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Fig. 1.

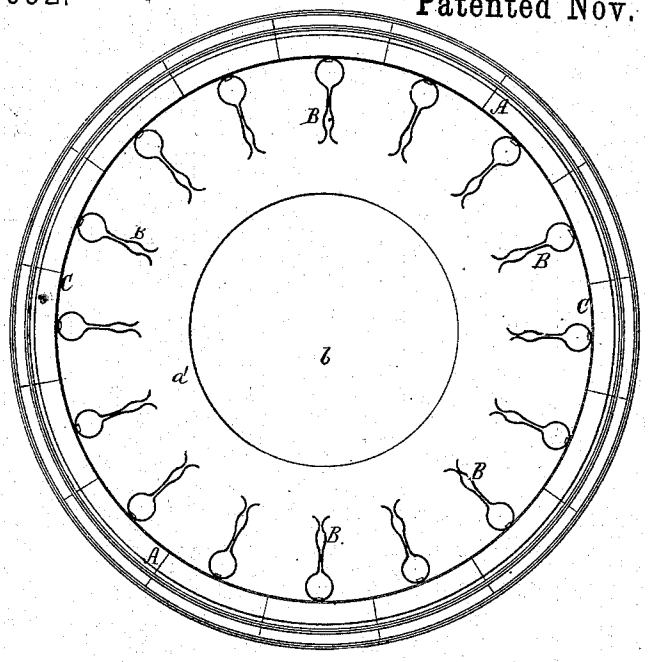


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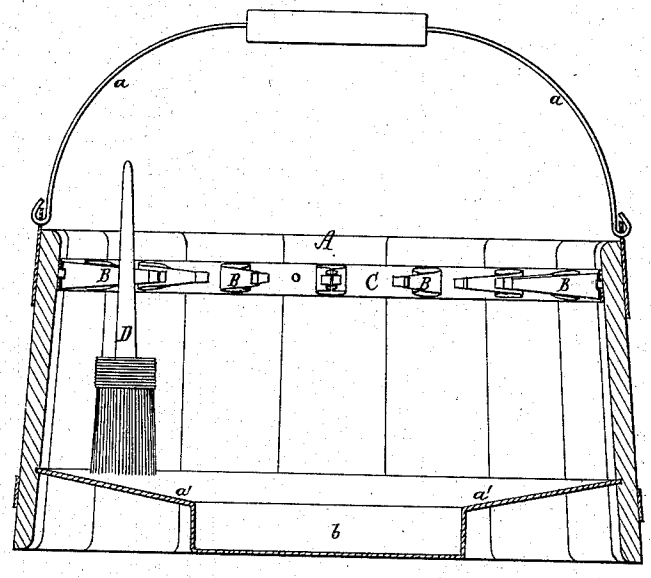
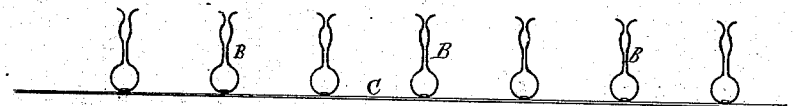


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, JOSIAH BLAKE COWLEY and SAMUEL SEABERT MORSE, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Paint-Brush Holders; and we do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view, and Fig. 2 is a transverse section, of a holder embodying our invention, the nature of which is defined in the claim hereinafter stated. Fig. 3 is a top view of part of the flexile or elastic band and its brush-clips.

The holder is to sustain immersed in water a number of paint-brushes whose bristles may have on them liquid paints of different colors, the same being not only to prevent the paints from becoming dried on the brushes, but to preserve each brush from receiving the paint or color of another brush. When painters' brushes are placed in water in a common pail or vessel with a flat bottom, the paint is apt to run from them, and settle on the said bottom in such manner that a brush containing one color is very liable to become soiled by paint of another color getting on it. In our improved brush-holder there is a metallic band bent around in the form of a hoop, and having fixed to it a series of elastic jaws or spring-clips. The band is secured to the inner side or surface of the pail, at a suitable distance above its bottom, and such bottom, under the series of clips, is inclined downward to a shallow cup or chamber extending down from such bottom. The brushes held by the clips come directly over the inclined bottom, so that any paint that may fall from any one of such brushes will drop on the inclined bottom and run down such into the cup or receiver, thereby causing the bottom generally to be free from paint.

In the drawings, A denotes the holder, which is a pail having a bail, *a*. The said holder flares as it descends. The inclined bottom of it is shown at *a'*, and the shallow cup or receptacle at *b*. The series of spring-clips B B, &c., is shown as projecting from the flexile or thin metallic band C, and as arranged at equal distances apart, a brush being represented at D as placed in one of such clips, or between its jaws. Each clip is of thin metal—as sheet-steel, for instance—bent and formed in manner as shown, and at its middle it is riveted to the supporting-band C.

We do not claim a paint-brush holder constructed as represented in the United States Patent No. 126,219, in which the tub has a series of spring-clips hinged to its top. In our tub the clips are permanently fixed to a hoop or flexile band arranged on and firmly secured to the inner surface of the tub and below the upper edge of such tub, the clips extending over an inclined conical bottom leading to a cup or reservoir, as described. Therefore

We claim—

The improved paint-brush holder, substantially as represented, consisting of the pail having the conical inclined bottom *a'*, and the cup *b*, arranged as set forth, and the series of spring-clips B and their supporting-band disposed within the pail, the band being fixed to the inner surface of the pail, as set forth.

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