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Fig. 1

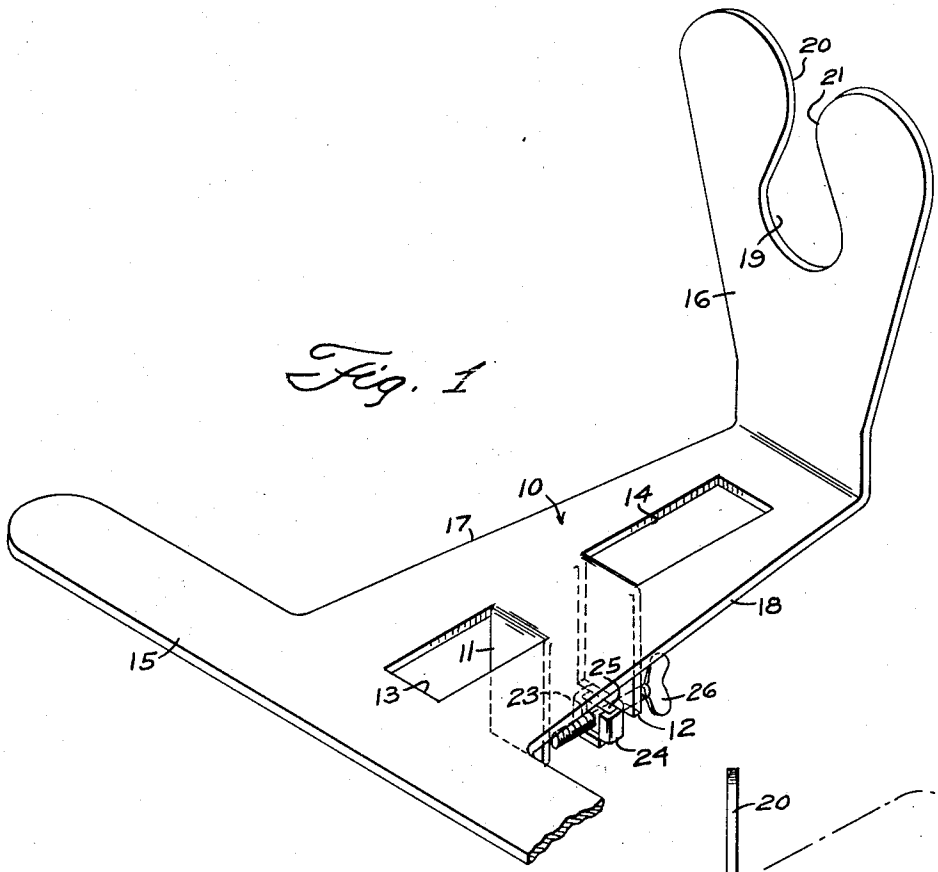
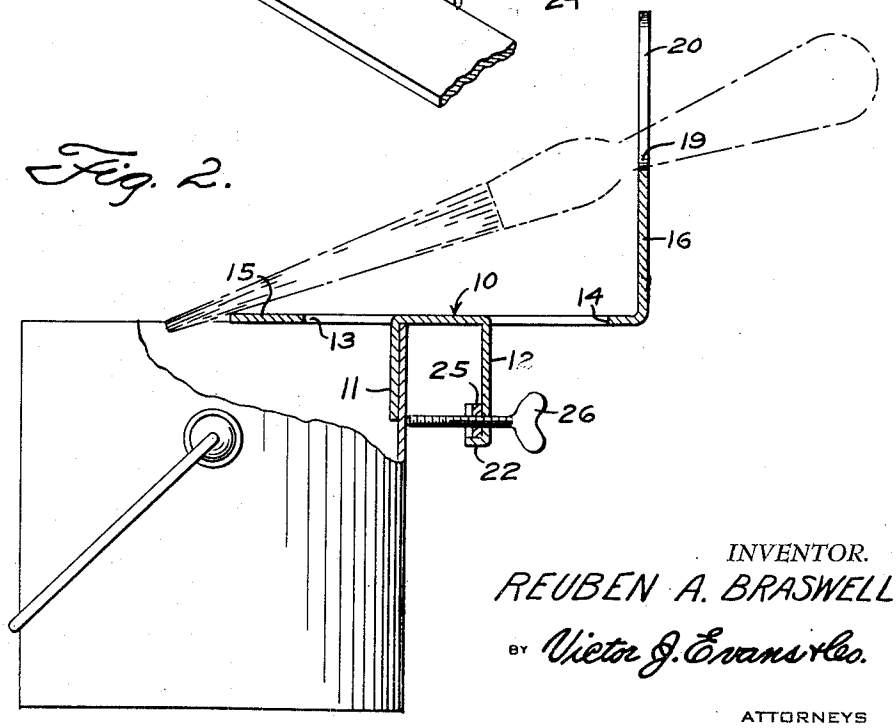


Fig. 2.



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This invention relates to devices for holding paint brushes on paint cans or buckets where the brush is filled with paint and it is desired to hold the brush so that the paint will drip back into the bucket, and in particular a paint brush holder that may be stamped from a single piece of sheet material and which includes a clamp for securing the device on the side of a bucket, a bar over which the brush may be drawn to remove surplus paint therefrom, and a bracket having a socket with a constricted throat for holding the handle of the brush through the small part thereof.

The purpose of this invention is to provide a device for holding paint brushes on the side of a paint can that may be formed from a single piece of sheet material with the only added parts being a screw and nut.

This invention is an improvement over the brush holder of my prior Patent No. 2,487,516, in that the holder is designed so that all of the parts thereof may be formed from a single sheet of material without joints, welds, or the like.

In the brush holder of my prior patent and also in brush holders now in use machine work is required in forming and assembling the parts and this increases the cost to such an extent that devices for holding paint brushes on cans and the like are very seldom used. With this thought in mind this invention contemplates a paint brush holder which also includes a scraper bar for removing excess paint from the brush and a restricted handle holding socket that is formed with a single piece of sheet material.

The object of this invention is, therefore, to provide means for forming a device for holding paint brushes on the edge of cans wherein a flat strip of material may be cut and the parts thereof bent to form a clamp, a bar for scraping excess paint from the brush, and a handle holding socket.

Another object of the invention is to provide a paint brush holder and scraper that is adapted to be used on cans and buckets of different sizes.

A further object of the invention is to provide a device for holding paint brushes on cans and the like which is of a simple and economical construction.

With these and other objects and advantages in view the invention embodies the new and novel combination, construction, and arrangement of parts as hereinafter more fully described, set forth in the claims appended hereto, and disclosed in the accompanying drawings, forming part hereof, wherein:

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Figure 1 is a view showing the paint brush holder removed from a can or the like, and with part of a scraper bar thereof broken away.

Figure 2 is a view showing a side elevation of a paint can with part broken away and with a paint brush holder mounted thereon, the holder being shown in section.

Referring now to the drawings wherein like reference characters indicate corresponding parts the paint brush holder of this invention includes a base 10 having clamp jaws 11 and 12 struck from openings 13 and 14 therein, a scraper bar 15, and a handle holding web 16.

The base 10 is formed with converging sides 17 and 18 and the bar 15 extends from the large end thereof, being perpendicular to the center line thereof, and integral therewith. The web 16 extends perpendicularly upward from the small end of the base, being integral therewith, and the upper end is provided with a brush handle holding holding socket 19 having inwardly extending ears 20 and 21 at the upper part or throat thereof, wherein the small part only of a brush handle may be inserted in the socket so that a brush may readily be held therein.

The lower end of the jaw 12 is provided with a flange 22 and lower sections 23 and 24 at the lower end are formed around as shown in Figure 1 to hold a nut 25 in which a thumb screw 26 is threaded, as shown in Figure 2. The jaw 12 and its corresponding opening 14 are slightly longer than the jaw 11 with its opening 13 so that additional material is provided on the jaw 12 for the parts 22, 23, and 24.

With the parts arranged in this manner a device is provided that keeps paint off of a brush handle as when the brush is in the holder the paint will flow from the brush into the bucket or can, and as the brush is dipped into the bucket the excess paint thereon may be removed by drawing the brush over the bar 15. With the brush handle positioned in the socket, as indicated by the dotted lines in Figure 2, or with the large part of the handle in the socket, accidental removal thereof is prevented, the constricted part of the throat preventing removal of the handle until the brush is drawn outward.

The paint brush holder may readily be clamped on the rim of a bucket or pail, as shown in Figure 2, and with the jaws of the clamp spaced as shown, it may be used on buckets having rims of substantially any type.

It will be understood that modifications may be made in the design and arrangement of the

parts without departing from the spirit of the invention.

What is claimed is:

A paint brush holder and scraper comprising an elongated base provided with a transversely positioned bar at one end and having an upwardly extending web at the other end thereof, said web having a socket therein with ears in the upper edges of the socket providing a restricted throat, a pair of plates struck from aligned openings medially of said base and extending from adjacent ends of the openings downwardly at right angles to the base, said plates providing jaws, the jaw nearest the web having an integrally extending flange on its lower end, there being an opening in that jaw having the flange thereon, a nut contacting said flange and having an opening in alignment with the opening in said jaw, and a thumb screw projecting through the aligned opening and extending toward the jaw nearest the bar.

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