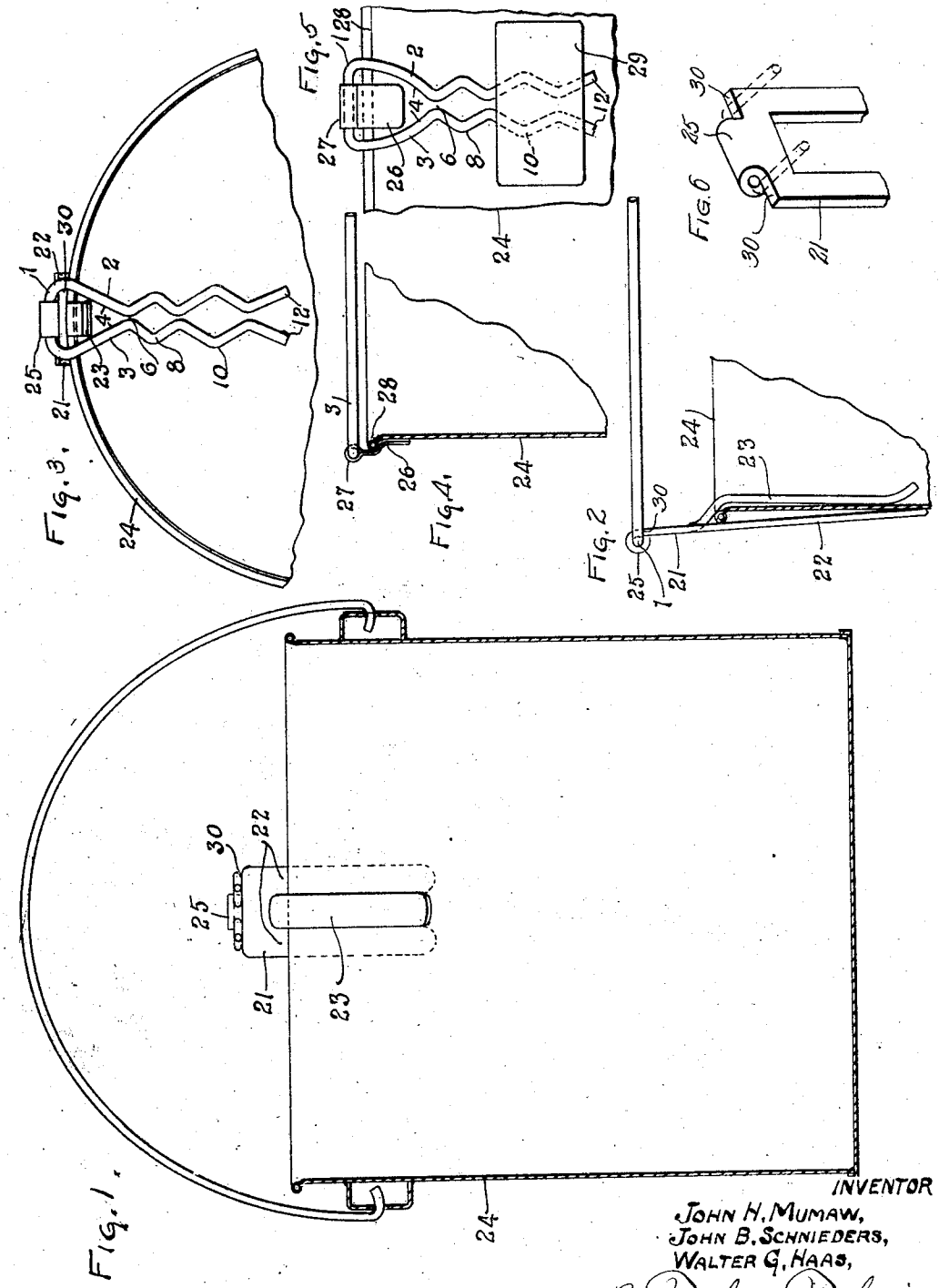
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Our invention relates to brush holders and in particular to brush holders for receptacles.

It is the object of our invention to provide a brush holder either permanently or detachably mounted upon a receptacle which will support brushes having varying sized handles and shapes of handles at varying elevations.

It is a further object of our invention to provide a universal brush holder of this character which is provided with receiving jaws to guide the brush handle into the holding jaws and a plurality of holding jaws adjustable to various sized shapes of brushes.

It is our object to provide a universal holder which may be mounted permanently on a can or receptacle or which may be detachably mounted through suitable clips.

It is our object to provide such a universal brush holder which may be maintained in inoperative position on the outside of a can which is filled with paint.

It is our object to provide such a swinging holder that it may be moved into operative position when the can is open ready for use so that the brush may be suspended in the can at the desired height.

It is a further object to provide a detachable holder for a can of paint of similar character which may be either suspended over the can or folded back parallel with the side thereof.

It is a further object to provide a tank for oil or other liquid partitioned to receive brushes used for varnishing and for painting so that such brushes will be segregated into separate compartments, all of the brushes being suspended on a series of our universal brush holders located at spaced intervals on the wall of the container. It is thus possible to hold the brushes at a point where the bristles are in the desired liquids and without inserting any other portion of the brush therein thus preserving the brushes without injury in the liquids desirable for their particular kind and use.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a section through a paint can showing the detachable brush holder in position;

Figure 2 is a side elevation of such brush holder with the can in section;

Figure 3 is a plan view of the can with the permanently attached brush in operative position;

Figure 4 is a side elevation with the can in section of the brush holder permanently attached in operative position;

Figure 5 is a side elevation of the brush holder permanently attached in inoperative position held in position by a paper sticker;

Figure 6 is a perspective view of the spring plate illustrating the shoulders on which the brush holding member proper rests when in one position.

Referring to the drawings in detail, it will be observed that our universal brush holder consists of the following essential parts. A single wire of spring like character is so formed with a U-shaped base 1 that legs 2 and 3 are parallel to each other substantially. These legs converge almost immediately after forming the U as shown in Figure 3 and are brought closely adjacent at the point 6, then bent into V-shaped portions 8. These V-shaped portions are formed for the reception of relatively small brushes or brushes having round shanks or handles. These are usually varnish brushes. The brush holder is formed into a second and larger V-shaped portion 10 for receiving larger brushes. The ends of the wires forming the brush holder are spread apart to form an open guiding jaw. These upwardly flaring ends of the wire are designated 12.

It will be thus apparent that when the brush is inserted between the jaws 12 it is readily guided in the position between the spring arms of the wire into the V-shaped portions 10 or if the brush is small enough, into the V-shaped portions 8, in either of which positions it is firmly and resiliently held.

It will thus be seen that the essential features of our universal brush holder are outwardly flaring guiding jaws, and V-shaped portions for receiving the handles of the brushes such V-shaped portions being of varying sizes and the arms forming such V-shaped portions being of resilient material, or being associated with each other resiliently. The form of base or support depends upon the location of the universal holder.

When it is desired to use a universal brush holder with a can of paint, the brush holder may be detachably mounted thereon. To this end we provide a spring clip sup-

port consisting of a single plate 21 having two spaced parallel fingers 22 and a struck up intermediate finger 23 so that the fingers 22 are on one side of the wall of the bucket 24 and the finger 23 is on the other side. The upper end of the plate 21 is formed in a turned over eye 25 for receiving the U-shaped base 1 of the universal holder. This holder may be swung into horizontal position over the bucket or may be thrown out of operative position and allowed to hang down parallel to the outside wall of the bucket.

In the event that it is desired to furnish paint buckets or cans with these holders permanently attached we provide our holder with a clip of metal cut away at each side of its upper edge to form shoulders 30 folded over on itself as at 26 to form an eye 27. This clip is soldered to the end of the outside of the wall of the bucket 28.

When the bucket is unopened and in condition for sale to the trade the universal brush holder is folded down on the outside of the bucket and held in place by a paper sticker 29 or the like.

When in operative position the form shown in Figures 1 to 4 is held in horizontal position because the arms 2 and 3 engage with the top of the plate 21 as at 30.

It is understood that we desire to comprehend within our invention such modifications as may be necessary to adapt it to varying conditions and uses.

Having thus fully described our invention, what we claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is:—

1. In combination, a spring clip support having spaced arms for engaging the outside and inside of the upper edge of a receptacle, an eye on the upper end of the clip, a universal brush holder pivoted in said eye, a shoulder on the upper edge of said clip for supporting said brush holder in horizontal position over the receptacle.

2. In combination, a spring clip support having spaced arms for engaging the outside and inside of the upper edge of a receptacle, an eye on the upper end of the clip, a universal brush holder pivoted in said eye, a shoulder on the upper edge of said clip for supporting said brush holder in horizontal position over the receptacle, said brush holder consisting of U-shaped substantially parallel spring arms having outwardly flaring ends and oppositely disposed V-shaped portions for receiving brush handles.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures.

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