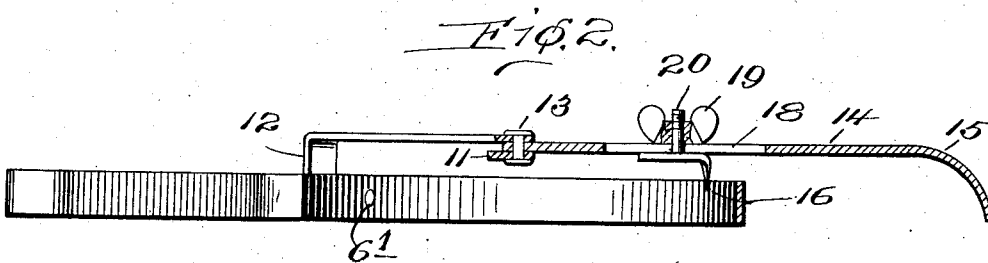
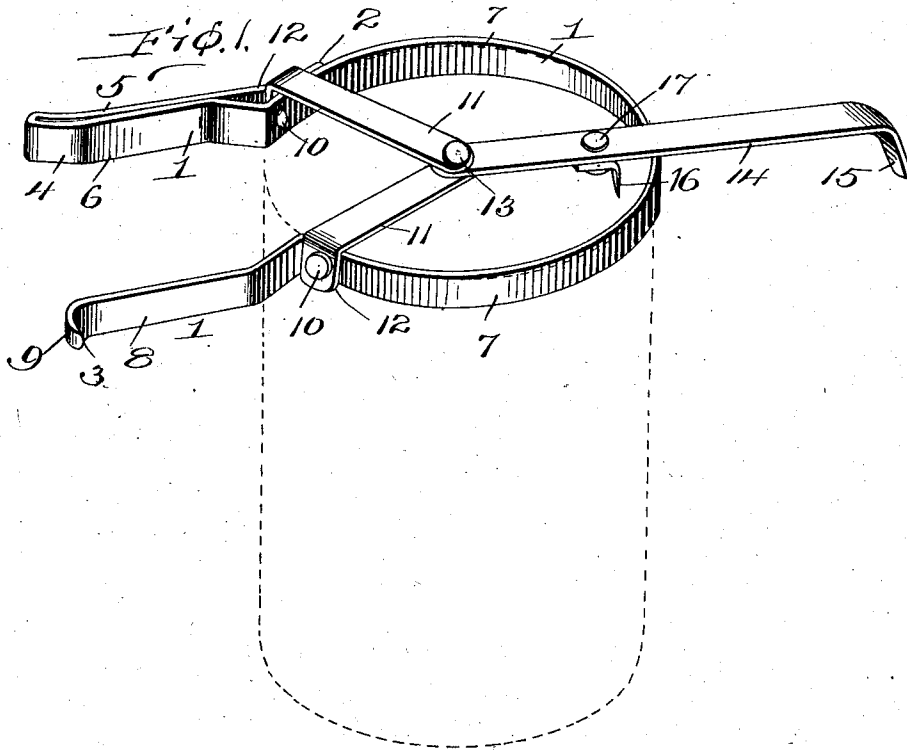


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EMERSON B. MOSELEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Alliance, in the county of Stark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Can-Openers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has relation to new and useful improvements in can openers and the main object thereof is to provide a can opener that will be adapted to grip the upper end of a can while the top is being opened, to prevent the liability of cutting the hands, which is frequently done while opening cans with an ordinary can opener.

Another object of my invention is to provide a can opener of the above kind, the gripping mechanism of which is formed of one continuous strip of resilient metal.

While my can opener may be fitted to different sized cans, where the differences are not to a large degree, yet it may be made in different sizes where the differences in the sizes of the cans are considerable.

With the foregoing and other objects in view my invention consists in the novel construction and arrangement of parts as are described in this specification, illustrated in the accompanying drawings forming a part thereof and particularly pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

Reference being had to the drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my invention, the can to which it has been applied being indicated by the dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a vertical, longitudinal sectional view of a slightly modified form of Fig. 1.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, in which like numerals designate like parts throughout, my invention, in detail, is described as follows:

The can opener comprises a strip of resilient metal 1 which is continuous from one end 2 to the other end 3 thereof. The strip is first formed into a suitable handle or brace 4, which is designed to press against the palm of the hand while the can is being held. This handle or brace consists in a layer of metal 5 which has folded back upon itself a second layer 6, said end 2 of the layer 5 being securely riveted by means of a rivet 6' to the circular or curved part 7 of the can opener, which circular part encircles the top of a can to be opened, as illustrated in Fig. 1 of the drawings. The handle 8 is formed integral with the curved

or circular part 7 of the opener, the same as the layer of metal 6 is formed integral with the other end of said curved part. The handle 8 is designed to accommodate the fingers of the hand, the curved end 9 thereof being adapted to partially encircle the little finger of the hand, thereby enabling the user to obtain a firm grip upon the can.

Riveted near each end of the circular part 7 of the opener by means of rivets 10 or other suitable means adapted for the purpose, are supports 11 provided with the right angular portions 12 through which portions and the respective ends of said curved part 7, said rivets or fastening means 10 extend. Said supports meet at their inner ends and have passing through registering perforations therein a rivet 13 or its equivalent, upon which rivet the arm 14 rotates. Said arm 14 is provided with a perforation at its inner end which receives said rivet 13, said arm being interposed between the ends of the supports 11. Said arm is curved near its outer end at 15 adapting the right hand to firmly grip the same. Provided upon said arm is a suitable knife 16 which is held in place by suitable securing means 17 such as a rivet or nut and bolt connections.

In Fig. 2 I have employed a slightly modified form of cutting blade, which form is adjustable in that said cutting blade may be slid longitudinally in a longitudinal perforation 18 of the arm 14. When the cutting blade is at the desired position a thumb screw 19 is screwed downward upon the threaded lug 20 until it binds against the upper face of said arm 14, securing the cutting blade temporarily in position against longitudinal movement.

Although I have specifically described the construction, combination and arrangement of the several parts of my invention, yet I do not confine myself to such specific combination, construction and arrangement of parts but reserve and may exercise the right to make such changes therein as do not depart from the spirit of the invention or the scope of the appended claim.

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

A can opener comprising a continuous strip of resilient metal bent into curved and handle portions, supports fixed to the curved portion and being provided at their inner

ends with circular perforations, a rivet snugly received within the said perforations whereby the inner ends of the supports are pivotally connected together and the rivet is restrained against movement bodily with relation to the supports, an arm pivoted on the rivet, and a knife carried by the arm.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature, in presence of two witnesses.

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