

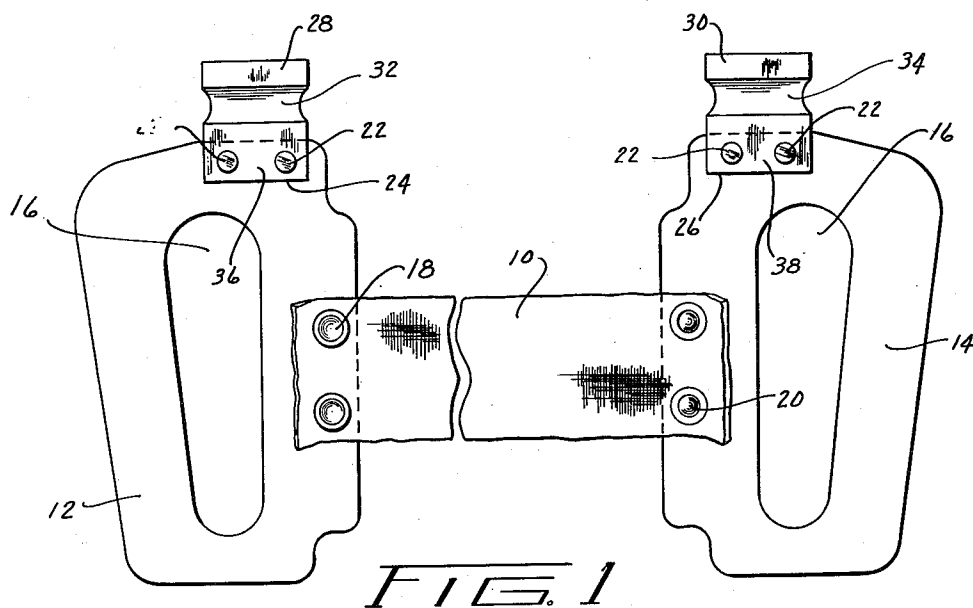
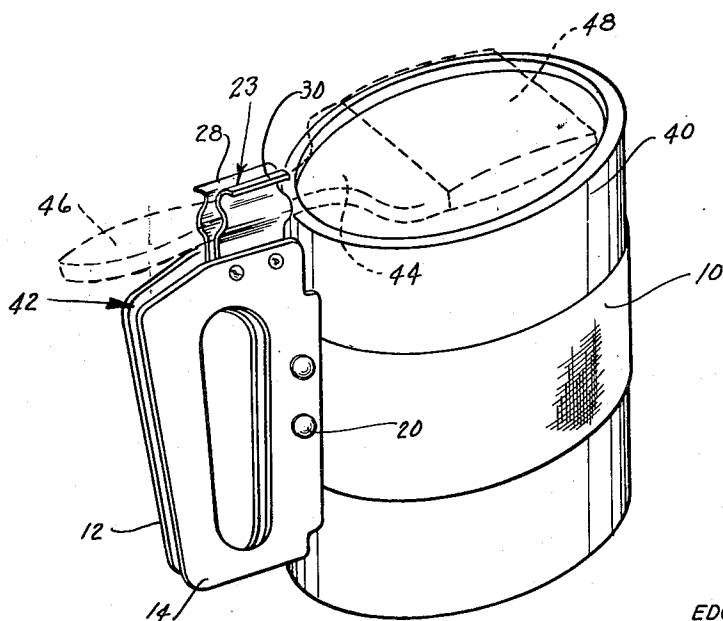
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The present invention relates to an article of manufacture constructed and arranged to form a holder having a handle therefor upon removably mounting it on a container.

Containers, such as cans of paint, are usually cylindrical in shape and are not normally provided with a handle by means of which they may be held.

As a result, they cannot readily be carried from place to place. The sides of the container further are apt to become dirty with their contents thereby making it difficult to pick them up without soiling the hands of the user.

Further, no provision has heretofore been made for holding any means which may be used for dispensing the contents thereof in position above the opening of the container, for example, a paint brush, so that the space around the container will always be kept clean.

The present invention contemplates the provision of an article of manufacture which may be removably encircled around a container to form a holder or handle therefor upon snap fastening the parts of the article together.

The present invention further contemplates the provision of a strip of material at each end of which complementary parts are mounted, which parts when brought together and separably held in position form and furnish a handle for the container with the strip tied therearound.

The present invention still further contemplates the provision of such an article in which similar elements are mounted on the said complementary parts so that when the latter are separably held together as aforesaid, a resilient clip is formed by the elements in a desired position to hold any means for dispensing the contents of the container in position relative thereto.

These, other and further objects and advantages of the present invention will be clear from the description which follows and the drawing relating thereto, in which

Fig. 1 is a plan view of an article of manufacture according to my invention, the strip or band, thereof, broken away to reduce the size of the drawing.

Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the article of manufacture removably mounted on a container, such as a can of paint, with a paint brush shown in broken lines and held in position by the resilient clip formed upon mounting the article on the container.

Referring now to the drawing, the article of manufacture here contemplated is formed from the strip 10, made of any suitable, foldable ma-

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terial, such as canvas, leather or simulated leather, plywood, cardboard and the like.

At each end of the strip 10, I secure thereon a complementary handle forming element 12 and 14, which elements are preferably similar in size and shape, and are each provided with the central opening 16.

These handle forming elements, which are formed from any suitable relatively rigid material, such as cardboard, plywood, metal or the like, are preferably secured to the strip of material by means of the separable fastening elements, such as the female snap fastener member 18 and the male snap fastener member 20.

These snap fastener members are preferably of the conventional type and need not therefore be described in detail since they are well known to workers in the art, each member riveting the strip to the handle forming complementary element. It will of course be understood that the handle forming elements may be riveted or mounted on the strip by any other suitable means and that the handle forming elements may be held together also by any other means.

At the upper portion of each handle forming element, I mount thereon, as by the rivets 22, a resilient clip 23 forming complementary members 24 and 26.

The resilient clip forming members 24 and 26 are similar to each other in size and shape and are preferably made from a relatively rigid spring-like material, such as metal, which is bent outwardly at the top edge to form the outwardly diverging lips 28 and 30.

Each member 24 and 26 is then suitably bent to form a concave or cup-like intermediate part 32 and 34 which extends into the upstanding bases 36 and 38 in which the rivets 22 are secured.

It will be understood that the containers 40, on which my article of manufacture is to be mounted, are normally of a standard size and diameter. Thus, the size of the strip 10 will be made of a length such that the container or can 40 on which it is to be removably mounted will be properly encircled or girdled by it.

My article of manufacture which may be made inexpensively enough so that it, if desired, can be an "advertising give-away" to accompany the sale of any particular container, for example, a gallon can of paint.

In operation, the container 40 is ringed or encircled by the strip 10 and the handle forming elements 12 and 14 brought and snapped together. The size of the strip 10 is such that it is tightly held in place on the container with

the elements tied or bound together to form the handle 42 (see Fig. 2) preferably having a central opening through which the fingers of the hand may be inserted.

Upon bringing the handle forming elements together, the members 24 and 26 complement each other to form a resilient clip by means of which a dispensing member, such as the paint brush 44, may be grasped and held in position, as illustrated by the broken lines of Fig. 2.

The lips 28 and 30 together form an entrance to the brush holder formed by the dished out portions 32 and 34 and permit the brush handle 46 of the paint brush 44 to be passed therein and to be there gripped in position with the bristles 48 above the open top of the container so that any contents thereof such as paint will drip into the container.

If desired, the handle forming elements 12 and 14 may be pulled apart, that is the fasteners unsnapped, and separated so that the article of manufacture may be removed from the container on which it has been mounted and used again on any other similar container.

Although not as desirable since a certain amount of imbalance will result, it will be recognized that a handle may be secured as a unit to one of the free ends of the strip of material 10 and a fastening means provided on each free end so that the strip of material can be secured as a ring or girdle about the container 40 with the handle element extending outwardly therefrom in the same manner as the handle illustrated and formed by the combined elements 12 and 14.

It will now be recognized that I have provided a simple and relatively inexpensive article of manufacture which is so constructed and arranged that it may easily and readily be removably mounted on a container to furnish a handle therefor.

While I have illustrated a specific embodiment of my invention, it will be understood that I do not intend to be limited to the specific detail of construction shown, but intend to claim my invention as broadly as the prior art and the scope of the appended claims permit since various modifications in the invention will now occur to those skilled in the art.

I claim:

1. In an article of manufacture to be mounted upon a container to form a holder therefor, a strip of material, a handle forming element having an opening therein at each end of the strip, a snap fastener member at one end of the strip, a second snap fastener member at the other end of the strip, said snap fastener member cooperating together to lock the said elements together to form a handle for the container upon thereby mounting the strip of material upon the container with the strip of material constituting a holding band around the container, a lock forming member on one of the elements and a second lock forming member on the other of the elements, each lock forming member having an outwardly bent lip and a concave portion extending from the lip,

said concave portion forming a clip upon locking the handle forming elements together with the lips forming an entrance to the clip.

2. In an article of manufacture of the character described, a holding band forming strip open at each end, a handle forming element on each end, means on one end cooperating with means on the other end for separably locking the elements together to form therefrom a handle extending from the holding band formed by the strip, and cooperating members upon the said elements cooperating with each other to form a resilient clip upon locking the elements together.

3. The article of manufacture of claim 2, said cooperating members each having a dished out lock forming portion and an outwardly extending lip thereon, the dished out portions forming a clip and the lips forming an entrance to the clip upon locking the elements together.

4. In an article of manufacture of the character described for mounting on a container to form a holder having a handle for the container, an open ended strip forming a holding band for the container upon mounting the article of manufacture thereon, a handle forming element on each end of the strip, and means at one end of the strip cooperating with means at the other end of the strip for separably locking the elements together to form therefrom a handle extending from the band formed from the strip positioned around the container upon locking the elements together.

5. The article of manufacture of claim 4 and including a member on each element cooperating with the other member to form a catch upon locking the elements together.

6. In an article of manufacture of the character described for detachably mounting on a container to form a holder therefor having a handle, an open ended strip constituting a band around the container upon mounting the article of manufacture thereon, means at one end of the strip cooperating with means on the other end of the strip for separably locking the ends of the strip together to form a band therefrom around the container and means on the strip forming a handle for the container upon locking the ends of the strip together.

7. The article of manufacture of claim 6 and including an element on the last mentioned means for forming a clip on the handle upon locking the ends of the strip together.

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