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FIG. 1.

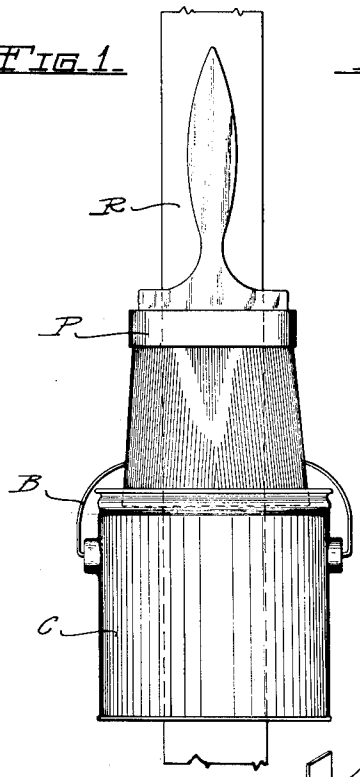


FIG. 2.

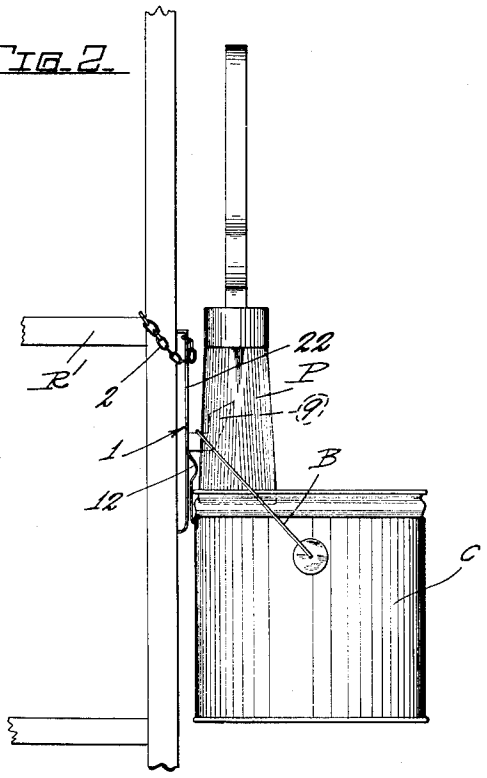


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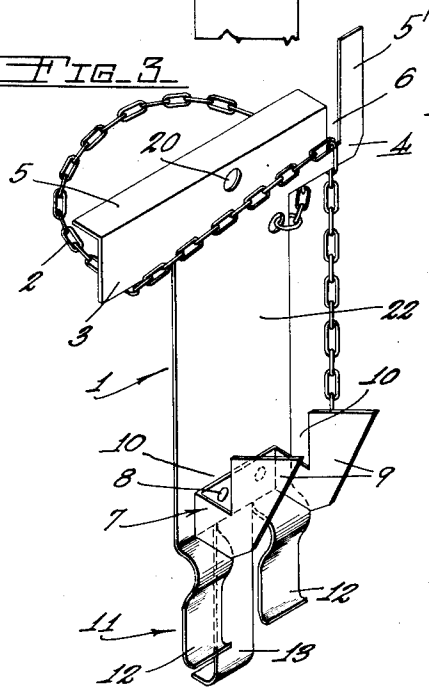
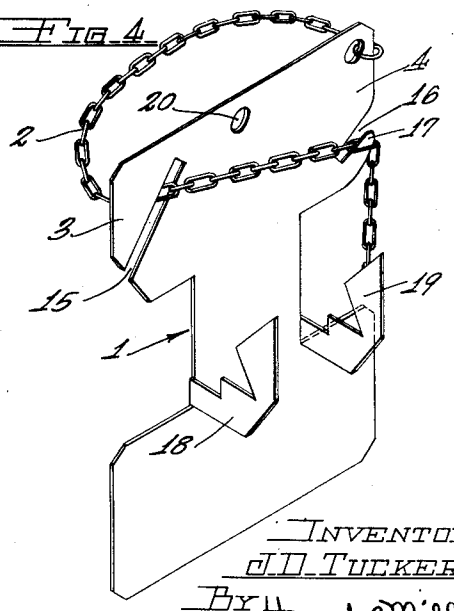


FIG. 4.



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1 Claim. (Cl. 248—20)

My invention relates to a paint can and brush holder. It is primarily intended for use with stepladders but is of general application.

It is an object of this invention to provide a simple device, preferably stamped out of one piece of sheet metal, and provided with flexible means for attachment to the rail of a stepladder for conveniently holding a paint can and also a brush so disposed that the paint from the brush will drip into the paint can and the handle of the brush will be conveniently accessible to the painter.

With the above and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention consists in the construction and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification I have illustrated a preferred embodiment of my invention, in which

Fig. 1 is a front view of the device attached to the rail of a ladder, the device supporting the paint can and the brush.

Fig. 2 is a side elevation of the device illustrated in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device removed from the ladder, and

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 of a modified form of the invention.

Referring to the drawing, R illustrates a portion of a rail of a ladder to which the device indicated as a unit by the numeral 1 is secured by means of a flexible member such as a chain 2 which is fastened at one end to the device 1 and after encircling the rail R and resting upon a rung R' of the ladder is detachably secured to the device as will hereinafter be more fully described.

The device is preferably made of sheet metal having a body portion 22 which at its upper end has horizontally projecting flanges 3 and 4 provided with a horizontal spacing flange 5 adapted to contact with the outer face of the rail R of the ladder to slightly space the device therefrom. The flange 4 projects upwardly as at 5' and is provided with a vertical slot 6 for the reception of the chain 2.

Near the lower end of the body portion 22 a paint can and brush holding member 7 is secured by means of rivets 8. The can and brush holding member 7 is U-shaped in form terminating in a pair of pointed fingers 9 projecting upwardly and outwardly therefrom so as to provide vertical slots 10—10 between the fingers 9—9 and the body portion 22 of the device. The lower end of the body portion 22 is provided with slits so as to form a retaining clip 11 consisting of three crimped tongues, the outer tongues 12—12 intended to engage the inside of the rim of a paint can while the central tongue 13 is adapted to engage the outside of the rim of the can.

In Fig. 4 I have shown a slightly modified form of the invention in which the device 1 is made of a unitary piece of sheet metal. The horizontal spacing flange is omitted in this modification and the flanges 3 and 4 are each provided with angular slots 15 and 16 extending in opposite directions. The chain 2 after passing about the rail R of the ladder passes through the slot 15 and a link of the chain may be hooked over a finger 17 formed in the flange 4 adjacent the slot 16. The paint can and the brush holding members 18 and 19 are struck from the body portion and bent at right angles forwardly and upwardly while the lower portion of the bottom member is left blank although it may if so desired be provided with a clip as shown in the device illustrated in Fig. 3.

Operation.—The operation of the device is obvious. The chain is swung about the rail of the ladder resting upon one of its rungs, or it may be attached by means of a nail or the like through a perforation 20 near the top of the device. The paint can C is suspended by means of the bail B from the paint can and brush holding members of the device while the paint brush P is attached to the ends of the fingers 9 so that any paint from the brush may drip into the can with the handle of the paint brush P readily accessible to the painter.

The device may also be used as a brush holder alone by placing the device by means of the clip 11 on the rim of a paint can so that the fingers 9 will project inwardly above the can and the brush may be attached to said fingers.

Various changes in the construction and arrangement of parts may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of my invention as claimed.

I claim:

In a device of the class described, a sheet metal plate having an upper horizontal spacing flange and provided adjacent its upper end with a chain for attachment to a ladder, said plate being provided at its upper end with a chain engaging slot, and a pair of pointed fingers projecting upwardly and outwardly from the body of the plate for the reception of the bail of a can and the body of a paint brush.

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