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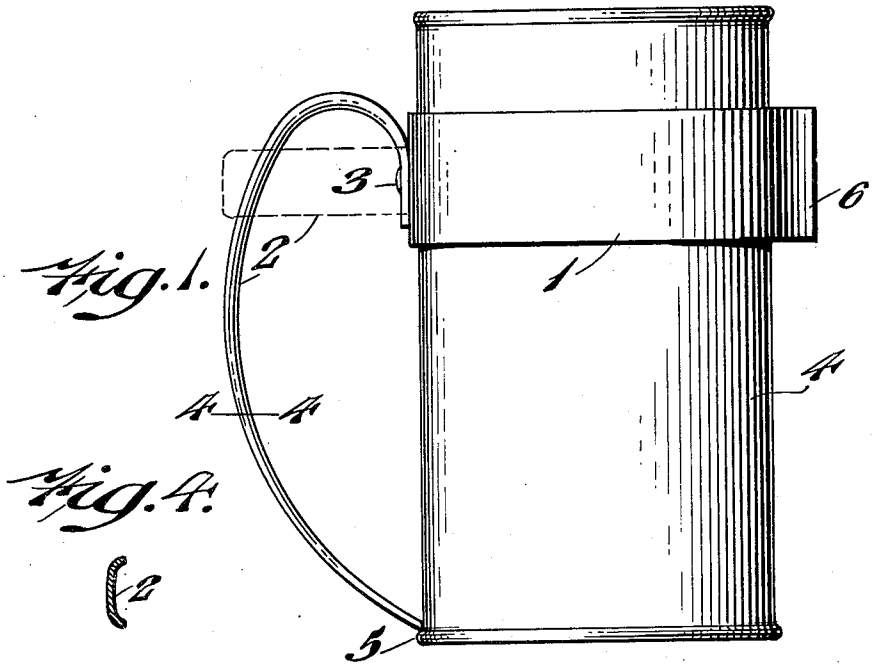


Fig. 1.

Fig. 4.

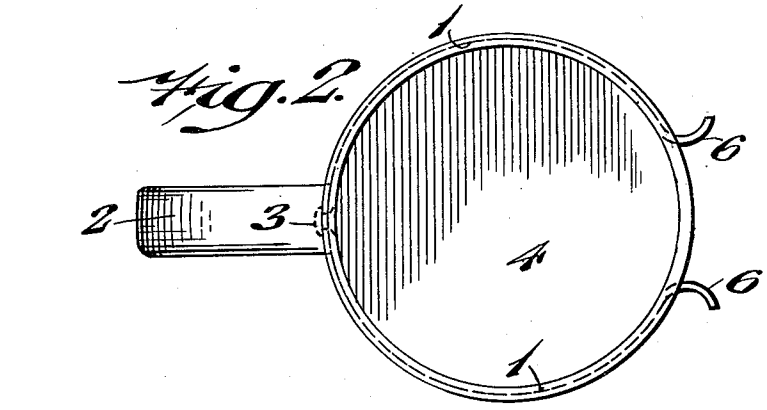


Fig. 2.

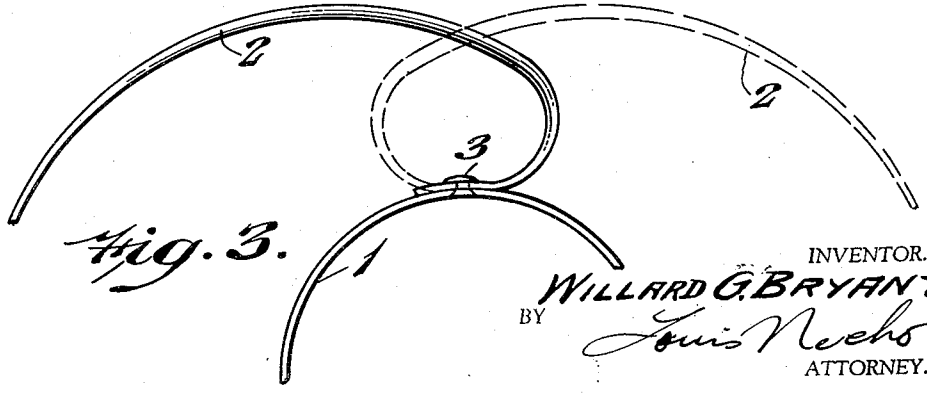


Fig. 3.

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1 Claim. (Cl. 16—114)

My invention relates to a new and useful receptacle holder and it relates more particularly to a detached and removable receptacle holder adapted to be applied to a receptacle when for any reason it is not desired to hold the receptacle by hand.

My invention further relates to a receptacle holder which may be made of one standard size but which would accommodate receptacles of a relatively wide range of variations and sizes and one which is easy to clean, durable and inexpensive to manufacture.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 represents a view in side elevation illustrating the application of my receptacle holder applied to a conventional can.

Figure 2 represents a plan view of Figure 1.

Figure 3 represents a plan view with the can omitted and showing the handle turned at a right angle to the position shown in Figure 1.

Figure 4 represents a cross section on line 4—4 of Figure 1.

As will be seen clearly from the drawing my receptacle holder consists of a split annular member 1 formed of a springy material and which may be of one piece, as shown in the drawing, or which may be formed of two pieces secured together at the junction with the handle 2. The handle 2 is preferably formed of a resilient material and is pivotally secured at 3 to the annulus 1 so that it may be used in the vertical position shown in Figure 1, or so that it may be turned to a position at right angles to the vertical axis of the can in either direction as shown in solid and dotted lines in Figure 3. The handle is preferably convexed in either direction as shown in Figure 4 to afford a better grip. The bottom edge of the handle is shaped to fit against the wall of the can 4 and to engage the bottom bead 5. A split annular member 1 is split and its ends are deflected, as at 6, so that the can 4 may be inserted between the deflected ends 6 and, in any event, to afford the necessary flexibility for the accommodation of various sized cans. When used as shown in Figure 4, the engagement of the bottom edge of the handle 2 with the bead 5 together with the upper end of the handle being secured to a split annular member 1 forms a rigid non-slip support by which the receptacle 4 is firmly retained.

The brewers have recently adopted the expedient of replacing beer bottles with suitably lined metallic cans which are dispensed in saloons and other places of beverage refreshment, and it has been found that either because of condensation on the cold can, or because the can has been refrigerated in a mixture of cracked ice, the outside of the can becomes very wet and hence undesirable to grasp by hand. One application, therefore, of the present invention is to make a removable handle such as I have disclosed to be manufactured at an extremely low price and to be distributed by the various brewers with their name, trade-mark or other advertising material preferably inscribed on the annulus or the handle or both, such handles to be given away free for the accommodation of the consuming customers or perhaps for sale at a very nominal price. While there is no limit to the number of uses to which this holder can be applied, I wish to point out, by way of another illustration, a very great use to which it can be put in the modern industrial and home kitchens where canned soups and vegetables and sometimes meats are served after being thoroughly heated, and where, by means of my novel holder, the hot cans, which can not otherwise be handled properly, can be grasped while being carried from place to place, or while the contents are being emptied.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A receptacle holder comprising a spring curvilinear handle, the bottom edge of which is adapted to engage the bead on the bottom end of a receptacle, and an annular split spring band secured to the upper end of said handle, the ends of said band being outwardly turned and spaced apart a distance well below the diameter of the receptacle to be held, whereby the pressure of the receptacle against said ends tends to open said spring band and cause the latter to encircle said receptacle.

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