

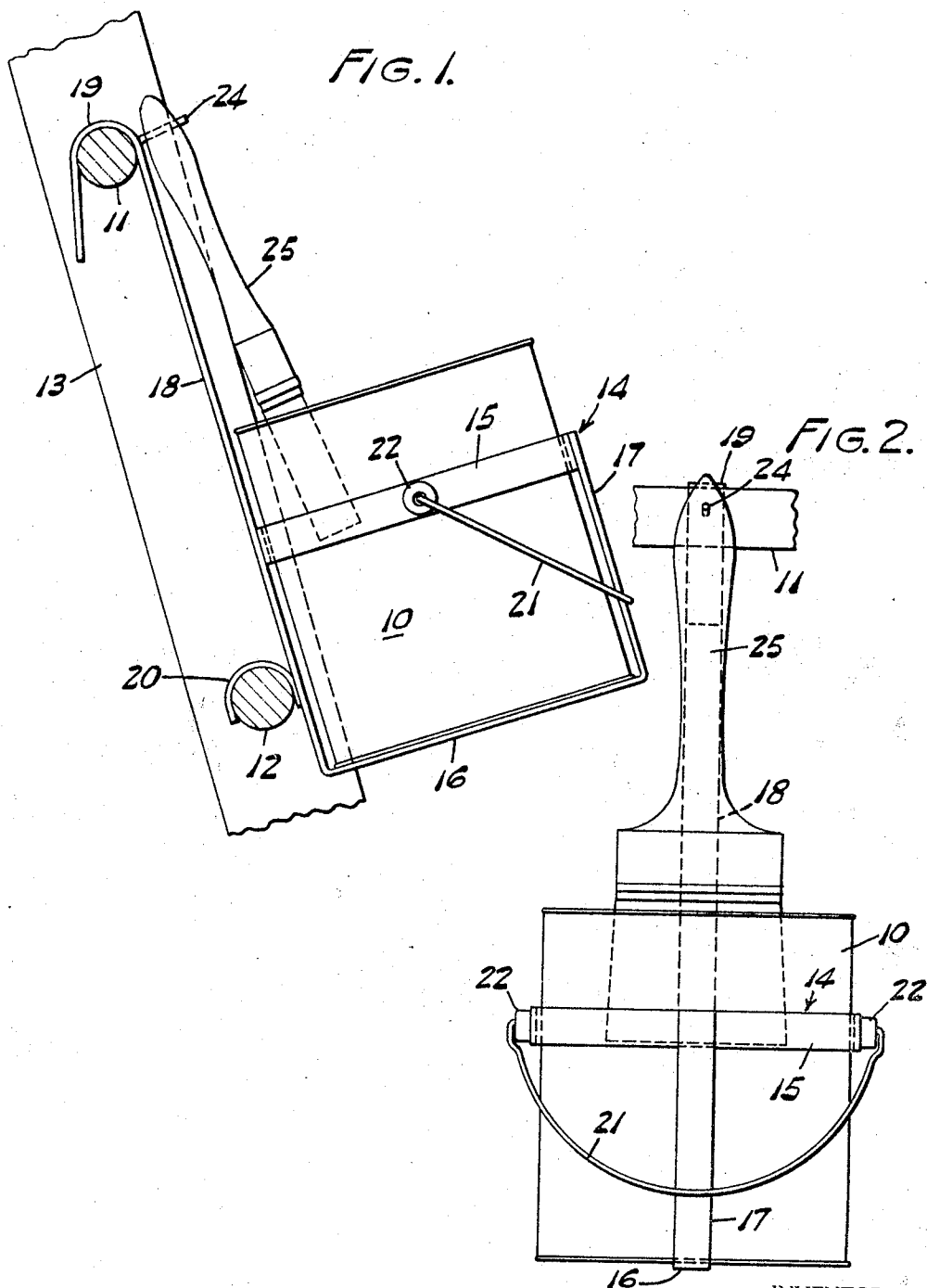
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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A paint can holder comprising two sheet metal strap members which are rigidly attached to each other by welding or the like to form a unitary paint can holder for rigid association with a ladder by connection with respect to a pair of adjacent rungs of the ladder.

Background of the invention

This invention relates to paint can holders and particularly to devices for supporting a paint can or pail on the rungs of a ladder.

In the prior art various devices have been proposed for supporting paint cans on the rungs of a ladder. The best known of these devices permit the can to swing from the suspending support and the lack of stability of these devices is quite objectionable. Other devices aimed at fixing the paint can more securely with respect to the ladder are mechanically complex and often do not provide a secure support and ready attachability and removability, the latter feature being an important requirement for painters.

Summary of the invention

The present invention provides a unitary rigid frame with no moving parts which attaches to the rungs of a ladder in a facile but secure manner and which is adapted to receive the paint can securely but without the intervention of any clamping or securing attachment devices.

The paint can holder of the present invention consists of a circular metal band proportioned to encircle a paint can and a U-shaped strap member having its legs welded to diametrically opposed parts of the circular band whereby the paint can rests upon the connecting lower part of the U-shaped member. One leg of the U-shaped member extends upwardly substantially beyond the encircling band and terminates in an inverted U-shaped hook for engagement over a ladder rung. A second inverted U-shaped hook member is fixed to a lower part of said one leg for engagement over the next lower rung of the ladder, the holder comprising a single rigid unitary frame with no movable parts.

Brief description of the drawing

FIG. 1 is a general side elevational view of one form of the paint can holder of the present invention shown with the paint can supported thereby and applied to the rungs of a ladder; and

FIG. 2 is a front elevational view of the device shown in FIG. 1.

Description of the preferred embodiment

In the drawing, the reference numeral 10 designates a conventional paint can and the numerals 11 and 12 design-

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nate successive rungs of a ladder 13. The paint can holder is designated generally by the reference numeral 14 and includes a circularly formed metal band 15 and a U-shaped metal strap member 16 having front and rear legs 17 and 18 which extend upward adjacent to band 15 at diametrically opposite points thereof.

The legs 17 and 18 of U-shaped member 16 are secured to the circular band 15, preferably by welding. The metal band may be lapped or butted at its opposed ends and, for convenience, the butted ends of band 15 may be welded to each other adjacent to the rear leg 18 of U-shaped member 16 whereby a single welding will secure the ends of band 15 to each other and to leg 18.

It will be noted from FIG. 1 of the drawing that rear leg 18 of U-shaped member 16 extends upwardly substantially beyond front leg 17 and terminates in an inverted U-shaped formation 19 which hooks over rung 11 of ladder 13. It will be noted that the depending terminal portion of U-shaped formation 19 extends downwardly a substantial distance to avoid accidental unhooking of the device.

A further inverted U-shaped member 20 is welded or otherwise permanently fixed to the lower portion of leg 18 for engagement of the next lower rung 12 of ladder 13.

It will be noted that the paint can holder thus far described comprises a rigid unitary structure with no moving parts and this structure is complete in and of itself for the intended purpose. As a convenience in handling the device a bail 21 may be provided as shown, bail 21 having its ends pivotally engaged with bosses 22 formed at diametrically opposed points of band 15.

A pin 24 projects from the upper portion of leg 18 as shown in FIG. 1 so that a paint brush may be conveniently suspended therefrom as indicated at 25.

While a single complete embodiment of the principles of the present invention is disclosed herein by way of example, it is to be understood that the scope of the invention is not limited to such embodiment.

I claim:

1. A paint can holder for connection with the rungs of a ladder, said holder comprising band means adapted to encircle a paint can, a U-shaped strap member having its opposite legs fixed to diametrically opposite points on said band means whereby the bottom of the can rests upon the lower medial portion of the U-shaped strap member, one leg of said U-shaped member extending upwardly substantially beyond said band means and terminating in an inverted U formation for engagement over a rung of a ladder, and an inverted U member fixed to a lower portion of said one leg in vertical alignment with said inverted U formation for engagement over an underlying rung of such ladder.

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