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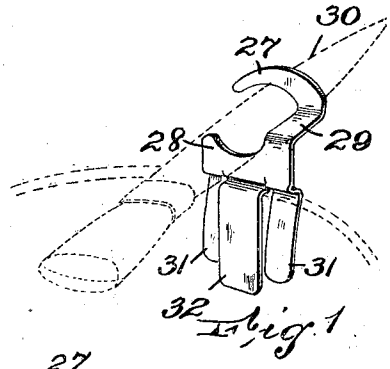


Fig. 1

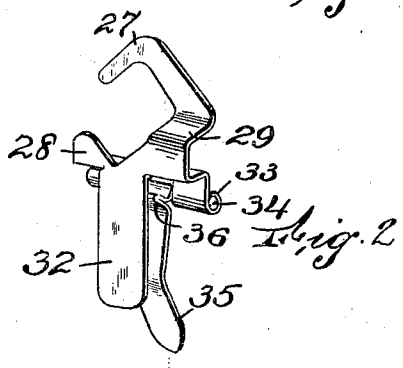


Fig. 2

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This invention relates to an improved device for holding an article horizontally on or adjacent to the rim of a receptacle, and is particularly adapted for holding the handles of tools or utensils on the rim of a pot or pan, and can be used for kitchen utensils or workmen's tools, the particular article illustrated in the drawing showing a device that is adapted for holding the handles of paint brushes so that they are substantially horizontal.

The invention is designed to provide an article of this kind which is economically made, and in which the article is easily inserted or withdrawn.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which Figure 1 is a perspective view showing a paint brush and part of the paint pot in dotted outline, the construction shown in this figure being a still further modified form of construction, and Figure 2 is a view similar to Figure 1 of still another modified form.

The device primarily consists of two jaws, one to go over the handle of the article, and one on which the article rests, these jaws being separated horizontally and also vertically, the horizontal separation causing the parts to be supported at separated points in their length, and also permitting the withdrawal and insertion of the article when it is tilted, and the vertical separation being sufficient to enable articles such as paint brushes to be placed approximately horizontally so that the drip, if any, from the brush is in the pot.

In Figure 1 I show a device formed of sheet metal having the upper jaw 27 and the lower jaw 28 connected and held separated by the strip 29, the jaws being out of line or separated vertically and thus acting to bear on the handle 30 at separated points and on opposite sides to hold the handle in place. The spring lips 31 and 32 form a clamp to hold the device on the rim of a pot, as seen in Figure 1.

The outer ends of the jaws 27 and 28 form hooks which not only hold the brush or other article horizontally, that is holding it against tilting, but they also act as stops or abutments so that the brush cannot be swung laterally out of place except by very violent effort or intentionally. When the article, such as the paint brush, is to be placed into or withdrawn from the device, it is slightly tilted and passed sidewise into the slot between the hooks or jaws and when in the slot is released so as to lie horizontally between the spaced hooks. When the brush is to be withdrawn it is tilted slightly and then can be easily passed sideways from the holder.

In Figure 2 I show another modification in which the knuckles 33 act to receive the pintle 34 on which the short lever 35 is hinged, the lip 36 being adapted to be pushed or sprung under the bead usually placed on the rims of pots, and thus firmly but detachably hold the device against accidental removal.

The device is made of sheet metal and a strip of metal can be bent, as will be evident from the drawing, to form the grasping or holding part for attachment to the top edge of the receptacle such as the spring arms 31 and 32 and the jaws 27 and 28 are spaced apart horizontally and vertically so that an article such as a paint brush can be held or supported approximately horizontally as shown in Figure 1 and they are spaced apart horizontally to an extent to permit the insertion or removal of an article so supported when the article is slightly tilted. For this purpose the jaws 27 and 28 have their inner faces curved so that the ends of the jaws form retaining portions.

I claim:

1. A device for supporting articles comprising a sheet of metal slit and formed into parallel spring arms for grasping the wall of a receptacle and recessed at the top to form a lower jaw and formed at the top to form a strip extending laterally and terminating in an upper jaw offset from lower jaw to retain an article resting on the lower jaw in an approximately horizontal position.

2. A device for supporting articles comprising a sheet of metal formed into jaws to embrace the top edge of a receptacle and having an extension strip at the top, said

strip extending laterally and terminating in a vertical downwardly faced jaw, the top edge of the sheet having an upwardly faced jaw, the jaws co-operating to hold an article placed in both and being separated horizontally to an extent to permit the insertion and removal of such article when the article is tilted on the upwardly faced jaw as a fulcrum.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereto set my hand, this 21st day of March, 1922.

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