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CAN ATTACHMENT FOR PAINTBRUSH CONTROL

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Fig. 1.

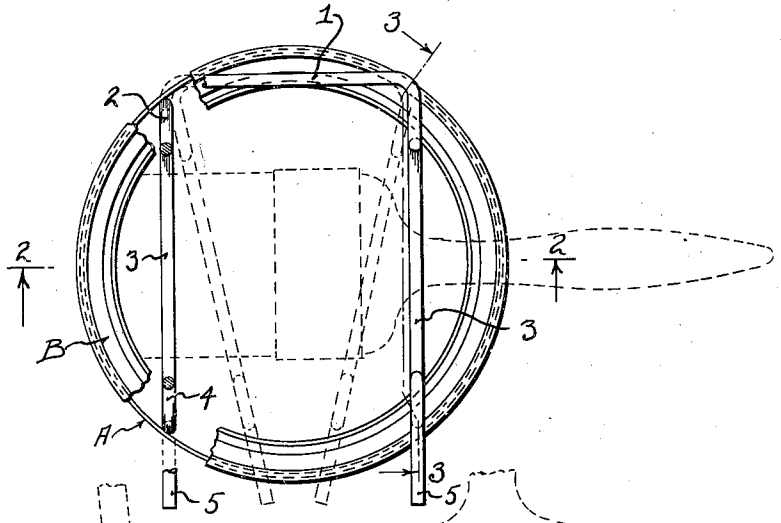


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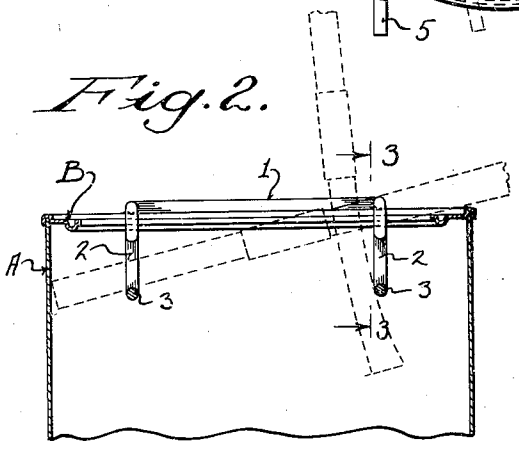


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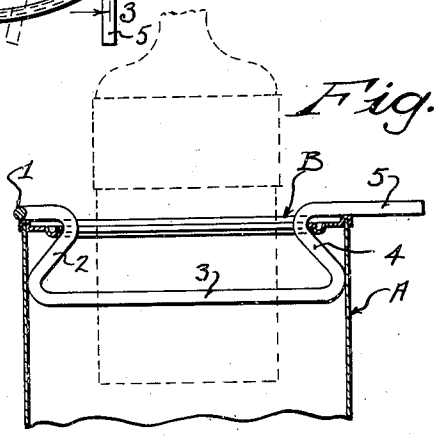
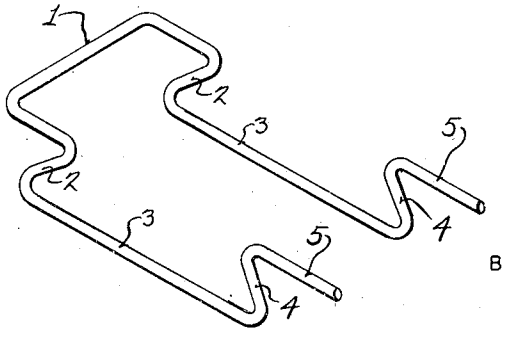


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My invention refers to means for supporting paint brushes and it has for its object to provide a one-piece wire clip attachable to the flanged mouth of a paint can, whereby the brush, when not in use, is safely supported for drainage, and when in use, the brush bristles can be stripped of surplus paint, whereby the can flange is kept clean from gumming, to receive the cover for preserving the surplus paint remaining in the can.

With the above and other objects in view, which will appear as the description proceeds, the invention resides in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts, substantially as hereinafter described, and more particularly defined by the appended claim, it being understood that such changes in the precise embodiment of the herein disclosed invention may be made as come within the scope of the claim.

In the accompanying drawings is illustrated one complete example of the physical embodiment of the present invention constructed according to the best mode so far devised for the practical application of the principles thereof.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 represents a plan view of a paint can having attached thereto a one-piece wire clip embodying the features of my invention, parts being broken away and in section to more clearly illustrate structural features.

Fig. 2 is a cross sectional view through the can and clip, the section being indicated by line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a cross sectional view through the can and clip, particularly illustrating the locking means for said clip, the section being indicated by line 3—3 of Fig. 1; and

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the clip.

Referring by characters to the drawings, A indicates a fragment of a paint can having an inwardly extended flange B about the mouth of said can.

As shown in the drawings, the upper face and mouth of the can has fitted thereto a one piece spring wire brush holder of the hairpin type.

As shown, the brush holder attachment comprises a wire bent to form a pair of legs 3, which legs are inserted into the can a pre-determined distance below its mouth.

The legs 3 terminate at their inner ends with a pair of upwardly and inwardly extended locking hooks 2.

This pair of hooks project through the mouth of the can and are connected by a rectangular loop 1, which loop engages the upper face of the can, whereby the legs at the inner end of the brush holder are supported.

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The outer ends of the legs 3 are similarly provided with a pair of upwardly and inwardly inclined locking legs 4. The upper pair of these hooks are then folded and extend outwardly to form gripping feet 5, which feet project slightly beyond the outer face of the can, whereby they may be conveniently manipulated, it being understood that said feet are on the same horizontal plane and that they rest on the upper face of the can.

The brush holder can be readily removed and inserted into the mouth of a can by simply squeezing the legs and feet at the free ends thereof together, whereby the legs are inserted into the mouth of the can, and when the legs are released, they will spring outwardly and assume a horizontal position as indicated in Figure 1 of the drawings to thus squeeze lock and support the holder with reference to the can mouth.

As indicated in dotted lines in the drawings, the tufts of the brush, when not in use, may rest upon one of the legs and an aligned portion of the flange B.

It is also obvious when it is desired to strip the brush tufts from superfluous paint, it may be done by wiping the brush against one of the legs as indicated in dotted lines Figure 2.

I claim:

A combined brush holder and brush wiper attachment for paint cans, comprising a centrally positioned horizontally disposed rectangular wire loop, adapted to rest upon the top flange of a can mouth, a pair of parallel legs forming brush rests and wipers, the said legs being merged into the support loop by hooked sections flared outwardly to engage the inner surface of a can body, the opposite end of the legs being folded upwardly to form a second pair of outwardly flared hooks, engageable with the inner surface of a can body, the upper ends of said last mentioned hooks being folded downwardly to form a pair of parallel feet upon the same horizontal plane as the loop, and adapted to rest upon the flange of the can mouth, whereby said end feet are contacted for the purpose of inserting the legs into the can body.

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