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COMBINATION PETROL AND OIL OR LIKE CONTAINER
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This invention relates to petrol and oil or like containers, and this invention has for its object a combination of such containers so that they may be more conveniently carried on a motor vehicle.

According to this invention, a petrol container and an oil or the like container are so combined that the containers are detachably fitted together to form a single unit, and the arrangement is characterized in that the combined container is so constructed that it is adapted to be fixed to the foot or running board of a motor vehicle by means of a spare petrol tin carrier which grips the bottom bead of the container. The combined container conveniently forms a rectangular prism and a division passes from or near one corner in a diagonal or inclined direction.

Referring to the drawings:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a combined petrol and oil container.

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the petrol and the oil container shown by Figure 1 detached from one another.

Figure 3 is a side view of the combined petrol and oil container gripped in a holder for fixing the same to the running or footboard of a motor vehicle.

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of this invention in which three containers are combined together to form a single unit, and Figure 5 is a perspective view of the three containers shown by Figure 4 detached from one another.

According to a convenient embodiment of this invention, a petrol container 1, and an oil container 2, are separate members, but when fitted together form the shape of an ordinary rectangular petrol tin. The division between the two containers passes, in this preferred embodiment, from or near one corner of the combined structure in an inclined direction to the opposite side of the device. The two containers are detachably fitted together by means of the side lips 3 of the petrol container engaging the grooves 4 in the sides of the oil container. The spring 19 fixed to the petrol container takes up play and prevents a loose fit and rattle. The two containers are shaped so that the adjacent mating edges form a neat joint so that the combined structure presents the appearance of a single member.

The petrol container 1 has a bottom bead 5 running therearound and the oil container 2 has a bottom bead 7 running therearound and when the two containers are fixed together as shown by Figure 1; the beads 6 and 7 are in alignment. The front face of the petrol container passes entirely across the front of the single unit, and therefore a straight bead also passes along the bottom edge of such front face. The combination petrol tin and oil container therefore can be fixed to the type of spare petrol tin carrier which grips the bottom bead. As shown in Figure 3, in one parameter of the carrier, the fixed jaw 8 engages the aligned beads 6 and 7 or either of the beads 6 and 7, whilst the pressure of the movable jaw 9 engages the bead running along the front face of the petrol container 1. In the form illustrated, the movable jaw 9 comprises an eccentrically mounted disc. The combined petrol container and oil container thus constructed can also be fixed in position by the type of carrier comprising a bar which passes over the top of the structure. The device further presents an undivided face on the outside. The petrol container 1 is fitted with a handle 10 and the oil container 2 is fitted with a handle 11. The petrol container is fitted with the usual form of stopper 12 and the oil container is provided with a pouring nozzle 13 covered by a cap 14.

According to a modified form of the invention as shown by Figures 4 and 5, a petrol container 15, oil container 16, and tool box or other container 17 are combined together to form a single structure. The parts are constructed similar to parts 1 and 2 with the exception that both sides of the petrol container 15 are constructed to receive triangular containers instead of one side only. The container 17 may have a hinge lid 18 so that tools or other articles may be conveniently placed therein or removed therefrom.

I claim—

1. A combined petrol, oil, and tool container comprising a petrol container having a bead on the bottom edge, an oil container having a bead on the bottom edge, a tool or other container having a bead on the bottom edge, vertical flanges on opposite corners on two faces of the petrol container to form grooves for receiving the other containers to combine the containers together as a single unit so that the bottom edges of such single unit can be gripped on oppo-
site sides by the jaws of a holder fixed to the running or foot board of the motor vehicle.

2. A combined petrol and oil container comprising a petrol container with a bead on the bottom, an oil container with a bead on the bottom, which when fitted to the petrol container forms a rectangular prism with a division passing from one front corner in a diagonal or inclined direction so that a single undivided face forms the front of the combined unit, means for fixing the containers together to form a single unit so that the beads of the two containers on the rear side of the unit are in alignment whereby one gripping jaw applied to the front bottom edge and a gripping jaw applied to the rear bottom edge will form the sole means for fixing the combined unit to the running board of a motor vehicle and means between the adjacent faces of the tool containers to prevent rattle.

3. A combined petrol and oil container comprising a petrol container having an inclined face on one side and having a bead on the bottom, an oil container of the shape of a triangular prism and having a bead on the bottom, which oil container when fitted to the petrol container forms a rectangular prism with one face of the petrol container forming the front face of the rectangular prism, a lip on the end of the latter face and bent at right angles thereto, a lip on the opposite face of this petrol container, grooves in the oil container for engaging against these lips when the oil container is slidden into position, whereby the bead on the rear aligned faces of the two containers are in alignment without projections, so that the combined unit can be held on the running board solely by the edges on the front and rear being gripped between clamping jaws of a holder, and a spring located between the adjacent faces of the two containers to prevent rattle.

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