To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM DEVENISH MEARES, a subject of the King of Great Britain, residing at 135 Hereford street, Christchurch, New Zealand, have invented new and useful Improvements in Spouts for Receptacles, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cans, tins, drums and other similar receptacles such as are commonly employed to contain oils of all kinds and descriptions and other liquids. In receptacles of this nature as at present constructed, to remove the contents, it is usual to pierce a hole through the upper side of such receptacle, or in some cases an opening having a removable cover, bung, or other closure is provided in such upper side for the purpose, in any case the contents being poured through the said opening by the action of tilting the receptacle to the required angle. When so poured however a certain quantity of the liquid is usually spilled owing to the tendency of such liquid to trickle down the outside of the receptacle.

In carrying the invention into effect, the receptacle is provided with a lip for use in pouring which is constructed of a piece of thin tin or suitable sheet metal and is affixed to the body of the receptacle so that it will lie flat against the exterior surface of the same when not in use, but which is capable of being moved readily so as to project to quite an extent from the receptacle body when desired for use in directing the flow of the liquid contents from an aperture which may be provided adjacent to the lip.

In order that the nature of the invention and its construction may be fully understood, reference will now be made to the accompanying sheet of drawing in which:

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view through a sheet metal receptacle constructed in accordance with the invention, showing its top perforated and the lip in operative position; and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of an upper corner of the receptacle, the lip being shown in full lines in its retracted inactive position and in its extended operative position in dotted lines.

Referring to the drawing by numerals, 3 designates the top wall and 4 the vertical side walls of the receptacle. A lip 6 is mounted upon the receptacle in a detachable or semi-detachable manner. The lip is curved so as to be substantially trough-shaped in form and to fit snugly around one of the vertical corners of the receptacle to which it is slidably attached by means of a clip or strap 7. When the lip is in operative position, the top wall 3 of the can is punctured adjacent to the corner at which the lip is positioned to provide a discharge opening 5 from which the liquid contents may flow into the lip when the can is tipped. By this construction the lip 6 when not required for use may be depressed so that its upper end will be flush with or somewhat below the top of the receptacle, as here shown in full lines. When required for use however the lip 6 is adjusted so as to project above the top of the receptacle, as indicated in dotted lines and thus constitute a spout for the purpose hereinbefore explained, while, to facilitate this adjustment such lip may be provided with an out-turned projection 8 capable of being grasped or engaged by the fingers.

I claim:

An angular shaped receptacle for liquids having a guide positioned exteriorly upon the same at the corner of two adjacent walls and near to a third contiguous wall, and a trough-shaped lip slidably mounted within the guide and embracing the first two walls with its concave surface disposed innermost, said lip being adapted to be moved into operative position projecting past the corner formed between all three walls to afford a pouring lip, the third named wall being adapted to be apertured adjacent to said corner.

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

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