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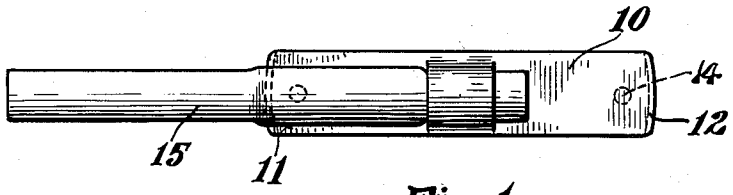

Fig. 1

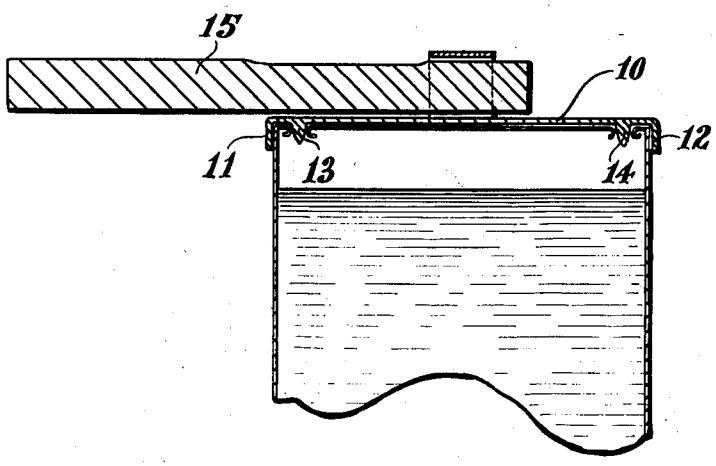

Fig. 2

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This invention relates to a can opener.

The invention has for its salient object to provide a can opener that is simple and practical in construction, comprises a minimum number of parts, and is economical to manufacture.

Further objects of the invention will appear from the following specification taken in connection with the drawings which form a part of this application, and in which

Fig. 1 is a plan view of a device constructed in accordance with the invention; and

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional elevation of the device in operative position on a can.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated in the drawings, the can opener comprises a strip 10 of metal, preferably steel, having downwardly extending flanges 11 and 12 at the ends thereof, and having downwardly extending spikes or barbs 13 and 14 disposed inwardly from but adjacent to the flanges 11 and 12. The flanges 11 and 12, as shown in Fig. 1, are arcuate in transverse section.

An elongated loop extends upwardly from the central portion of the strip 10 and is adapted to receive a handle or lever bar 15. This loop may be in the form of a semi-circular strip of metal having its ends welded, brazed or otherwise suitably connected to the upper surface of strip 10 or may, alternatively, be cut or struck-up from the body of strip 10 itself, if desired or preferred. From the showing in Fig. 2 it will be seen that the handle furnishes a considerable leverage for rotating the strip 10 and cutting the top of the can. Moreover, when the bar or handle is removed from the loop, the strip and handle take up very little space in a drawer.

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Although one specific embodiment of the invention has been particularly shown and described it will be understood that the invention is capable of modification and that changes in the construction and in the arrangement of the various cooperating parts may be made without departing from the spirit or scope of the invention, as expressed in the following claim.

What I claim is:

A can opener comprising a strip having arcuate flanges concentric with the can to be opened and extending at right angles from the ends thereof, an integral spike or barb projecting from each end portion of the strip and spaced inwardly from the flanges, a loop projecting from the other surface of the strip substantially in the middle thereof, and a handle bar removably mounted in the loop and disposed substantially parallel to and projecting beyond one end of the strip.

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