

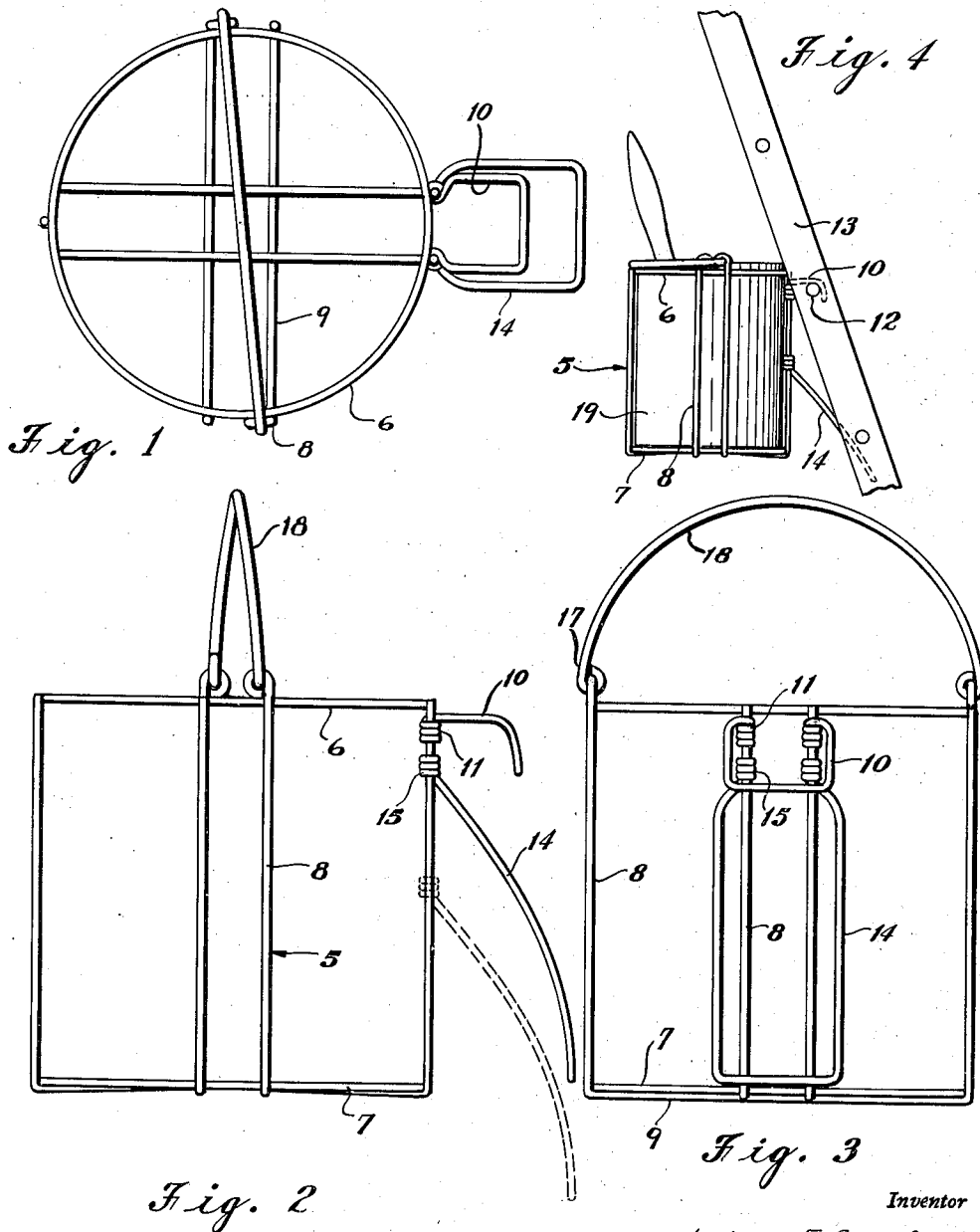
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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in holders for paint cans embodying means for supporting the holder with a paint can therein in position on the rungs of a ladder.

An important object of the invention is to provide a paint can holder of this character embodying means for supporting the holder in a perpendicular position on an inclined ladder.

Another object of the invention is to provide a paint can holder by means of which the paint can will be held in a convenient position for a painter while standing on the ladder.

A still further object is to provide a device of this character of simple and practical construction, which is efficient and reliable in use, relatively inexpensive to manufacture and otherwise well adapted for the purposes for which the same is intended.

Other objects and advantages reside in the details of construction and operation as more fully hereinafter described and claimed, reference being had to the accompanying drawings forming part hereof, wherein like numerals refer to like parts throughout, and in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view;

Figure 2 is a side elevational view;

Figure 3 is a rear elevational view, and

Figure 4 is a side elevational view showing the paint holder in position on a ladder.

Referring now to the drawings in detail wherein for the purpose of illustration I have disclosed a preferred embodiment of the invention, the numeral 5 designates the paint holder generally which is in the form of a wire cage and including upper and lower rings 6 and 7 connected to each other in vertically spaced relation by wire uprights 8, the rings and uprights being welded or otherwise suitably secured to each other.

The uprights 8 are of U-shaped construction with their bight portion extending transversely under the lower ring 7 to provide a bottom 9 for the holder.

A downwardly curved wire hook 10 of substantially U-shaped construction has its ends coiled around a pair of the uprights 8 as shown at 11 under the upper ring 6, the hook being adapted for engaging the rungs 12 of a ladder 13 for supporting the holder thereon.

A substantially U-shaped wire brace 14 also has its ends coiled as shown at 15 and slidably mounted on a pair of the uprights, the brace being curved downwardly and outwardly from the holder and adapted to bear against the lower rung of the ladder to support the holder 5 in a perpendicular position when the ladder is in-

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clined as shown in Figure 4 of the drawings. The brace 14 is adjustable on the uprights in accordance with the spacing of the rungs of the ladder to provide proper engagement of the brace for one of the rungs below the hook 10.

The upper ends of diametrically opposite uprights 8 are formed with eyes 16 in which the eyes 17 of a wire handle 18 are swingably engaged.

From the foregoing it will be apparent that a paint can 19 may be placed in position in the holder 5 and may be either carried by the handle 18, or may be supported behind a ladder 13 for engaging the hook end over one of the rungs 12 of the ladder and adjusting the brace 14 in a proper position for engaging an adjacent lower rung of the ladder to properly support the paint can in a perpendicular position as shown in Figure 4 of the drawings.

In view of the foregoing description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings it is believed that a clear understanding of the device will be quite apparent to those skilled in this art. A more detailed description is accordingly deemed unnecessary.

It is to be understood, however, that even though there is herein shown and described a preferred embodiment of the invention the same is susceptible to certain changes fully comprehended by the spirit of the invention as herein described and the scope of the appended claims.

What I claim as my invention is:

1. A paint can holder comprising a wire receptacle including uprights and upper and lower rings connected thereto, a substantially U-shaped wire hook having its ends secured to a pair of the uprights at the upper portion thereof and adapted for engaging the rung of a ladder and a substantially U-shaped wire brace having at its ends frictional bearings whereby the brace is slidably mounted on a pair of the uprights for vertical adjustment of the brace, said brace projecting outwardly from the receptacle under the hook and adapted for engaging an adjacent lower rung to support the receptacle in a perpendicular position on the ladder.

2. A paint can holder comprising a wire receptacle including uprights and upper and lower rings connected thereto, a substantially U-shaped wire hook having its ends secured to a pair of the uprights at the upper portion thereof and adapted for engaging the rung of a ladder and a substantially U-shaped wire brace having at its ends several close coils comprising a frictional bearing whereby the brace is slidably mounted on a pair of the uprights for vertical adjustment of

the brace, said brace projecting outwardly from the receptacle under the hook and adapted for engaging an adjacent lower rung to support the receptacle in a perpendicular position on the ladder, said pair of uprights being spaced apart so that said coils bind thereon preventing inadvertent movement of the brace relative to said uprights.

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