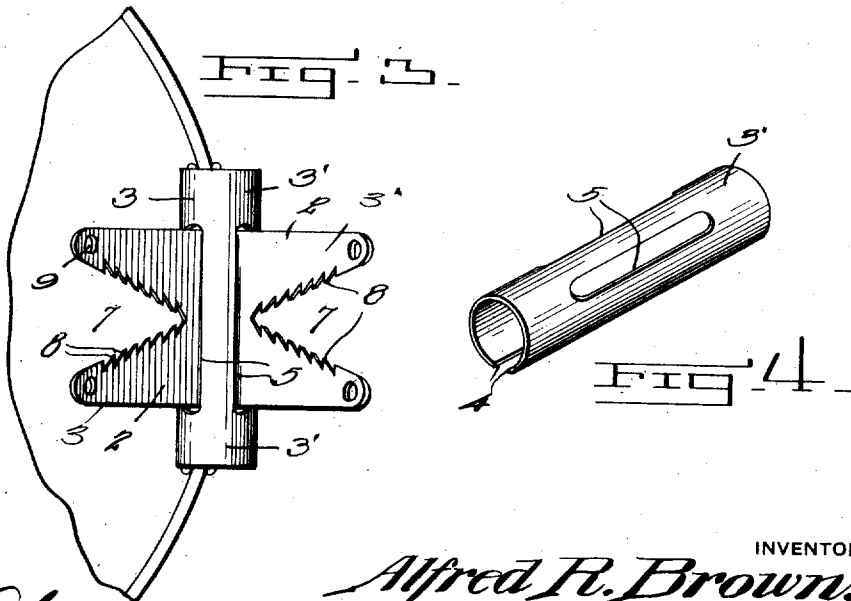
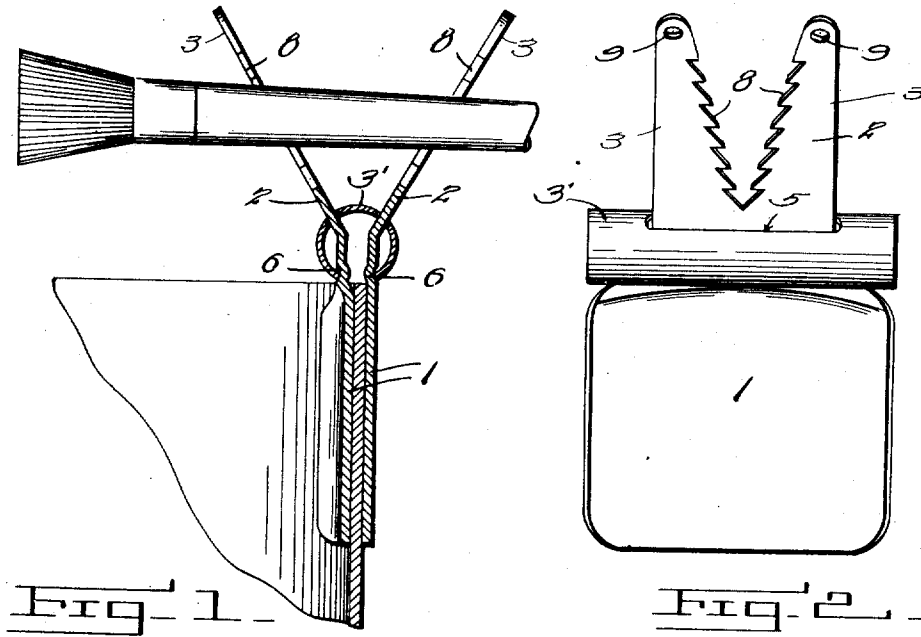


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALFRED R. BROWN, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at Wethersfield, in the county of Hartford and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Brush-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has relation to an article support adapted to be clasped upon the rim of a cooking vessel, paint can or other receptacle and to support thereon, a spoon, fork, paint brush or the like in a position available for instant use in connection with the receptacle upon which it is supported.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device having the above named characteristics and which may be manufactured with a minimum number of parts, and in an economical manner.

In addition to the foregoing, my invention comprehends improvements in the details of construction, and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings in which similar and corresponding parts are designated by the same characters of reference throughout the several views in which they appear:—

Figure 1 is a view in vertical section of a device constructed after the manner of my invention, and illustrating its application to the rim of a paint can,

Fig. 2 is a face view of the device,

Fig. 3 is a view thereof in plan, and

Fig. 4 is a view of the tubular resilient element for retaining the clamping elements of the device in proper relation.

With reference to the drawings, 1 and 2 indicate the co-acting and relatively movable jaw members of my device, said jaw members being in the form of substantially rectangular flat metal plates, curved transversely to conform to the curvature of the vertical wall of a cylinder vessel. The jaw members are normally disposed in parallel relation, and their upper portions are reduced to form finger grips 3, said finger grips being then bent outwardly and away from each in diverging relation.

To retain the jaw members in proper relation to each other and to permit relative movement thereof toward and away from each other, I provide a member 3' in the

form of a tubular sleeve, severed longitudinally and throughout its length as indicated at 4, and provided substantially opposite said severed portions with transversely spaced longitudinally extending openings 5, of a length corresponding to the width of the reduced finger grips 3. In assembling the parts of the device, the reduced finger grip portion 3 of each of the jaw members is extended through one of the openings of the sleeve member 3', and the edges of the severed portion 4 are adapted to rest in transversely formed grooves 6 provided in the face of each of the jaw members. Owing to the resiliency of the tubular member 3' and its tendency to retain the edges of the severed portion 4 in engagement, the jaw members 1 are resiliently urged toward each other, and the finger grip portions 3 separated to a corresponding degree. To dispose the device upon the edge of a utensil or the like, it is obviously but necessary to grasp the upper ends of the finger grip members 3 between the thumb and forefinger of one hand, bringing said finger grip portions together so as to separate the jaw members. This is accomplished against the tension of the tubular member 3' which is distorted through the operation, and when the jaw members are disposed one at each side of the edge of a receptacle, by releasing the finger grip member 3, the jaws are brought together and clamped upon the edge of the receptacle thereby rigidly but detachably retaining the device thereon.

Each of the finger grip members 3 is provided with a longitudinally extending V-shaped notch 7, in transverse alinement, and the material forming the edge of the notches is serrated as indicated at 8. The upper ends of the finger grip portions 3 adjacent each longitudinal edge may further be provided with an opening 9 whereby the device may be supported upon a suitable support which is adapted to penetrate said openings.

Obviously, when a device of this character is engaged upon the edge of a receptacle, and in the drawings a paint can has been used, a brush may be rested with its handle portion within the V-shaped notches 7, the frictional engagement therewith being enhanced by reason of the serrated edge 8. The brush is thus held reasonably secure against accidental displacement and at the same time available when the brush is to be used.

When the device is applied to the edge of a cooking utensil, it forms a convenient support for a spoon, fork or the like to retain the same in an available position and thus
5 obviate the necessity of permitting the tableware to remain upon the receptacle to become excessively heated. Thus it will be seen that I have provided a novel and simple device which may be adapted for a great
10 number of uses, and which may be manufactured at a low cost.

While I have herein illustrated and described my invention with some degree of particularity, I realize that in practice various alterations thereof may be made,
15 and I therefore reserve the right and privilege of changing the form of the details of construction or otherwise altering the arrangement of the co-related parts without
20 departing from the spirit of the invention, or the scope of the appended claim.

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

25 An article support including a pair of

jaws, each jaw comprising a relatively broad portion to conform to the curved side of a vessel, and finger grips which are formed integrally therewith reduced in width and each provided with V-shaped
30 notches the sides of which notches are serrated, the finger grips being bent to diverge when the jaws are in parallel relation, each jaw being further formed with transversely
35 extending depressions, formed by striking in the material at the juncture of the jaw and finger grip, and a longitudinally split tube of resilient material having a pair of
40 circumferentially spaced openings to receive the finger grips to secure the jaws together for relative movement, the longitudinal edges of the tube being seated in the depressions.

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

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