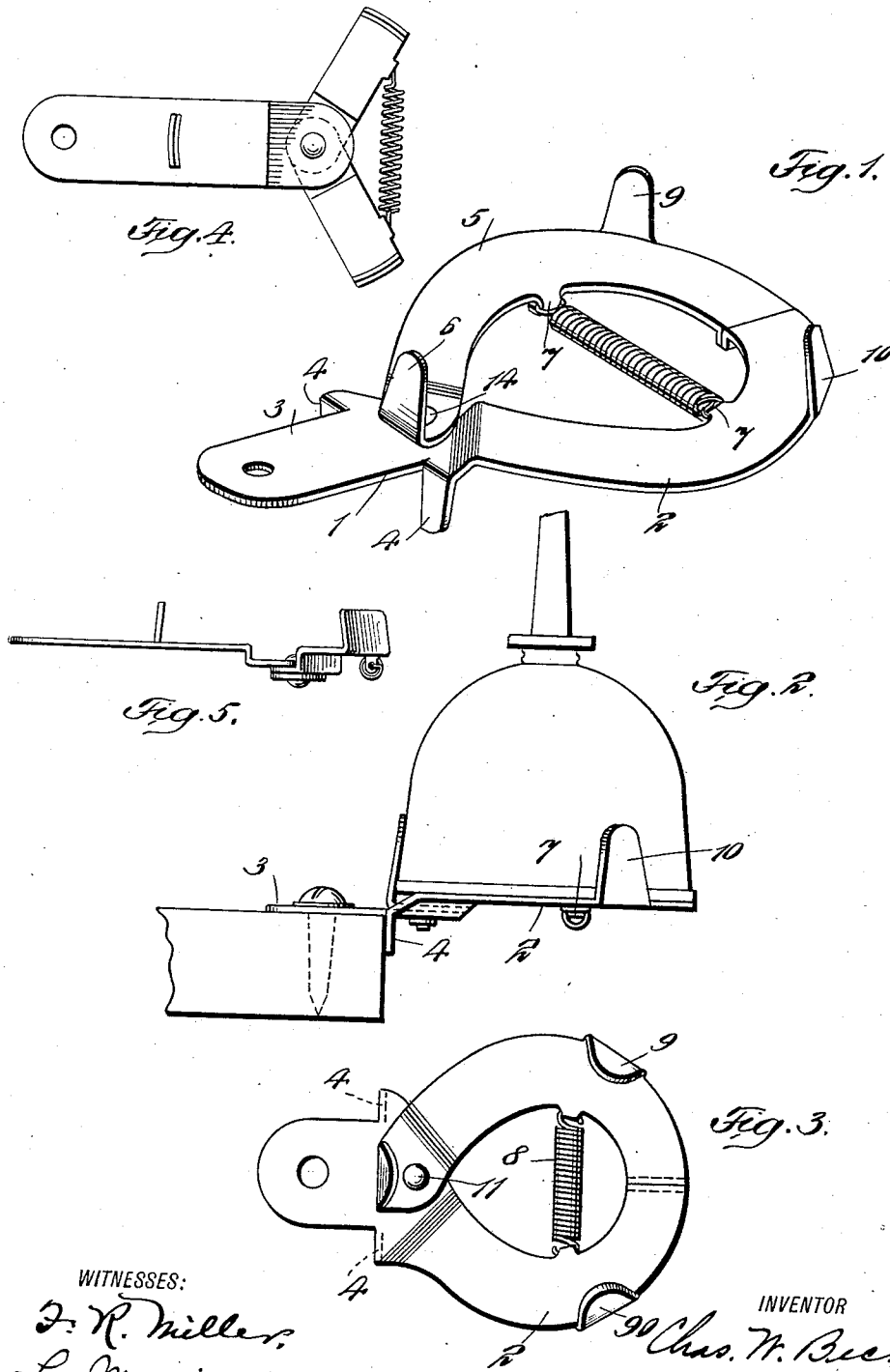


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES W. BECK, a citizen of the United States, residing at Rockville Center, county of Nassau, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Oil-Can Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The main object of this invention is to provide a very simple, durable and efficient device for automatically gripping and holding an oil can.

A further object of the invention is to so construct the oil can holder that the oil can may be quickly disengaged therefrom, said can being yieldably held in position against accidental displacement.

Another object of the invention is to provide a simple device which may be readily secured in position within an automobile engine hood so that an oil can may be securely held in convenient position for use, and by a device which will yield and permit the can to be disengaged therefrom by a pull on the can.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the holder; Fig. 2 a side elevation thereof showing it secured in position and holding an oil can; Fig. 3 a plan view of the holder; Fig. 4 a plan view of a slightly different form of holder, and Fig. 5 a side elevation of the holder shown in Fig. 4.

Referring to the various parts by numerals, 1 designates the main body of the holder which is formed of sheet metal stamped or otherwise pressed into form and consisting of the main semi-circular holding arm 2 and the upwardly extending radial supporting lug 3 which is perforated near its end for the passage of a securing screw or other device. The main holding arm 2, where it joins the supporting lug is bent upwardly so that its main body portion is in a slightly higher plane than the attaching and supporting lug, as clearly shown in the drawings, for a purpose which will be hereinafter set forth. At the juncture of the supporting lug with the holding arm, two downwardly extending stops 4 are formed integral with the said arm, one of said stops being on each side of the holding lug. These stops are adapted to rest against the edge of the board or other support on which the holder is secured, as shown clearly in Fig.

2, to prevent the rotation of the holding arm and attaching lug about the securing screw. 55

Pivoted to the supporting lug at the point where it joins the holding arm is a pivoted or swinging holding arm 5. This swinging holding arm is substantially semi-circular in plan view and is provided at its inner end with an upwardly extending inwardly inclined holding lug 6 and at its outer end with a similar lug 9. The outer ends of the holding arms abut together on a radial line diametrically opposite the pivot of the holding arm 5, as shown clearly in Figs. 1 and 3 of the drawings. Each holding arm is formed on its inner margin with a hook 7, said hooks being connected together by means of a coil spring 8. It is manifest that this spring will hold the swinging arm yieldingly against the main or rigid holding arm. The main arm 1 is provided with an upwardly and inwardly extending holding lug 10 and the oil can is yieldingly held between the said three holding lugs, as shown clearly in Fig. 2 of the drawings. It is manifest that by grasping the oil can and pulling it outwardly the swinging holding arm will move outwardly and permit the can to be detached from the holder. When it is desired to secure the can in place the swinging arm may be easily moved outwardly on its pivot to permit the insertion of the can between the holding lugs. The swinging holding arm is bent upwardly close to its pivot so that its main body portion lies above the pivot 11 and in the same plane with the main holding arm. By this means the pivot is depressed below the surfaces of the holding arms and will not contact with the bottom of the oil can. This is of importance for the reason that the oil can bottom would soon be worn and broken if it were brought in contact with a pivot head each time it was inserted in the holder. 85 90 95

In Figs. 4 and 5 of the drawings I have shown a slightly different form of the device in which both of the holding arms 12 and 13 are hinged to the supporting lug, said arms being connected together by means of a spring 14. In this form of the device the holding lug is extended outwardly to form a suitable supporting plate 15 for the holding arms, said arms being pivoted close to the end of said plate. 100 105

In Fig. 4 the upper surfaces of the holding arms and the supporting lug are in the same plane, portions of the arms and of the supporting lug being depressed at the pivotal point so that the pivot head will be below the lower surface of the oil can when the can is in position in the holder.

In the form of the device shown in Figs. 4 and 5 one of the upstanding holding lugs 16 is carried by the supporting lug.

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

1. An oil can holder comprising a supporting lug, a pair of holding arms pivotally connected together and carrying upstanding holding lugs, the said arms being depressed at their pivotal points to depress the pivot below the upper surface of said arms and a spring connecting said arms together, and a stop carried by the holding lug and adapted to prevent the rotation of the said lug.

2. An oil can holder formed of sheet metal comprising a main holding arm and a supporting lug integral therewith, the said supporting lug being depressed and carrying a pair of depending stops, a swinging holding arm pivoted on the depressed part of the holding lug, the main portion of said

swinging arm being in the same plane with the main holding arm, the two ends of said arms abutting together on a radial line diametrically opposite the pivot of the swinging arm, a spring connecting said two arms together, and upstanding lugs carried by said arm and adapted to engage an oil can.

3. An oil can holder comprising a supporting lug having an integral rigid horizontal can receiving and supporting arm, a corresponding can receiving and supporting arm pivoted to the rigid arm adjacent the supporting lug and lying in the same plane with the rigid arm, the pivoted arm being formed with an upstanding holding lug adjacent the pivot and with a similar holding lug near its free end, the rigid arm being also formed with an upstanding holding lug near its free end, both of said arms being formed with depending lugs near their outer ends, a spring connecting said lugs together and drawing the pivoted arm toward the rigid arm, the ends of the arms abutting together in their closed position.

In testimony whereof I hereunto affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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