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 BUCKET HOLDER.
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Fig. 1.

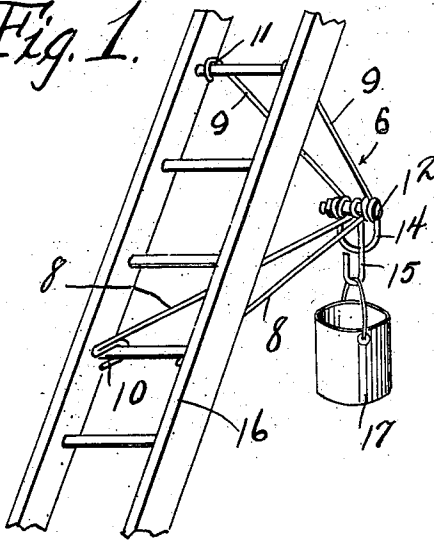


Fig. 2.

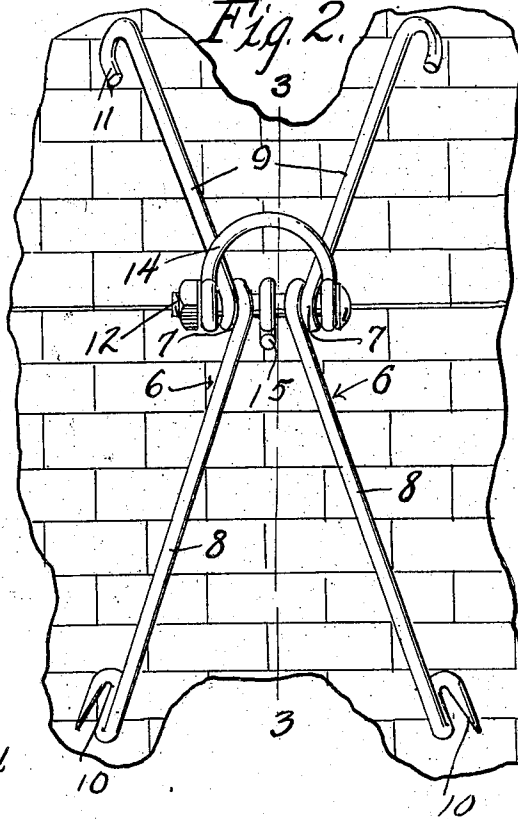


Fig. 3.

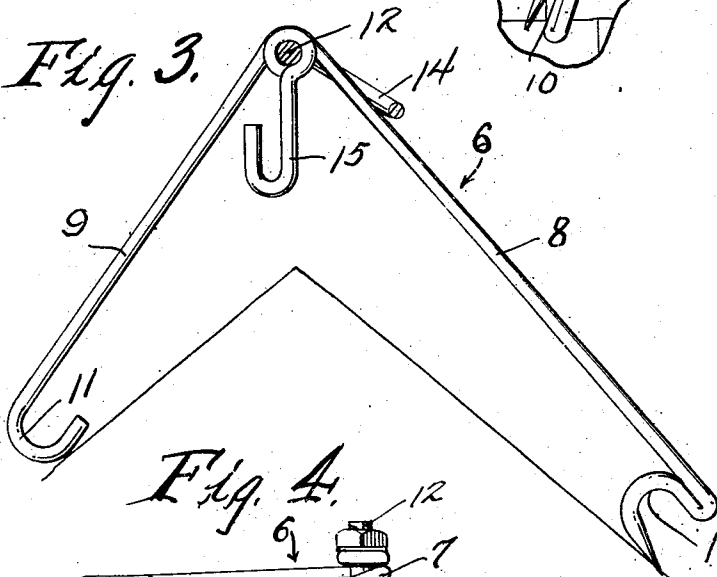
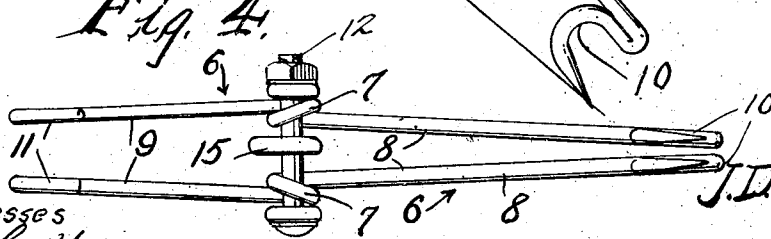


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN D. MORITZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Remsen, in the county of Plymouth, State of Iowa, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Bucket-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to devices for suspending paint buckets and the like, and has for an object to provide an article of novel formation that is applicable to ladders, building roofs, or other suitable supports, and is so constructed as to hold a bucket suspended in an upright position irrespective of the degree of inclination of the support.

A further object of the invention resides in the provision of an appliance of this nature which may be formed entirely of wire of suitable gage, and may thus be manufactured and marketed at a relatively low cost, and which furthermore, may be readily folded for storage or transportation.

With the above and other objects of similar nature in view, the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts, set forth in and falling within the scope of the appended claim.

In the drawing:—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a ladder with the invention applied thereto, and suspending a bucket.

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the device shown in operative position upon a roof.

Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a view of the device folded for storage or transportation.

Referring now more particularly to the accompanying drawing, the invention is formed entirely of a plurality of lengths of wire of a gage sufficiently heavy to successfully serve the purpose for which it is designed. Specifically the device comprises a pair of similarly constructed members 6, each formed from a single length of wire

that is looped between its ends to produce an eye 7, with the resultant end portions directed in divergent relation therefrom and providing a relatively long supporting leg 8, and a relatively short supporting leg 9. The terminals of the legs 8 are bent as shown at 10 into substantially hook form, said hooks opening outwardly of the legs and having their bills terminally sharpened. The shorter legs 6 are also terminally bent to provide inwardly turned hooks 11, the purpose of which and of the hook will subsequently appear.

Passed through the eyes 7 and loosely connecting the member 6 is a short bolt with which are engaged the ends of a bail 14, by which the device may be suspended from a nail or the like when not in use. Pivotally engaged with the wire 12 between the eyes 7 is a shank of a hook 15, said hook being freely movable on the wire so as to assume at all times a perpendicular position irrespective of the position of the members 6.

In applying the device to a ladder such as shown at 16 in Fig. 1, the members 6 are spread apart with the hooks 10 engaging a lower rung of the ladder and the hooks 11 applied to an upper rung thereof. A bucket 17 may then be engaged with the hook 15 in the manner shown, and will be held suspended in an upright position within convenient reach of a person stationed on the ladder, and at the same time out of the way.

In Fig. 2 the device is illustrated as applied to a roof with the legs 8 and 9 respectively, disposed on opposite side of, or in other words straddling the peak thereof, the sharpened terminals of the hooks 10 penetrating the roof to prevent slipping of the device. A bucket suspended from the hook will thus be securely supported without danger of dislodgment. It is evident that when not in use the device may be folded as clearly shown in Fig. 4 and by means of the bail 14 suspended from a nail or similar supporting means.

What I claim is:

A bucket holder consisting of a pair of

members each including a short and a long
leg terminating respectively in hooks, means
loosely connecting said members at the
junction of said legs, and a hook carried by
5 said connecting means and freely movable
thereon.

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

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