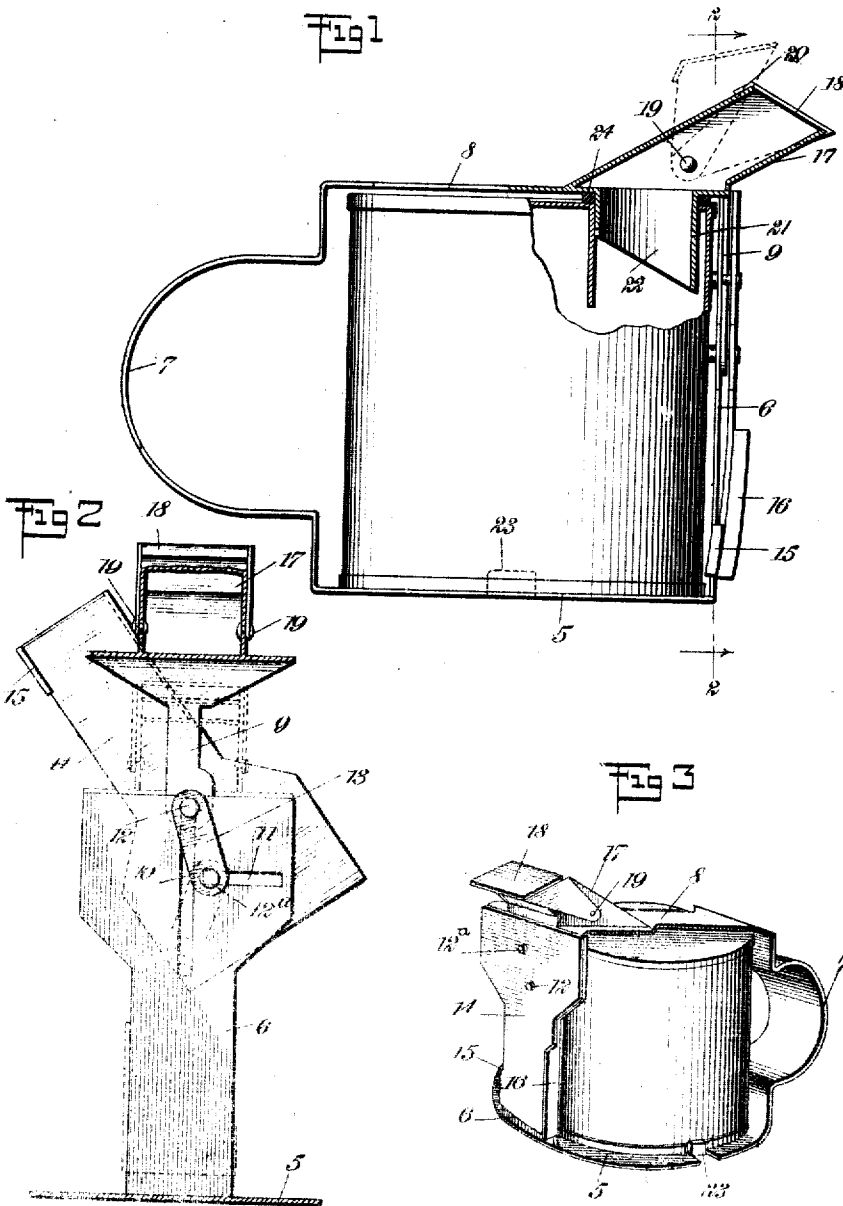


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE C. DOREDANT, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of New Orleans, in the parish of Orleans and State of Louisiana, have invented new and useful Improvements in Attachments for Cans, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention is an improvement in can attachments, and has for an object to provide a detachable device for cans which contain condensed milk, molasses and other liquids, the said device including a handle and a spout, the latter communicating with the can through an opening which is automatically punched in the can by the application of the attachment. By this construction the contents of the can are kept fresh and protected from the dust and other foreign matter in addition to being secured from loss by evaporation, upsetting, etc.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings forming a part of this specification, in which similar characters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the views.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved can attachment partly in section, showing the same applied to a can; Fig. 2 is a cross section of the same on the line 2-2 of Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the attachment as applied to a can. In the construction of the attachment, a base-plate 5 of sheet metal is provided with upwardly-turned strips at diametrically opposite sides, which respectively provide a support 6 and a handle 7, the said handle being extended to overhang the base as indicated at 8, at an elevation thereabove substantially equal to the height of the can to which it is applied. The end of the extension 8 is constructed with a downwardly-turned tongue 9, which overlaps the support 6, preferably passing to the outside thereof.

The support 6 as best shown in Fig. 2, is provided with a vertical slot 10 and a slot 11 located at substantially right angles thereto. Through these slots pass rivets or pins 12 and 12^a, the rivet 12 passing through the slot 10 and connecting one end of a link 13 with the lower end of the tongue 9 and a latching lever 14, and the pin 12^a passing through the horizontal slot 11, connecting the opposite end of the link and latching lever directly together. This latching lever as best shown in Fig. 3, is arranged at the

outside of the support 6 and is of substantially like shape, whereby when it is turned into alinement therewith it will give the front of the attachment a neat unbroken appearance and will act to draw the extension 8 down toward the base-plate 5.

When the latching lever is thus disposed, a catch 15, formed by turning the edge of the metal at the lower end of the lever inwardly, engages with the edge of the support 6, by reason of the tendency of this end of the lever to spring toward the handle 7. The catch 15 is disengaged and the lever operated by a flange 16 formed at the opposite edge of the lever and turned in an outward direction.

To the top and outer end of the extension 8 is attached a spout 17, having a displaceable cap 18, for covering the opening in the spout when the same is not in use. The connection between the cap and spout is preferably effected by providing the former with rearwardly-extending ears embracing the opposite sides of the spout, to which they are pivoted by rivets 19, thus adapting the cap to be thrown from the end of the spout to the dotted position shown in Fig. 1 when the contents of the can are to be poured out. The cap 18 is prevented from dropping down farther over the end of the spout when it covers the same, by a flange 20 formed at its back edge as shown in section in Fig. 1. The spout 17 is provided with an extension 21 communicating therewith, on the under face of the extended portion 8 of the handle 7, which is in the nature of a punch having a beveled cutting edge 22, with the lower point of said edge located adjacent to the support 6.

When a can is inserted within the attachment after a small vent opening is formed in the top thereof, the lever is thrown to the position shown in Fig. 2, and the bottom of the can seated on the base-plate 5 with the edge thereof in contact with a stop 23, formed by cutting a tongue from said plate. By now turning the latching lever downwardly, the cutting edge 22 is forced through the top of the can and cuts an opening therein as shown in Fig. 1, the metal which is removed from the top being turned downwardly and a tight joint made about the opening by a gasket 24, which surrounds the extension 21. The contents of the can may now be poured out when desired through the spout 17 as in an ordinary tea-

pot or molasses can, and the said contents be kept fresh and free from dust and other foreign matter, in addition to being secured against waste by evaporation, upsetting, etc.

5 The invention as shown and described while being the preferred practical construction of my improved attachment, may be modified in numerous particulars within the scope of the invention as defined in the annexed claims.

10 Having thus described my invention, I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent:—

1. In an attachment for cans, a base plate 15 on which the bottom of the can is adapted to be seated, having a stop for centering the can in the attachment, a handle and a support projecting upwardly from said plate, the handle being extended at its upper end 20 to overhang the base plate, a depending tongue carried at the end of the extended portion of the handle, and a lever connected with said tongue and support for clamping the can to the base plate.

2. In an attachment for cans, a base plate 25 on which the bottom of the can is adapted to be seated, having a stop for centering the can in the attachment, a handle and a support projecting upwardly from said plate, 30 the handle being extended at its upper end to overhang the base plate, a depending tongue carried at the end of the extended portion of the handle, a lever connected with said tongue and support for clamping the 35 can to the base plate, and a catch formed on said lever for locking it to said support.

3. In an attachment for cans, a base plate, a handle connected with the base plate, 40 having the upper end thereof extended to overhang said plate, a spout carried by the extended portion of the handle, having a cutting edge, and means for forcing the extended portion of the handle toward the 45 base plate, whereby the cutting edge of the spout is forced through the top of the can for the purpose described.

4. In an attachment for cans, a base plate, a handle connected with the base plate 50 having the upper portion thereof extended to overhang said plate, a spout carried on the extended portion of the handle, having an extension provided with a cutting edge, a gasket surrounding said extension, and means for forcing the extended portion of

the handle toward the base plate, whereby 55 the cutting edge forms an opening in the top of the can and the gasket is pressed to the can about said opening for the purpose described.

5. In an attachment for cans, a base plate, 60 a handle attached to the base plate, having the upper portion thereof extended to overhang said plate, a spout carried on the extended portion of the handle, means for forcing the extended portion of the handle 65 in the direction of the plate to clamp the can therebetween, and a displaceable cap carried by the spout.

6. In an attachment for cans, a base plate, a support and a handle connected with the 70 base plate, the upper end of said handle being extended to overhang said plate, a depending tongue formed at the end of the extended portion of the handle, a link, a latching lever, means passing through a substan- 75 tially vertical slot in the support connecting the link, tongue and latching lever together, and means passing through a slot in the support arranged at substantially right angles to the first-named slot, connecting the link 80 and latching lever together.

7. In an attachment for cans, a base plate on which the can is adapted to be seated, a member having a spout adapted to occupy a position over the top of the can, a handle 85 connecting said member with the base plate at one side of the attachment, and means for drawing the base plate and member together to clamp the can therebetween, located at the opposite side of the attachment. 90

8. In an attachment for cans, a base plate on which the can is adapted to be seated, a handle connected with the base plate at one side of the attachment, having a member overhanging the base plate, a spout having a 95 cutting edge carried by said member, and means located at the opposite side of the attachment for drawing said base plate and member together to clamp the can therebetween and force the cutting edge of the 100 spout into the can.

In testimony whereof I have signed by name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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