

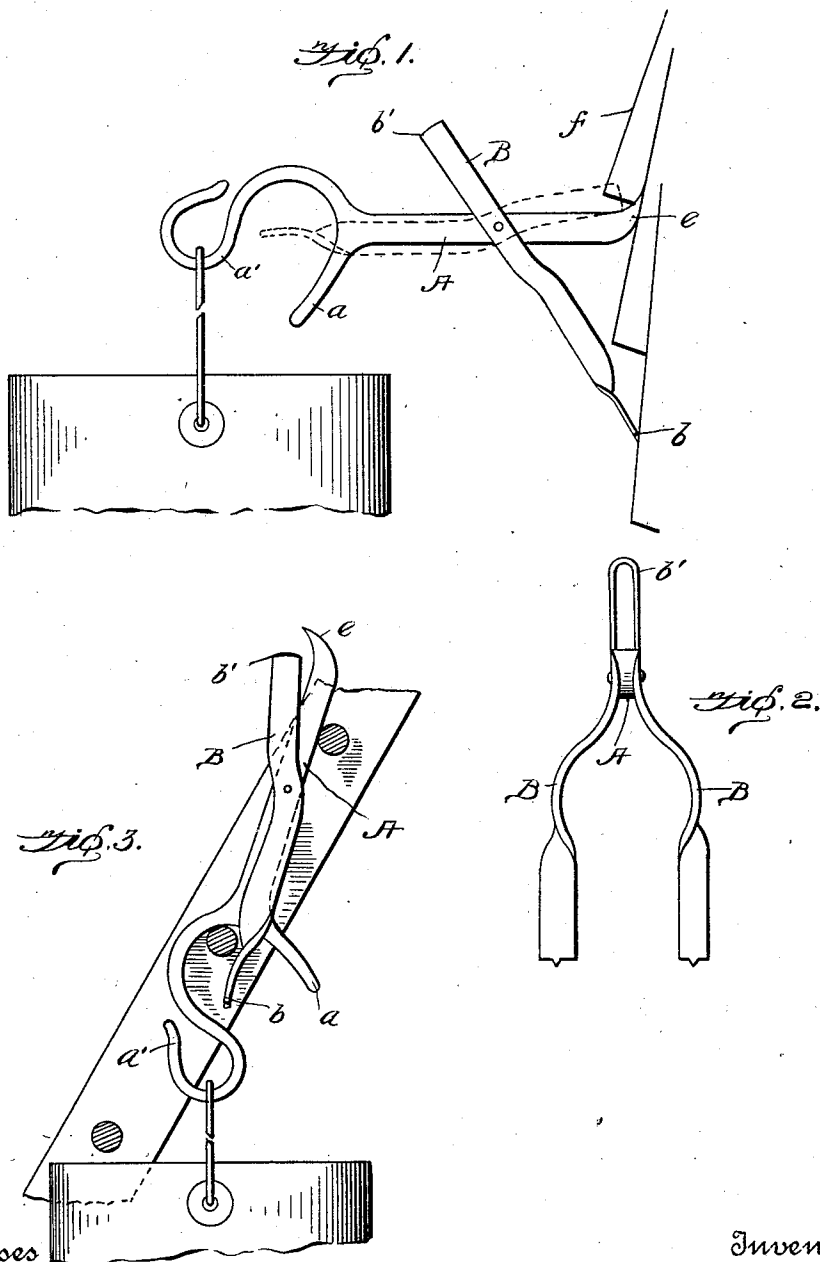
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN F. FOSS, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of Albion, Kennebec county, State of Maine, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Painters' Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to painters' hooks for hanging the paint-bucket during the operation of painting houses and the like; and it consists of a device adapted to be quickly and firmly attached to the face of the house, utilizing the clapboards for holding the hook in place.

The device embodies a horizontal lever having one end turned up and formed into a wedge-shaped projection with a hook on the opposite end and a straddling double-ended brace pivoted to the lever with spurs on its lower end. The projecting wedge-shaped end is fitted under the lower edge of the clapboard, the bucket of paint is suspended from the hook at the end of the lever, and the brace rests against the wall of the house. The weight of the paint-bucket tends to keep the wedge-shaped projection pressed up under the clapboard and to keep the spurs of the brace pressed into the wall of the house, and so holds the device firmly in place, and the heavier the bucket the more firmly the hook holds.

I illustrate my invention by means of the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 shows a side view of my device in position on the wall of a house with a bucket attached thereto. Fig. 2 is an end view of the device, and Fig. 3 is a view showing a portion of a ladder with my device applied thereto.

A represents a lever which is in a horizontal position when it is in position on the wall of a house. One end of the lever at *e* is turned up and formed into a wedge-shaped projection adapted to fit under the lower edge of the clapboard *f*, and on the other end of the lever is formed a hook suitable for retaining the paint-bucket.

As here shown, the hook is S-shaped, having one portion *a'* at the extreme end adapted to hang the bucket on and another portion *a*, adapted to hook onto the round of a ladder, as shown in Fig. 3, when the device cannot conveniently be attached to the side of the house.

The hook is supported by a brace B, pivoted to the lever and having spurs on its lower end for catching on the surface of the wall of the house. As herein shown, this brace is made of a single piece of metal folded to form a loop *b'* at the upper end, the lower end being spread to form two supports terminating in spurs *b*.

The upper end of the brace extends somewhat above the lever when the device is in position, so that the parts may be compactly folded, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1.

The device may be quickly and firmly secured to the face of an ordinary house by inserting the end *e* under a clapboard, shingle, or board and adjusting the brace so that it will take on the wall below. It may easily be removed and fastened again in a new place with the use of one hand and is far more convenient for painters than the hook by which the bucket is usually attached to the ladder.

I claim—

A painter's hook comprising the following elements in combination, a lever having one end turned upwardly and wedge-shaped, and its other end S-shaped, said S-shaped end being adapted to fit over the round of a ladder and to have a bucket suspended therefrom, and a bifurcated brace pivoted to said lever intermediate of its ends and having pointed lower ends, substantially as described.

Signed at Portland, Maine, this 26th day of March, 1902.

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