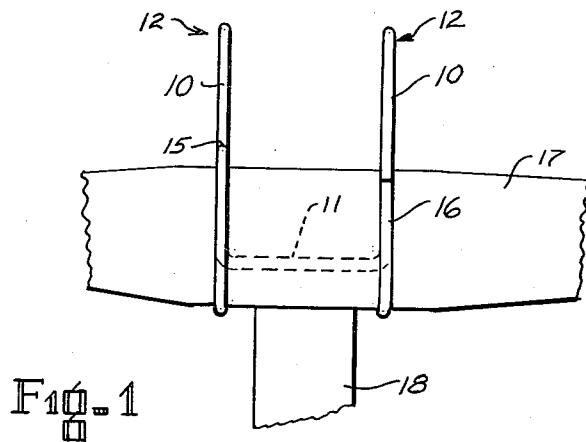
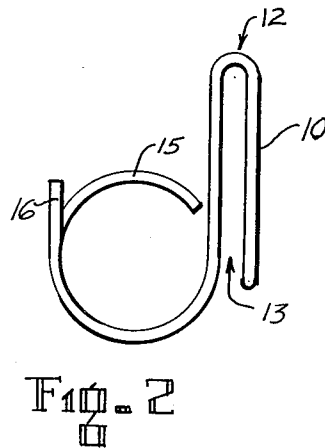


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1 Claim. (Cl. 24—3)

This invention pertains to devices for hanging tools from the clothing of an artisan and more particularly to a device adapted to be hung from such clothing and in which may be carried a chipping hammer commonly used by welders.

In the past, chipping hammers such as are used by welders were often an inconvenience. Either they were laid down on a work table or on the work itself and then were not conveniently located when needed again, or they were hung in overall loops or the like where they were readily displaced and dropped to the floor.

By my invention I provide a simple, economically manufactured clip adapted to be hung from a belt, pocket or the like of a workman. The clip is formed to hold the hammer so that when it is free of the workman's hand it is almost impossible to dislodge the hammer from the clip. Yet removal of the hammer from the clip can be very easily accomplished by lifting the handle of the hammer.

A more complete understanding of the invention in its embodiment may be had from a study of the following specification and the figures in which:

FIG. 1 is a front elevational view of the clip showing a hammer hung therein, and

FIG. 2 is a side elevational view of the clip.

Briefly my invention comprises a clip formed preferably of wire which is adapted to be hung on a belt or pocket and which has a loop and a hook adapted to hold a hammer therein.

More specifically and with reference to the figures, my device comprises a clip formed preferably of a fairly stiff wire. Other materials could also be used. I can envision a clip formed of sheet metal cut to shape and formed similarly to the wire, but because of ease of manufacture I prefer to use the wire. This wire is formed to provide two upstanding legs 10 extending from a cross member 11 and folded back on each other to form a belt-engaging double fork 12. The gap 13 between the fork may be adjusted to grip either a belt or a pocket or any other similar edge of clothing which might be worn by the user.

From the end of one fork 12 the wire extends to form a substantially complete loop 15. The end of the other fork 12 extends to form a U-shaped hook 16. These two ends provide the advantages for my device.

The usual chipping hammer as partially illustrated in FIG. 1 has a fairly long head 17. One of the ends of the head is formed to provide a pointed end and the other a chisel end. As is customary for most hammers, the handle 18 extends from approximately the center of the head.

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In the use of my device, the hammer is inserted into the clip with the handle extending upwardly from the head. In this position, the one end (usually the pointed end because this one will be more easily guided) is slid into the closed loop 15. It can be seen that the handle will not interfere with such movement because it will pass through the open top of the U-shaped hook 16. After the end of the hammer is fully inserted, the handle may be dropped. The handle will fall into the gap between the hook 16 and the loop 15 effectively locking the hammer into the clip. In the ordinary clip having simply two hooks, the hammer is very readily dislodged by any blow or upward movement on any part of the hammer. However in the clip of my invention the loop 15 prevents such easy dislodgment. In fact, it is possible to engage in any sort of activity in nearly any posture without releasing the hammer. For instance neither normal sitting nor kneeling will shake the hammer loose. These postures are not infrequently necessary in many welding operations, and the advantage of my clip will be obvious at such times.

It is conceived that the clip may be made from material other than wire. It will be obvious that it could be fabricated partly from wire and partly from sheet metal or entirely from sheet metal. It is also envisioned that a coated wire might be used. Further modification and refinements, such as having the end of the wire at the hook 16 folded back on itself to provide a rounded end—or any other type of rounded end on that wire—are also envisioned.

Having thus described my invention in its embodiment I am aware that further and extensive variations may be made therefrom without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention as limited only by the following claim.

I claim:

A hanger for hanging a hammer having a two-ended head and a handle from a belt or the like; said hanger comprising two substantially parallel legs, the first of said legs including a loop adapted to encircle one end of said hammer head and a fork member adapted to embrace said belt, the second leg comprising a hook adapted to cradle the second end of said hammer head and a fork member adapted to engage said belt, and a cross member integral with said fork members on both legs to hold said legs together in substantially parallel, spaced relationship.

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