

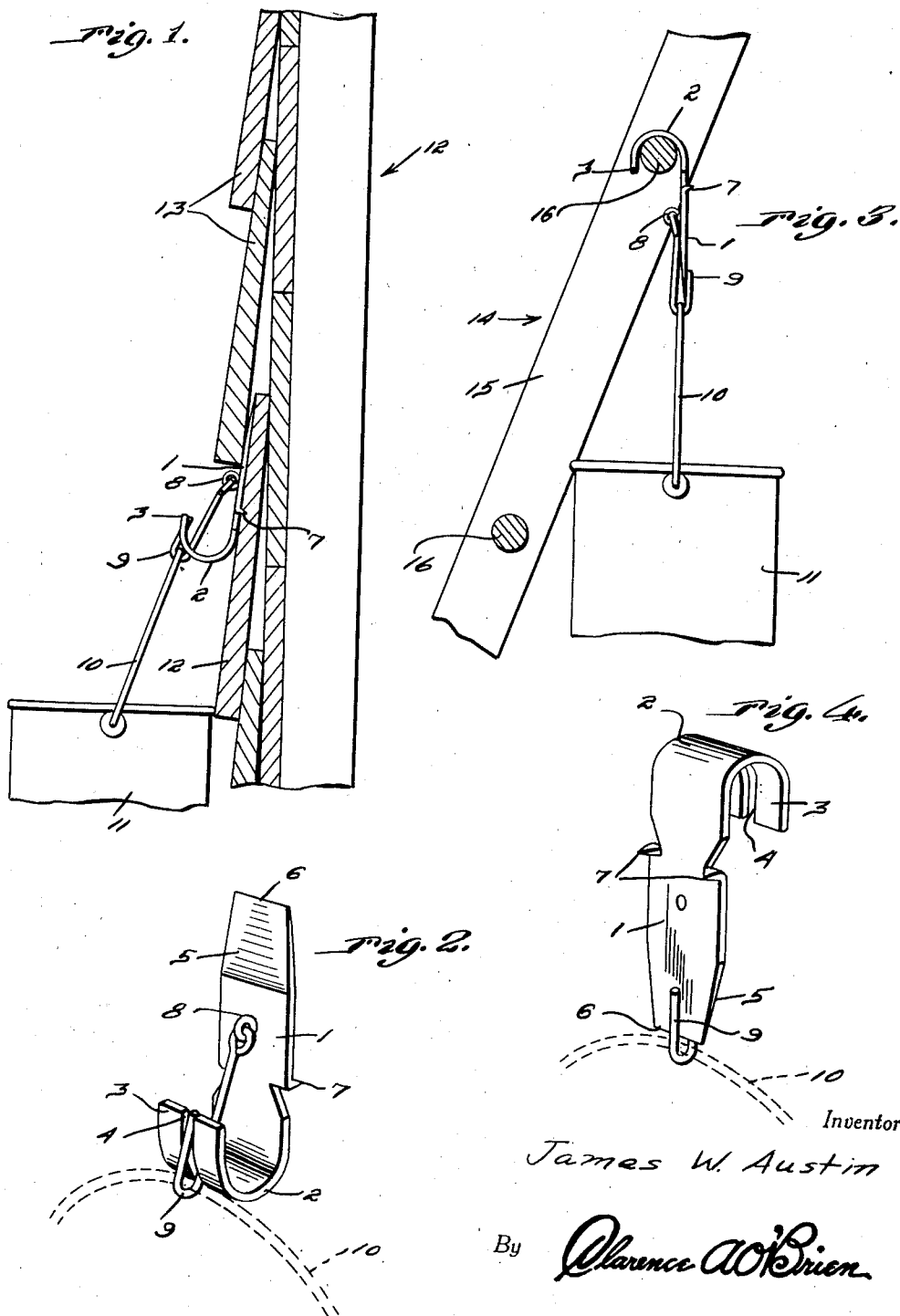
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The present invention relates to new and useful improvements in paint pot holders and has for its primary object to provide, in a manner as hereinafter set forth, a device of this character which is adapted to be expeditiously mounted either on the side of a building or on a ladder or other support.

Another very important object of the invention is to provide a holder of the aforementioned character embodying a novel construction and arrangement whereby accidental disengagement or disconnection of the bail of the paint pot therefrom will be positively prevented.

Other objects of the invention are to provide a paint pot holder of the character described which will be comparatively simple in construction, strong, durable, highly efficient and reliable in use, compact and which may be manufactured at low cost.

All of the foregoing and still further objects and advantages of the invention will become apparent from a study of the following specification, taken in connection with the accompanying drawing wherein like characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, and wherein:

Figure 1 is a view in vertical section through a portion of a clapboard building wall, showing a paint pot holder constructed in accordance with the present invention mounted thereon.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the device.

Figure 3 is a vertical sectional view through a portion of a ladder, showing the device of my invention mounted on one of the rungs thereof.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the device in position for mounting on a ladder.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, it will be seen that the embodiment of the invention which has been illustrated comprises a vertical bar 1 of suitable metal. At one end, the bar 1 terminates in a substantially U-shaped hook 2. Formed in the bill portion 3 of the substantially U-shaped hook 2 is a vertical slot 4 the purpose of which will be presently set forth.

The other end portion 5 of the metallic bar 1 is beveled to a transverse knife edge 6. Struck from the vertical marginal portions of the metallic bar 1, adjacent the hook 2, are teeth or prongs 7. It will be observed that the teeth 7 project in the opposite direction from the hook 2.

Mounted at an intermediate point on the bar 1, above the hook 2, is an eye 8. Loosely mounted in the eye 8 is a hook 9. The hook 9 is adapted to receive the bail 10 of the usual paint pot 11.

In Figure 1 of the drawing, the reference nu-

meral 12 designates generally a portion of a building wall which comprises clapboards 13. To mount the device on the wall 12, the end portion 5 of the bar 1 is forced between the overlapping marginal portions of two of the clapboards 13 and the teeth or prongs 7 are embedded in the lowermost of these two clapboards. In this manner the holder is firmly secured in position. The bail 10 of the paint pot 11 is then engaged in the hook 9 and said hook 9 is then engaged in the slot 4 of the hook 2. Thus, the hook 9 is secured against swinging movement. Further, the construction and arrangement is such that the bill portion of the hook 9 extends into the slot 4 whereby the hook 2 forms a stop or keeper for positively preventing disengagement of the bail 10 from said hook 9.

In Figure 3 of the drawing, the reference numeral 14 designates generally an intermediate portion of a conventional ladder comprising rails 15 with rungs 16 extending therebetween. To suspend the paint pot from the ladder 14, the bar 1 is inverted and the hook 2 is engaged over one of the rungs 16. The bail 10 of the paint pot 11 is then engaged in the hook 9 and said hook is then permitted to swing downwardly to a vertical position under the end 6 of the bar 1. With the device in this position the end portion 5 of the bar 1 closes the hook 9 for preventing disengagement of the bail therefrom. Of course, if desired, the holder may be first connected to the bail 10 and the hook 2 then engaged over the ladder rung 16.

It will be observed that the construction and arrangement is such that with the device in either of its operative positions, the paint pot 11 is suspended in a vertical position.

It is believed that the many advantages of a paint pot holder constructed in accordance with the present invention will be readily understood and although a preferred embodiment of the device is as illustrated and described, it is to be understood that changes in the details of construction may be resorted to which will fall within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed is:

1. A paint pot holder of the character described comprising a metallic bar, a substantially U-shaped hook integral with one end of said bar, said hook having a slot extending longitudinally thereinto from its free end, teeth struck from the longitudinal marginal portions of the bar adjacent the hook and projecting in the opposite direction from said hook, said teeth being adapted for embedding in a wall for mounting the bar

thereon, and a hook loosely mounted on the bar for connection with a bail, the second named hook being engageable in the slot of the first named hook, said slot receiving the bill portion and the shank portion of said second named hook.

2. A paint pot holder of the class described comprising a longitudinally elongated bar, one end thereof being tapered and sharpened to provide a wedge-like element, the opposite end being formed into a return bend defining a hook, the bill of said hook being bifurcated, the intermediate portion of said bar having anchoring and retention teeth struck from opposite longitudinal edge portions, said teeth being at right angles to the bar proper and disposed in directions opposite to said hook.

3. A paint pot holder of the class described comprising a longitudinally elongated bar having a bifurcated hook at one end and anchoring detents on its intermediate portion, an inde-

pendent reversible and interchangeable latching hook having its shank pivotally mounted on the intermediate portion of said bar, the hooked end thereof being adapted for placement between the furcations of the first-named hook, and the bill of said latch hook being wholly confined between said furcations when temporarily associated therewith.

4. A reversible and interchangeable paint pot holder of the class described comprising a longitudinally elongated bar having one end bent to provide a suspension hook engageable over the rung of a ladder, a wire hook pivotally mounted on the intermediate portion of the bar, the shank of said wire hook being of a length slightly greater than an adjacent end portion of the bar, whereby to permit the bill of said wire hook to take over said end portion of the bar in the manner and for the purposes described.

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