This invention relates to a container for paint and other liquid materials applied with a brush, and more particularly to containers of this type in which the paint or other material is retained within the receptacle during application thereof.

One of the most important objects of the invention is to provide a receptacle having means for scraping paint from a brush, said means comprising a straight edge and a brush support adjacent the straight edge.

An additional object of the invention is to provide a container having the usual circular groove for the retention of the top, said groove providing a means for retaining in position a combined brush support and scraping edge for the brush.

An additional object of the invention is to provide a brush scraping attachment for a can such as a paint can which may be readily affixed to the groove of an ordinary paint or similar can. Other objects will appear hereinafter throughout the specification.

In the drawings—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a container with my improvement attached thereto.

Figure 2 is a top view of the brush wiper attachment and support therefor shown in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a bottom view of the structure shown in Figure 2, and

Figure 4 is a sectional view taken on a line 4—4 of Figure 1.

Referring to the drawings 1 is a paint or similar container for paint or other liquid materials applied with a brush and having a cylindrical side wall 2. The usual bail 3 may be provided.

The crown 4 has an edge 5 which is preferably spun over the upper circular edge of the side wall 2, as indicated in Figure 4. The crown has a groove 6 for the reception of the flange of the ordinary top, not shown. The parts described above form the structure of paint cans commonly used to dispense paint and other liquids.

The present improvements consist of a tray 7. This tray is in the nature of an attachment which may be applied to the crown of the can after the top has been removed, the tray 7 being preferably constructed of the same material as the can, i.e., sheet metal, and has a turned up flange 8 which serves to support the paint brush, with the handle portion slightly elevated, and prevents dripping of the excess paint from the brush onto the surface which supports the paint can. The tray also is provided with a straight edge 9 which overhangs the inside of the paint can, as shown in Figures 1 and 4. Permanently attached by solder or other means to the underside of the tray is the flange 10 which is of partial circular configuration. The flange 10 is provided with a strengthening rib 11.

As will be readily appreciated from an inspection of the figures, the tray, when applied to the crown of a conventional paint can, provides a ready means for support of a brush in position that the handle of the brush is slightly elevated from the bristles thereof, and the tendency of the paint leaving the bristles will be to drain toward the edge 9 and then drop into the interior of the can. The brush is therefore supported in position for ready use, and after it is dipped into the paint the edge 9 forms a means for scraping the excess paint from the brush.

Due to the fact that the flange 10 completely fills the groove 6 when the tray is applied to the can, no paint can accumulate in the groove 6 adjacent that portion of the groove where the tray is applied.

It will be further noted that the tray prevents material from the can from spilling the outside of the can due to the overlap of the forward turned-up edge 6.

It is understood that the drawing and description herein are for illustrative purposes and are not to be construed in a limiting sense, as I desire to be limited only to the extent set forth by the appended claim.

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I claim:

In a paint can having a cylindrical wall, a crown permanently attached to said wall and a circular groove in said crown, the combination with said can of a tray, said tray having a flange of partial circular configuration and less than a half-circle, said flange conforming to said groove, the center of the flange being substantially at the center of the tray both transversely and longitudinally, said flange being integral and extending downwardly from the under side of the tray and adapted to fit within said groove of said can, said tray having a turned up flange extending about certain of the edges thereof, and a straight edge adapted to overlap the interior of said can when said tray is applied thereto.

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