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PAINT CAN HOLDER

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Fig. 1

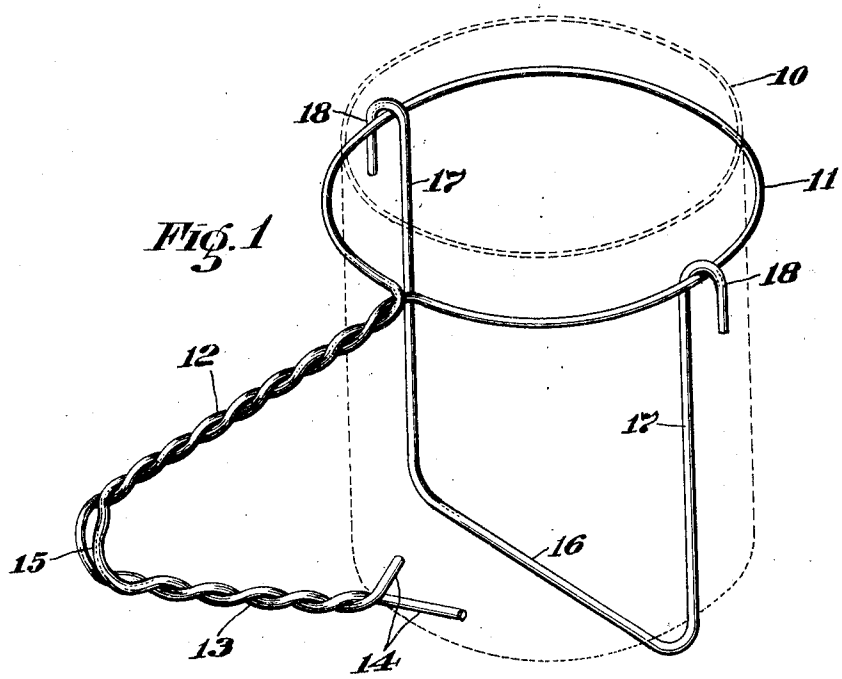
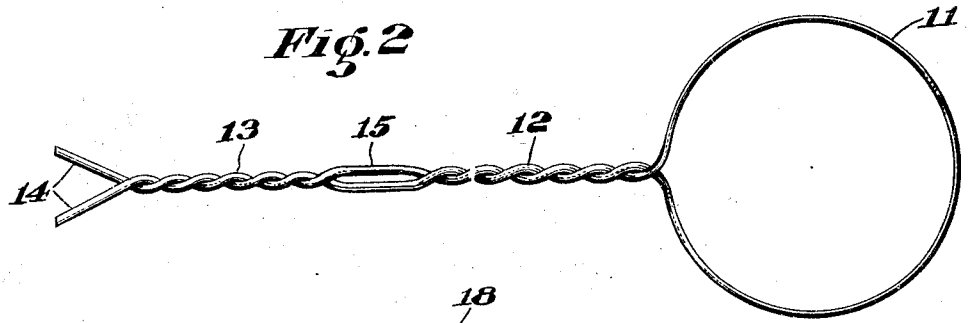


Fig. 2



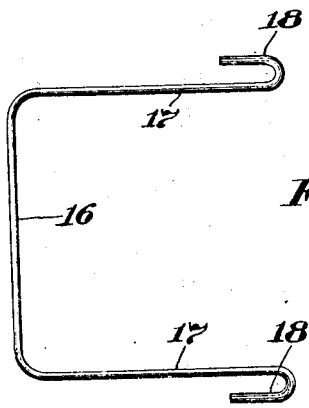


Fig. 3

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This invention relates to a paint can holder which may be readily secured to and removed from a paint can.

In painting it is customary to hold the paint can in one hand while the paint brush is held in the other hand, and the paint brush is commonly wiped upon the upper edge of the can to remove the excess paint. As a result of this practice of wiping the excess paint from the brush upon the upper edge of the can, the outside of the can is likely to become smeared with paint which soils the fingers of the hand grasping the paint can.

The larger paint cans are usually provided with supporting bails but these bails when not in use rest against the side of the can where they are likely to become smeared with paint, furthermore it is not practical to provide the smaller cans with these bails as they would be in the way when the paint brush is dipped into the can.

Having in mind the foregoing, the present invention relates to a detachable paint can holder which can be readily attached to a paint can to provide the same with a supporting handle which is disposed at one side of the can where it is out of the way of the paint brush.

One of the features of the present invention resides in the simplicity of the construction of the paint can holder whereby it may be manufactured at low cost. Another feature resides in the construction whereby the parts of the holder may be shipped flat to economize in the cost of shipping and storage. Another feature resides in the construction whereby the holder is extremely easy to attach to and remove from cans, while the handle, due to its downwardly extending brace, forms a stable support for the can. Still another feature of the invention resides in the construction and arrangement of the handle of the holder so that the paint brush when not in use may be positioned across the can so that the paint may drip from the brush into the can. This is accomplished by resting the handle of the brush upon the handle of the support.

The above and other features of the invention will be best understood from the following description when read in connection with the accompanying drawings showing one good practical embodiment thereof.

In the drawings:—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the paint can holder shown as applied to a paint can, the latter being indicated in dotted lines;

Fig. 2 is a plan view of one of the elements of the holder; and

Fig. 3 is a plan view of the other element of the holder.

In the embodiment of the invention illustrated the entire holder is formed of wire but it will be apparent that other materials may be used.

The portion of the holder which embraces the upper part of the can 10 and provides the handle, is formed, in the construction shown, by bending the wire to form the can embracing loop 11 having the handle 12 which is formed by placing the strands that extend outwardly from the loop side by side, and these strands are preferably twisted about each other as shown to increase the stiffness of the handle.

The loop 11 should be large enough to permit it to be placed easily about the can 10, and in order to prevent the handle 11 from canting or moving downwardly toward the side of the can while supporting the latter, the handle is provided with the downwardly extending brace 13 which is conveniently formed by bending a portion of the handle forming strands downwardly so that the lower end of the brace thus formed will rest against a side wall of the can 10. The lower end of this brace is preferably given the forked construction indicated by 14 so that it will rest firmly against the curved wall of the can. The twists imparted to the wires forming the handle 12 and brace 13 may be omitted at the bend 15 to indicate the place at which the bend should be formed and also to facilitate the bending of the wires at this point.

The can 10 is supported within the loop 11 of the handle by a bar 16 that is suspended from the loop 11 by the upwardly extending legs 17, the construction being such that the bottom of the can 10 rests upon the bar 16. The upper ends of the legs 17 are provided with the hooks 18 which are shown opened a sufficient amount to permit them to be freely engaged over the wire forming the loop 11.

It will be seen from the foregoing that the entire can holder may be formed from two pieces of wire which may be shipped flat as will be apparent from Figs. 2 and 3. When it is desired to use the holder to support a paint can the outer portion 13 of the wires

may be bent downwardly by hand to form the brace 13 shown in Fig. 1 and the hooks 18 may be placed over the wire of the loop 11, whereupon the holder is ready to receive and support the can 10.

Should it be desired to rest the can and holder upon a supporting surface during a suspension of the painting operation, the brace 13 will prevent the loop 11 from slipping downward about the can and will hold the handle in an elevated position ready to be again grasped in the hand. Furthermore, the paint brush may be supported so that it will drip in the can 10 by placing the handle of the brush so that it will rest upon the handle 12.

I claim:—

A detachable paint can holder constructed to embrace and support a paint can, comprising a frame having a looped portion adapted to slidably embrace the upper part of a paint can, an outwardly extending portion forming a handle at one side of the can and having a brace that extends downwardly from the handle into engagement with a side of the can, and a bar suspended from said looped portion and constructed to form a seat for the bottom of the can.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification.

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