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MARKING POT.

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FIG. 1.

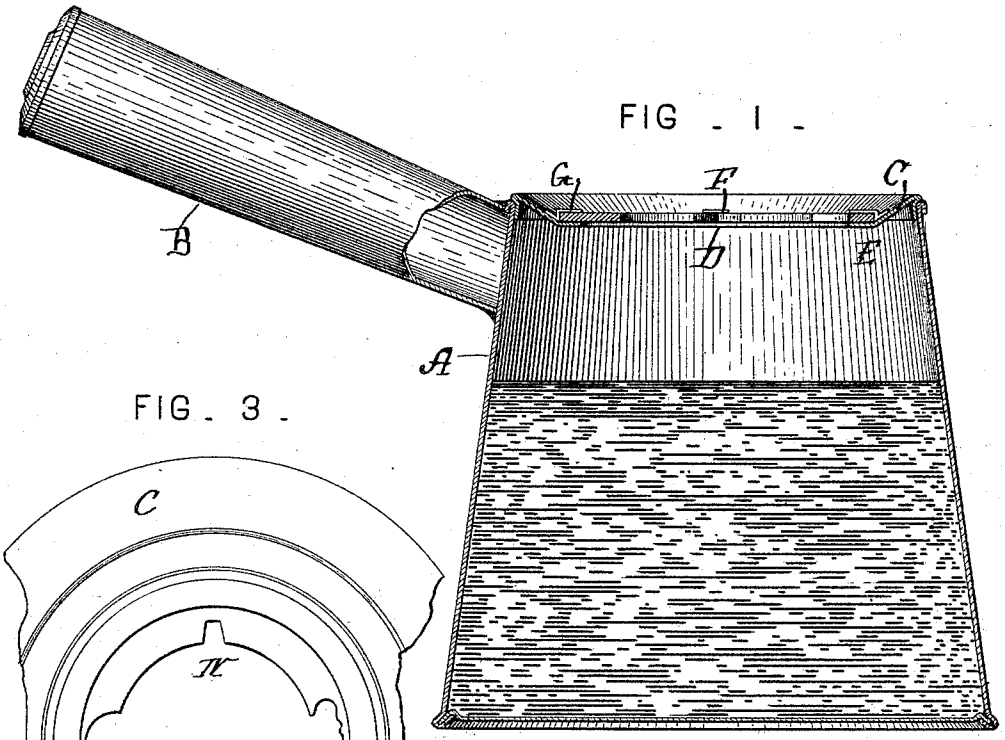


FIG. 3.

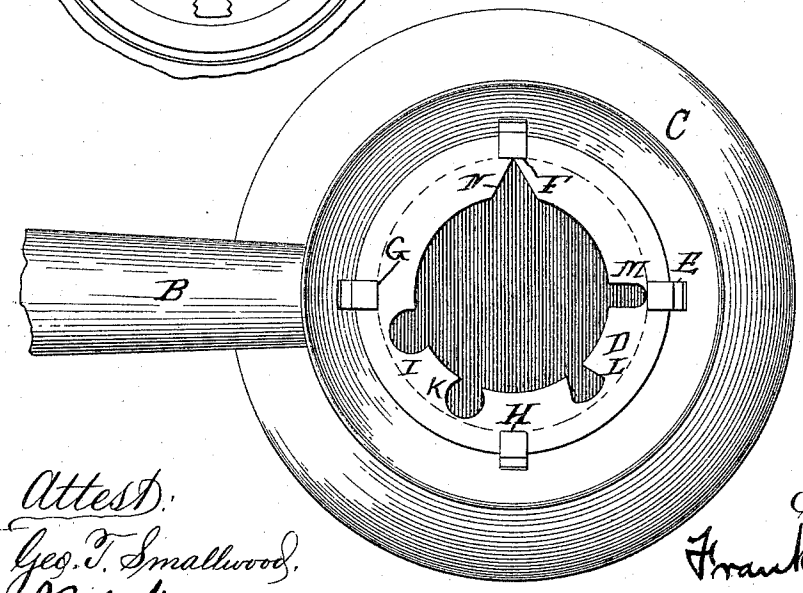


FIG. 2.

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MARKING-POT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK S. KETCHUM, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Marking-Pots; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention relates to marking-pots for shippers' use in marking boxes, barrel-heads, and the like; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts, as hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view of the marking-pot, the handle thereof being shown partly in perspective and partly in section. Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a partial plan view of a modification of the device.

In the accompanying drawings like letters of reference indicate like parts of the invention.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates the body portion of the marking-pot, which is preferably in the form of the frustum of a hollow cone, and B is the handle thereof, which is also for lightness and cheapness made hollow, and is secured to the body of the marking-pot near the top of the same and at one side thereof.

The top or upper edge of the body portion A is provided with an annular downwardly-converging rim C, which is provided with an annular interiorly-notched brush-supporting rim and brush-cleaning rim D, which is preferably secured to the inner periphery of the converging annular rim C by clips E, F, G, and H, and is provided with different-shaped interiorly-opening brush-holding notches I, K, L, and M and an outwardly-converging V-shaped brush cleaner or wiper N, which also opens inwardly, as shown. This brush-holding rim C is made of rubber, and is consequently flexible; yet its resistance is sufficiently great when subjected to pressure either in cleaning the brush or in simply holding the brush up out of the marking mixture or paint P to absolutely perform either of these functions. The shapes of the brush-holding notches and the brush-cleaner may be varied to suit brushes of different shapes and sizes, and in the modification shown in Fig. 3 two of the four notches are shown serrated, the object being to insure a firmer hold of the brush-holding rim. In this latter instance, too, the notched brush-holding rim is secured in place without the aid of clips in any well-known manner.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a marking-pot, the combination, with the body portion having an inwardly-projecting and downwardly-converging rim, of an annular notched rubber brush-holder and brush-cleaner secured thereto by clips, substantially as specified.

2. In a marking-pot, the combination, with the body portion thereof, of a brush holder and cleaner consisting of an interiorly-notched annular rim of rubber, substantially as set forth.

3. The combination, in a marking-pot having the downwardly and inwardly converging annular rim, of a rubber brush-holder or brush-supporter secured thereto having interiorly-disposed brush-holding notches, substantially as specified.

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

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