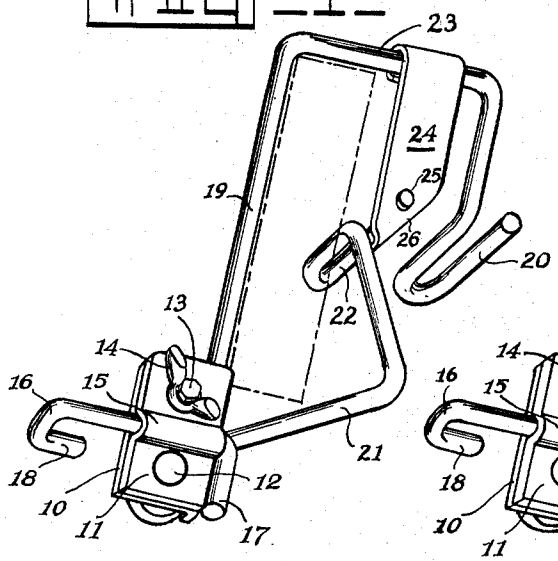
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FIG. 1



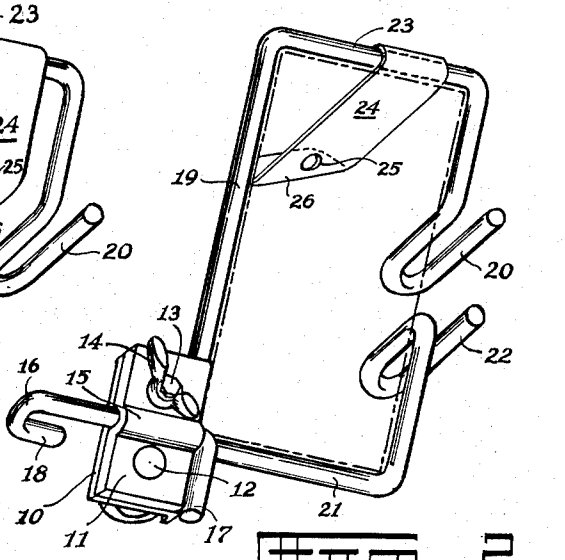


FIG. 2

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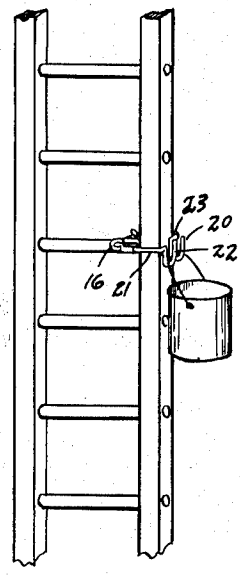


FIG. 3

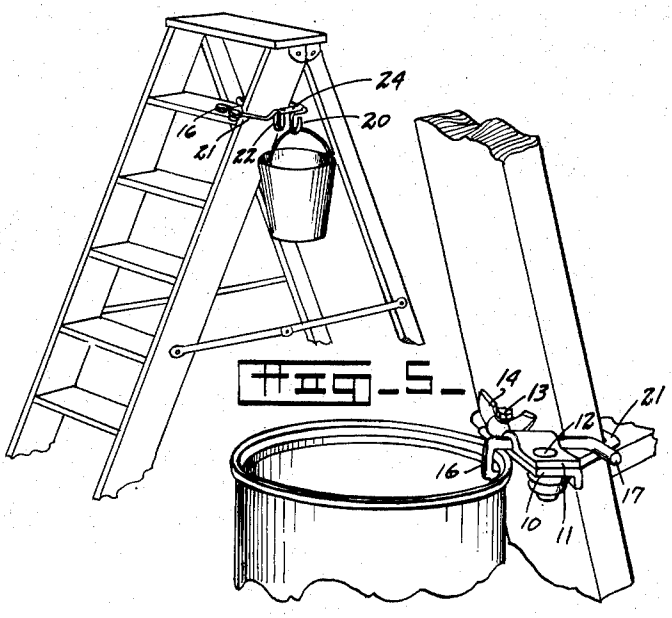


FIG. 5

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This invention relates to brackets and more particularly to a bracket which may be attached to a stepladder or similar device and used to support a bucket of paint or can of paint.

The principal object of the invention is the provision of a simple and inexpensive bracket which may be manually affixed to a ladder and usable for supporting a paint can or paint bucket.

A further object of the invention is the provision of a bracket which may be positioned on the side rail of a ladder and which will provide a pair of spaced hooks for supporting a paint bucket and whereby the paint bucket acts to hold the bracket in position on the ladder rail.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of a bracket for supporting a paint can on a ladder and which may be positioned about a leg of a stepladder and certain parts thereof interengaged to render the device self-retaining with respect to the leg of the stepladder.

The bracket for supporting a paint can disclosed herein comprises a simple and inexpensive construction formed primarily of wire and usable in connection with a straight ladder, a portion of an extension ladder or a step ladder and cable of holding either a paint bucket having a bail thereon or a paint can without a bail. The bracket is so formed that when it is positioned about the side rail of a straight ladder or a portion of an extension ladder, it is held in position by the bail of the paint bucket or paint can engaged therein. When used with a paint can not provided with a bail, a movable clamping member directly engages the can while other parts of the device are engaged one upon the other to hold the same in position on the supporting ladder.

With the foregoing and other objects in view which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed, it being the intention to cover all changes and modifications of the example of the invention hereinafter described and claimed, it being the intention to cover all changes and modifications of the example of the invention herein chosen for purposes of the disclosure which do not constitute departures from the spirit and scope of the invention.

The invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the paint can bracket adapted for positioning about a stepladder leg.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the paint can bracket adapted for positioning about the side rail of a ladder.

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Figure 3 is a perspective view of a portion of a ladder showing the paint can bracket in position thereon.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a stepladder showing a paint can bracket in position thereon.

Figure 5 is an enlarged detailed view showing the pain can bracket clamped to a paint can.

By referring to the drawings and Figures 1 and 4 in particular it will be seen that the paint can bracket comprises a pair of rectangular body members 10 and 11 positioned in superimposed relation and loosely secured to one another by a rivet 12. A bolt 13 having a winged nut 14 is also positioned through the body members 10 and 11 and provides means for clamping the same together. The body member 11 is provided with a transversely extending arched portion 15 which provides clearance for a slidable clamping piece 16 therebeneath, one end of the clamping piece 16 being outturned as at 17 and the other end being inturned as at 18.

The rivet 12 and the head of the bolt 13 cooperate in securing one end of a semi-U shaped body member 19 to the body member 10, it being observed that the semi-U shaped body member 19 extends outwardly on a plane parallel with one of the sides of the body members 10 and 11 and terminates after completing its U-shape with a downturned U-shaped end 20. The rivet 12 also serves to mount a movable L-shaped body member 21 which is movable on an arc based on the rivet 12 and the outermost end of the L-shaped body member 21 is provided with a downturned U-shape 22 matching the downturned U-shaped end 20 of the body member 19. The middle or intermediate portion 23 of the U-shaped body member 19 carries a rectangular body member 24, one end of which is wrapped partially about the intermediate section 23 and the other end of which is apertured as at 25 and downturned diagonally as at 26.

Still referring to Figures 1 and 4 of the drawings it will be seen that dotted lines in Figure 1 indicate the cross sectional area of a stepladder leg and that in Figure 4 the device is shown in position on a stepladder leg. It will be observed that the outermost end of the downturned U-shaped section 22 of the L-shaped body member 21 is engaged in the aperture 25 in the body member 24 and that the rectangular area defined between the U-shaped body member 19, the L-shaped arm 21 and the rectangular body member 24 equals the cross sectional area of an

ordinary stepladder leg. When the device is assembled in this manner about a stepladder leg, as shown in Figure 4 of the drawings, a hook formed by the downturned U-shaped end **20** of the body member **19** provides a convenient means for hanging a bucket or paint can provided with a bail.

In Figure 5 of the drawings the clamping piece **16** is illustrated with its inturned end **18** engaged about the rim of a paint can and the winged nut **14** tightened down on the bolt **13** whereby the paint can will be held in close relation against the stepladder leg.

In Figures 2 and 3 of the drawings the device is illustrated as used on the side rail of a straight ladder or portion of an extension ladder. It will be observed that the downturned U-shaped ends **20** and **22** are positioned in side-by-side relation when the device is engaged about the side rail of the ladder and that hooks formed by the U-shaped ends **20** and **22** enable a bail of a bucket or paint can to be positioned therethrough which then serves to hold the device in assembled relation and in desirable position on the rail of the ladder.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

1. A bracket for supporting a paint can and comprising a pair of superimposed rectangular body members, means loosely joining said body members to one another, a U-shaped body member secured to one of the rectangular body members and extending outwardly therefrom, the U-shaped body member having a downturned U-shaped end, an L-shaped body member having one end pivotally secured to said rectangular body members, the other and outermost end of said L-shaped body member comprising a downturned U-shape, a clamping piece slidably mounted between said rectangular body members, said clamping piece having an inturned end thereon.

2. The bracket for supporting a paint can set forth in claim 1 and wherein a secondary rectangular body member is pivotally mounted at one of its ends on the intermediate portion of said U-shaped body member and apertured adjacent its opposite end for the reception of the end of the U-shaped portion of said L-shaped body member.

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