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Fig. 1.

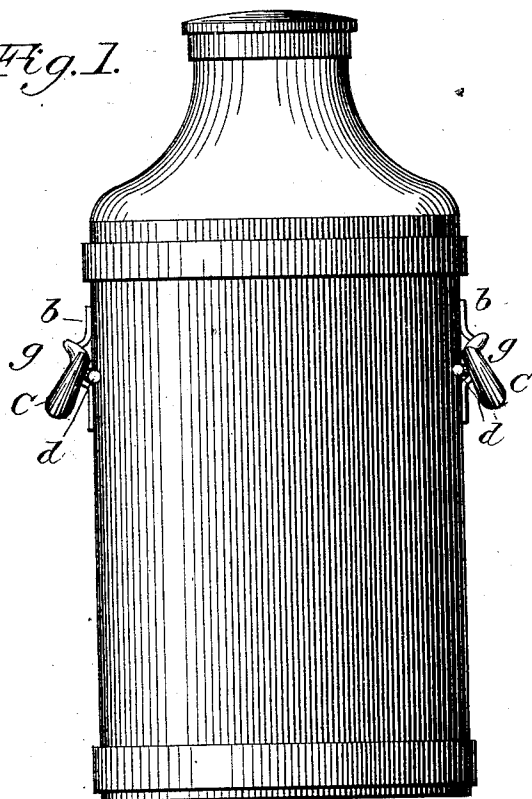
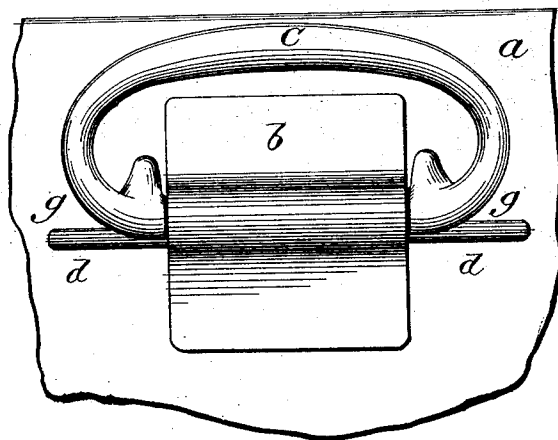


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE FITZSIMMONS, a citizen of the United States, residing at West Chester, in the county of Chester and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved mode of preventing a handle on the side of a metallic, wooden, or other similar can from striking against the side of the can when the can is set down; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof.

A handle is fastened to the side of a can by a strap. This strap is raised up over the axis of the handle to allow the handle to turn freely on its axis. When the ordinary can is set down, the handle will swing down by gravitation upon its axis and strike against the side of the can and make a rattling sound.

I prevent the handle from striking against the side of the can by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of a can with handles embodying my invention attached. Fig. 2 is a detail view of one of the handles.

I fasten to the can *a*, immediately below the

point where the axis *g* of the handle *c* passes under the strap *b*, and within the raised portion of said strap *b*, a piece of wire, *d*, or other similar article, of sufficient size to prevent the handle *c* from dropping so far as to strike the can *a* when the handle *c* is permitted to drop by turning on its axis *g* when the can is set down, as described.

I am aware that prior to my invention handles have been fastened to the sides of cans by a strap in such a manner as to allow the handle to turn freely on its axis. I therefore do not claim such a combination, broadly; but

What I do claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The wire *d*, or other similar article, which passes between the can *a* and the strap *b* at the axis of the handle *c*, immediately below the axis of the handle *c*, for the purpose of preventing the handle *c* from striking against the can *a* when the can *a* is set down.

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