated at A on Fig. 2, the device is applied to a bucket 4 in such a manner that the edge of the bucket is received and gripped between the U-shaped base 1 and the adjacent portions of the coiled portions 2. The spaced gripping arms 3 then project laterally at the top of the bucket, so that the handle of a large brush A can be inserted between the same and the brush supported in an upright position with the bristles submerged in the liquid with which the bucket is filled and the lower ends of the bristles supported above the bottom of the bucket. When it is desired to support a smaller brush, such as is

indicated at B, the device is inverted and the edge of the bucket inserted between the convolutions of the coiled portions 2. The resilient gripping arms 3 then project laterally from the sides of the bucket at a point within the same, so that the handle of a small brush B can be engaged thereby and the brush supported in the desired manner. In Fig. 3 the device is shown as arranged with gripping arms 3 projecting from the outside of the bucket so as to support a brush C on the exterior of the bucket. This arrangement is convenient when the bucket is filled with paint and it is desired to discontinue painting for a time or to use a different size or make of brush.

Figs. 4 and 5 illustrate a slight modification in which the gripping arms 3 are provided at intermediate points in their length with corresponding inwardly bent crimped portions 5, the ends of the crimped portions being curved or inclined so that the jaws can be sprung apart when the handle of the brush is brought forcibly into engagement therewith. At a point to the rear of the crimped portions 5 one of the jaws is looped to provide a laterally projecting elongated keeper 6 which loosely receives the other arm, thereby holding the arms in a proper relation to each other without interfering with the necessary resilient action of the arms when a brush is placed in position between the same or removed therefrom. When it is desired to support a brush the handle thereof is brought between the arms 3 and moved forcibly back into the space between the crimped portions 5 and the looped keeper 6, the resiliency of the arms then causing them to engage the brush handle so as to support the brush in the desired manner. The base of the device is formed exactly as in the previous instance so that it can be applied to the edge of a bucket as shown by Fig. 2 or Fig. 3. This device is also inexpensive, and provides a most effective and convenient means for supporting a brush in an upright position with the bristles raised above the bottom of the bucket so that they will not be bent out of shape by the necessity of supporting the superposed weight of the brush head and handle.

A further modification is illustrated by Fig. 6, in which the outer ends of the gripping jaws or arms 3 are returned rearwardly and then again bent forwardly to provide additional sets of gripping jaws 8. With

this construction there are three distinct sets of gripping jaws, and the device can be used to support either one, two, or three brushes, as may be desired.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. A brush holder attachment for buckets formed of wire and including a U-shaped base, a pair of corresponding coiled portions forming continuations of the ends of the U-shaped base and each including substantially one complete convolution, said coiled portions being arranged on one side of the base in a spaced relation thereto so that the edge of a bucket can be gripped between the coiled portions and the base or between the two sides of the coiled portions with the base in an inverted position, and a pair of spaced resilient gripping arms projecting from the ends of the coiled portions and arranged at substantially right angles to the plane of the base.

2. A brush holder attachment for buckets formed of wire and including a U-shaped base, corresponding coiled portions forming continuations of the ends of the U-shaped base and arranged at one side of the base and in a spaced relation thereto for cooperation therewith to grip the edge of a bucket, a pair of complementary resilient gripping arms projecting from the ends of the coiled portions and arranged at substantial right angles to the plane of the base, and a looped keeper fitted around the inner ends of the gripping arms to hold them together.

3. A brush holder attachment for buckets formed of wire and including a U-shaped base, a pair of corresponding coiled portions arranged upon one side of the base and in a spaced relation thereto, the coiled portions and base cooperating with each other to provide two sets of oppositely extending gripping jaws adapted to engage the edge of a bucket with the U-shaped base in either an upright or an inverted position, and a pair of spaced resilient gripping arms projecting from the ends of the coiled portions.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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