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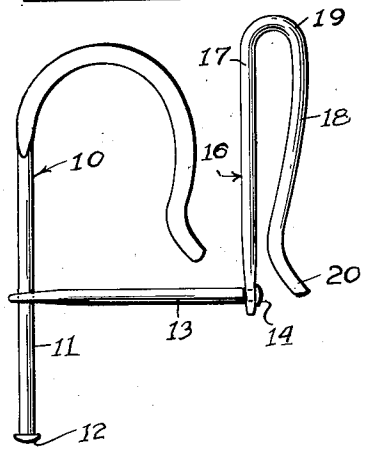


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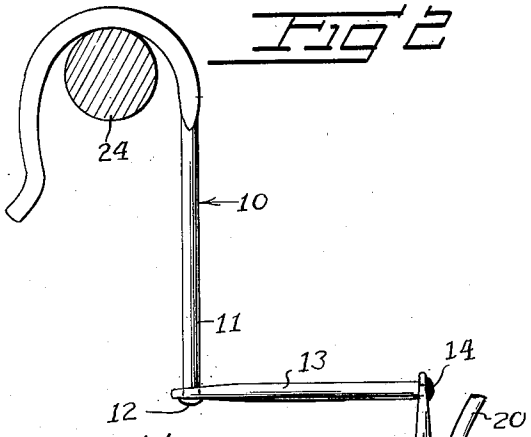


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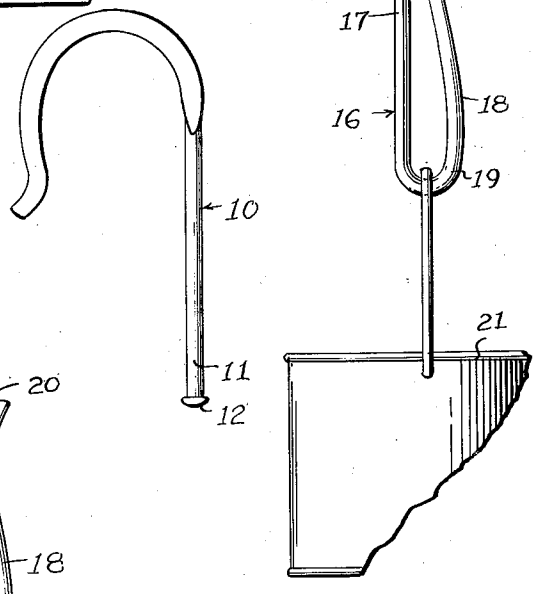


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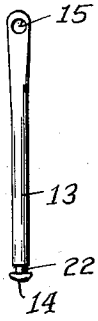
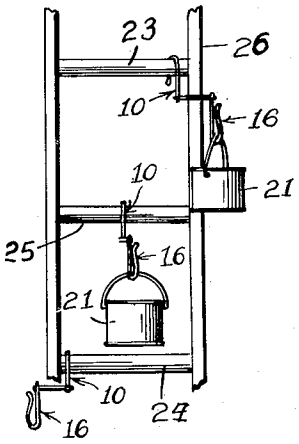


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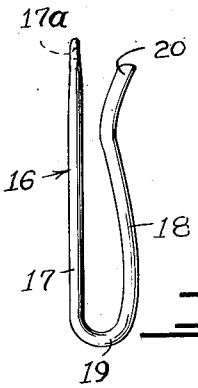


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My invention relates to a much needed implement for a house painter or decorator for hanging his paint pot from the rung of a ladder, peg or nail, or any other projecting element. This implement may for instance be hung on a ladder so that the paint pot can be suspended inside or outside of the ladder or in the middle between the two uprights thereof.

This painter's pot hook is a very useful tool and as necessary to the painter as a putty knife and a duster, and is the result of years of practical experience in my search for such a tool.

This implement has the following advantages, first, simplicity and strength of construction so that instructions need not be given the purchaser as to the method or of the use; second, it works equally well in at least three positions where a pot hook is needed, that is to say, to the right or to the left, of the ladder or inside the same. There are no bolts, nuts or screws to adjust for the different positions, and the change can be made instantly even without removing the paint pot from the hook; third, when the paint pot has to be removed from the ladder a hook is just lifted up while the paint pot remains suspended therefrom, and when it is needed to separate the hook from the paint pot, this is accomplished by a gentle pressure of the fingers on the suspension portion of the implement. This is important because the hook will not fall into the paint when it is removed; fourth, when not in use, the implement can be folded easily into flat position, making it easy to carry in the pocket without discomfort or without danger of it becoming entangled with some other objects; fifth, the implement is very sturdily made of material easy to obtain, preferably iron and can be manufactured at a low cost. Its practicability has been proven by long use.

These and other objects and advantages of the invention will be clearly understood from the subjoined description with the aid of the attached drawings.

Like numerals relate to the same details in the different views of the drawings wherein:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the implement folded;

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the implement suspended from the rung of the ladder with a paint pot hung thereon;

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the first or suspension member of the implement;

Figure 4 is a side elevation of the intermediary member of the implement;

Figure 5 is a pot carrying hook itself; and

Figure 6 is a front elevation of a ladder illustrating some different uses and manner of suspending a paint pot from its rungs.

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This implement consists of three members namely the large suspension hook 10 with a straight shank 11 terminating with a small head 12.

The second member 13 is a plain straight rod which has a small head 14 on a narrow neck 22 at one end and transversely drilled or punched hole 15 at its other end.

The third member 16 is also hook shaped having two shanks 17 and 18 joined together by an arched portion 19 and shank 18 having a slightly outwardly bent upper end 20 forming a narrow entrance with the crank 17 for passing the handle of a paint pot 21 when the end 20 is bent out from the shank 17. Thru the upper end of said shank 17 is drilled a hole 17a in the direction to the bent out end 20 for receiving the neck 22 of the member 13 and held in position by the head 14. The suspension member 10 is likewise engaged in the hole 15 of the rod 13 as best seen in Figure 2 so as to be both slidable and turnable thereon, where all three members are assembled as a unit.

It will be evident that the suspension member 10 can be turned completely around on the rod 13 in the horizontal plane as seen in Figure 2 while the pot engaging member 16 can be turned in a vertical plane around the rod 13.

The members 10 and 13 are preferably made of soft iron while the member 16 is made of spring wire.

In Figure 6 the various applications of the implement are indicated so that the same is hung from the rung 23 on the ladder 26 so as to hold the paint pot 21 on the right side of the ladder, while on the next rung 24 the implement is turned to hold the paint pot on the left outside the ladder, lastly the implement is hung on the rung 25 so that the paint pot hangs in the middle of the ladder.

When not in use the implement is folded flat, as shown in Figure 1, so that it can be carried comfortably in the pocket and in Figure 2 the implement is unfolded so that its hook member 10 is suspended on the rung 23 with the paint pot 21 hanging below from the member 16.

It is to be understood that the invention as herein disclosed may be varied from the details described and shown without departure from the spirit of the subjoined claim.

I claim:

A painter's pot hook, comprising an inverted U-shaped hook element having one of its legs substantially longer than its other leg, an annular

head formed at the free end of the longer of said legs, a straight arm having one end apertured and engaged on the said longer leg for sliding and turning movements, said arm having a length somewhat greater than the width of said hook element, an annular head formed on the other end of said arm, said arm having an annular groove formed therein immediately in rear of the last named head, and a second substantially U-shaped hook having its legs closely spaced and of substantially the same length, with one leg irregularly curved and the other straight, the last named straight leg having its free end apertured and engaged with said groove.

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