

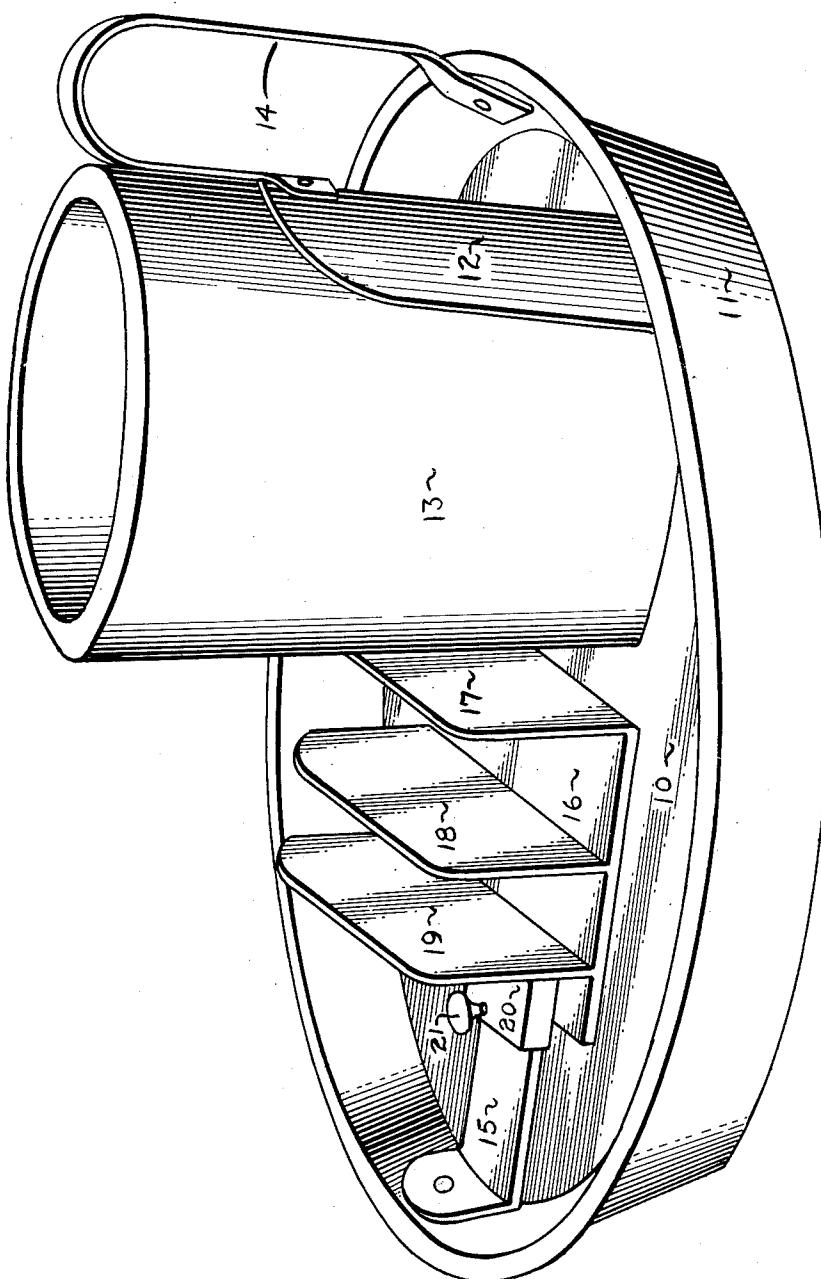
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This invention relates to the art of painting wherein the paint is contained within a can into which a brush is dipped during the painting operation, and particularly to a new and improved combined paint can holder and brush support.

As is commonly known, painting of the above-described sort usually requires painter's "drops" to prevent damage to surrounding articles. One characteristic of such painting is the problem of preventing drippings from the can from damaging surrounding objects, particularly when the can is placed on a supporting object. Frequently the can of paint is inadvertently tipped over because the handle is such that it does not lend itself to being held in one hand while dipping the brush with the other, requiring the paint can be supported on the floor, ground, or some object in the immediate vicinity of the painting operation.

An object of this invention is to provide a combined paint can holder and brush support which will avoid the above-mentioned difficulties; the provision of such an article which will accommodate various sizes of paint cans and a plurality of brushes; the provision of such an article of manufacture in which the center of gravity of the loaded article is in close proximity to the handle; the provision of such an article of manufacture in which the brush holder serves as an adjustable abutment that cooperates with the handle to lock the paint can to the article; and the provision of a combined paint can holder and brush support which supports the brush and paint can independently of each other.

Other objects and novel features of the invention will become apparent from the following specification and accompanying drawing, in which:

The figure is a perspective view of a combined paint can holder and brush support to which the principles of the invention have been applied.

Referring to the drawing, a base 10 generally of pie-plate design includes an upturned edge 11. Near the edge 11 and firmly attached to the base 10 is an abutment 12 having an arcuate surface adapted to conform generally to a paint can 13. A handle 14 has its one end fixed to the edge 11, while the other end of handle 14 is firmly attached to the abutment 12. The location of the abutment 12 is such that with a paint can clamped against it, the center of gravity of the loaded assemblage is as close to the handle 14 as is possible. This makes it easy for the user to lift the article with a relatively large, heavy can of paint,

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and to hold the loaded assemblage for long periods without tiring.

5 A slide bearing 15 is rigidly fixed to the inner upturned edge 11 and spaced slightly from the base 10. A slideable abutment 16 having three vertically disposed plates 17, 18 and 19 also includes a bearing 20 having flanges that fit beneath the slide bearing 15 for guiding the abutment 16 along the bearing 15. A wing headed screw 21 is threaded into the bearing 20 and is adapted to rigidly clamp the abutment 16 in adjusted position along the bearing 15. The plates 17, 18 and 19 form supporting means for two brushes so that the user may successively use a large and small brush for flat and trim work, respectively.

10 From the foregoing it is evident that different size cans of paint can conveniently be rigidly clamped in close proximity to the supporting 20 means and the lightweight brushes can be supported in convenient position all in a manner to prevent damage to surrounding objects during the painting operation since all drippings are caught in the base.

15 25 Although the various features of the new and improved paint can holder and brush support have been shown and described in detail to fully disclose one embodiment of the invention, it will be evident that numerous changes may be made in such details, and certain features may be used without others without departing from the principles of the invention.

What is claimed is:

1. An article of manufacture comprising in combination, a plate-like support including an upturned edge; a fixed abutment plate spaced from, but relatively close to said edge in relation to the radius of said plate; a handle attached to said edge and said abutment plate and extending substantially above the top of said abutment plate; a bearing element attached to said plate-like support; and a brush holder slidably mounted on said bearing and adapted to cooperate with said fixed abutment to hold a paint can or the like having a substantially smaller end area than said plate-like support rigidly against said handle.
2. As an article of manufacture, the combination of a base having an upturned edge; an abutment plate attached to said base near the upturned edge and extending upwardly above said edge; a handle adjacent said abutment plate and extending upwardly above said plate; bearing means associated with said base; and adjustable means including a plurality of vertically-disposed spaced parallel plates slidable on

said bearing means and adapted to cooperate with said abutment plate to releasably hold a paint can or the like having a substantially smaller end area than the area of said base rigidly in close proximity to said handle and at the same time provide means for supporting a plurality of brushes on their side edges within the confines of said base.

3. An article of manufacture comprising in combination, a plate-like support including an upturned edge; a fixed abutment plate spaced from, but relatively close to said edge in relation to the radius of said plate; a handle attached to said edge and said abutment plate and extending upwardly above said abutment plate; and adjustable means including a plurality of vertically-disposed spaced parallel plates adapted to cooperate with said abutment plate to releasably hold a paint can or the like having a substantially

smaller end area than the area of said plate-like support in close proximity to said handle and at the same time provide supporting means for holding a plurality of brushes on their edges within the confines of said base.

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