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Fig. 1.

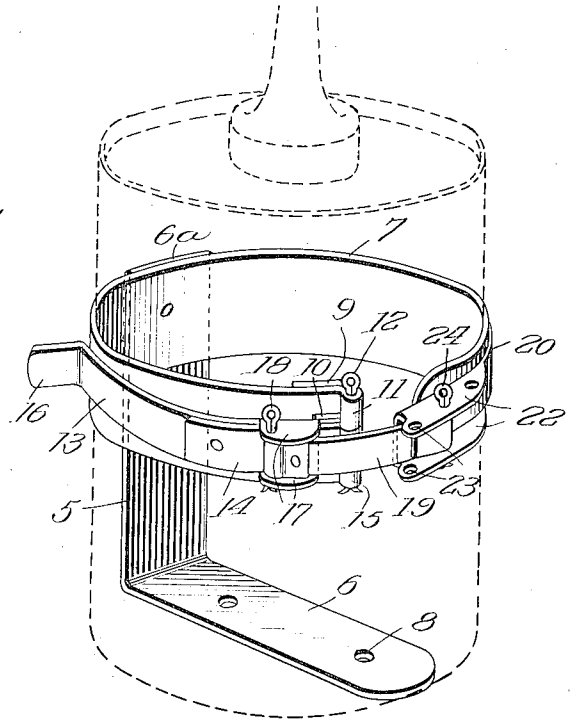



Fig. 2.

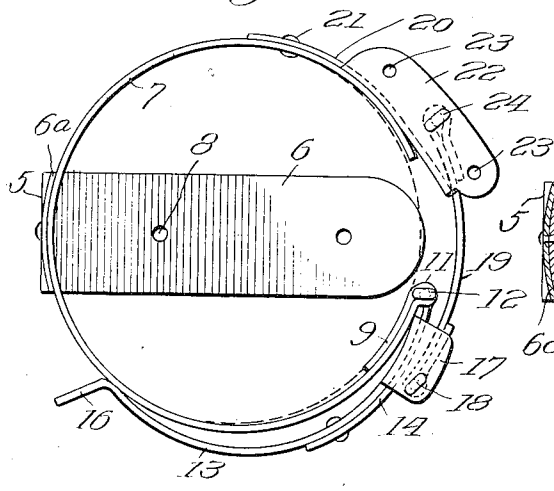
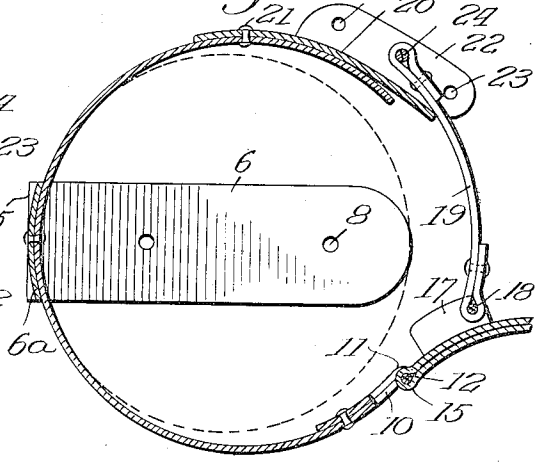



Fig. 3.




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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, SAMUEL BENJAMIN CONRAD and RALPH CHAPIN MINER, citizens of the United States, and residents of Sabetha, in the county of Nemaha and State of Kansas, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Oil-Can Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in holders for oil cans and similar containers, and one of the principal objects of the invention is to provide an improved holder adapted to be connected to an automobile, harvester, locomotive, or other vehicle, the device including means whereby the container may be clamped in place while not in use, so as to be securely maintained against loss and against injury caused by the jostling and shifting of the container due to the movements of the vehicle as the latter travels along.

The details of construction, arrangement, and combination of parts are as hereinafter described, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Figure 1 represents a view in perspective of a can holder constructed according to our invention, showing the same in closed position.

Fig. 2 represents a top plan view thereof.

Fig. 3 represents a view in section taken horizontally through the divided band, showing the device in open position.

In carrying out our invention, we provide a standard or bracket including an upright portion 5 and a right angularly extended foot portion 6. The upright 5 at its upper end is curved transversely as at 6ª to coincide with the curvature of the central portion of the divided band 7. The foot 6 is provided with holes 8 for the reception of means whereby the bracket or standard may be suitably connected with the machine or vehicle with which the holder is to be used.

The split band 7 is arranged in a horizontal plane above the foot portion 6, and is made of some suitable resilient material. One terminal of the band 7 is returned upon itself as at 9 and is cut away as at 10, see Fig. 3, to provide a pair of spaced eyes 11 for the reception of a pintle pin 12. This pintle may if desired be in the nature of a cotter pin or other suitable element. The inner end of a curved lever 13 is returned upon itself as at 14 in order to form a loop 15 through which the pintle 12 extends, this loop being disposed between the eyes 11. The outer end of link 13 is bent into angular relation with the body portion thereof as at 16, in order to form a finger grip. Adjacent the inner end of lever 13, are formed the spaced ears or lugs 17 which extend outwardly from band 7. Extending through these ears or lugs 17 is a pivot pin 18 and upon this pin is pivoted one end of a curved link 19.

The opposite terminal of band 7 has a metallic leaf 20 secured thereto by means of rivets or other suitable elements 21. The outer end of leaf 20 extends slightly beyond the adjacent end of the split band and this leaf is provided with a pair of outwardly turned spaced ears 22. These ears are provided with a series of registering openings 23 for the reception of a pivot pin 24. Upon this pin 24 the opposite end of the curved link 19 is pivoted as shown. The ends of the link 19 are returned upon the body portion thereof and secured in place to form loops through which the pins 18 and 24 extend. The pin 24 may be placed in various pairs of the openings 23 in order that correct adjustment of the device may be obtained, and the holes 23 at the inner ends of the ears 22 provide means to receive a suitable pin or hasp placed therethrough when the clamp is in locked condition and positively prevent it being jarred open.

The operation of the device may be briefly described as follows: The canister or container having been inserted within the loop or band 7 while the latter is in open position, and resting upon the foot portion 6, the lever 13 is grasped and swung into the position indicated in Fig. 2, thus drawing the ends of the split band together through the medium of the curved link 19. The container will in this way be clamped between the portions of the split band lying on opposite sides of the central portion, and will be maintained against shifting or jostling incident to the movements of the vehicle over the ground. It will be noted when the lever 13 is in fully closed position, the pivot pins 18 and 24 lie in a straight line which falls within a tangent drawn through the pivot pin 12, and that therefore the tendency of the terminals of the split band to shift away from each other, will maintain the lever 13 in closed position against accidental displacement. When the oil can is to be removed for use, the lever will be grasped and shifted

outwardly, thus releasing the split band and allowing the ends thereof to spring away from each other so as to unbind the canister or container and allow removal of the latter.

We claim:

A can holder consisting of a bracket having a vertical portion and a foot extending horizontally therefrom, a curved contractile band secured to the upper end of said vertical portion of the bracket and parallel with the said foot, a clamp including an arcuate lever pivotally secured at one end to one end of the contractile band, spaced ears projecting horizontally from the inner face of said lever and having vertically alined openings therethrough, the other end of said band having horizontally outwardly extending ears projecting therefrom and tangentially beyond the inner ends thereof, said ears provided with alined vertical openings, a rigid arcuate link pivotally secured at one end between the ears of said lever, and at its opposite end pivotally mounted between the horizontal ears of the contractile band, whereby the contractile band may be moved to open or closed position.

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