

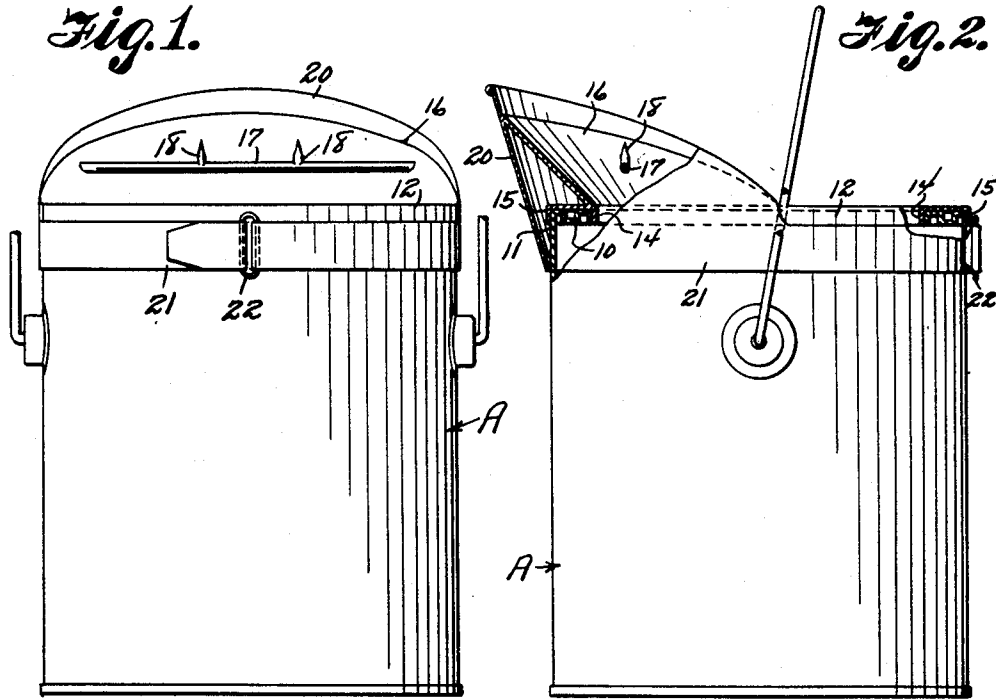
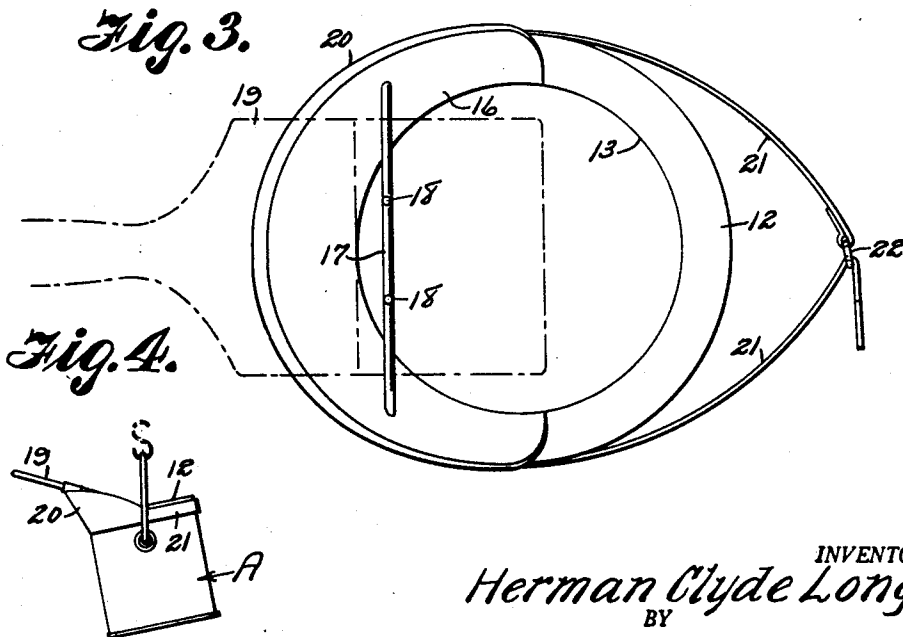
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The invention relates to a brush holder for cans, and more especially to a paint brush holder attachment for a paint container.

The primary object of the invention is the provision of an attachment of this character, wherein the construction thereof enables a paint brush to be held clear of paint within a can or the like, to be at rest while not in use, the attachment being detachably secured in place upon the can or the like, so as to be handy for the holding of such brush.

Another object of the invention is the provision of an attachment of this character, wherein a paint brush can be readily and easily cleaned, and at the same time the brush will lie in a convenient place for accessibility, and on the can, which can be carried from one point to another, without the brush falling therefrom, the attachment being also adapted to prevent surplus paint going into the top seat for the can or the like, as well as permitting the closing of the latter when not in service, and thus eliminating skim on the paint after setting overnight or for a period of time.

A further object of the invention is the provision of an attachment of this character, wherein paint is prevented from running down the outside of the can or the like, and thus dropping on the floor, the attachment being designed to give ample clearance to permit the brush to be introduced into the can or the like for acquiring paint therein.

A still further object of the invention is the provision of an attachment of this character, which is simple in construction, thoroughly reliable and efficient in operation, readily and easily applied and removed, strong, durable, effective for the purposes intended thereof, as well as other purposes not mentioned, and inexpensive to manufacture and install.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, which shows the preferred embodiment of the invention, and pointed out in the claim hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawing:

Figure 1 is an elevation of the attachment constructed in accordance with the invention and applied to a paint bucket, can or the like.

Figure 2 is a side view, partly broken away.

Figure 3 is a top plan view.

Figure 4 is a side view showing the position of

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the can, bucket or the like when hung suspended, with the paint brush at rest.

Similar reference characters indicate corresponding parts throughout the several views in the drawing.

Referring to the drawing in detail A designates generally a paint bucket, can or the like, for containing paint, and is of the usual construction, with its top or cover, not shown, removed, the later being detachably interlocked in a clincher channel or groove 10 at the rim 11 of the top of such bucket, can or the like, as is common.

Adapted to be detachably fitted to the bucket, can or the like, is the holder constituting the present invention, and comprises an annulus 12, formed with a center opening 13, and such annulus has inner and outer peripheral gripping flanges 14 and 15, respectively, which engage with the rim 11, as best seen in Figure 2 of the drawing, so that the annulus 12 will detachably fit thereon and cover the groove 10, concentric to the opening 13, so that paint from the bucket, can or the like, cannot deposit in such groove, during the use of the paint from such bucket, can or the like.

The annulus 12 is formed with a spout 16, which inclines toward the opening 13, and suspended crosswise of the said spout is a rest rod 17, having outwardly or upwardly protruding retainer fingers 18 for the bristles of a brush 19 when laid across the rod, the said rod 17 being a rest for the brush, and the fingers also acting to prevent the latter from falling off, while not in use.

Supplementing the spout 16 is an outer guard 20 of substantially spout formation, and this also forms a bearing for the brush 19 at its stock when at rest on the rod, the said guard 20 being formed with attaching straps 21, which are adjustably connected by a suitable buckle 22, so that they may be tightened about the bucket, can or the like, for the attachment to be applied and removed.

In Figure 4 of the drawing the bucket, can or the like, is shown with the brush at rest, and in a position when such is suspended or hung from a ladder, not shown, or other support.

It should be apparent that when the attachment is in use it prevents the brush from twisting and falling sidewise when the bucket, can or the like, is picked up for moving it from one place to another, and also the rim 11 is completely covered, so that when through painting the original lid or cover for the said bucket, can or the like, can be placed over the opening 13, and in this way eliminating the skim formation on

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the paint after setting overnight, the attachment being detached for this purpose.

Furthermore, when suspending the bucket, can or the like, it tilts, giving clearance for the brush to be introduced therein for obtaining paint within the same, this being best seen in Figure 4 of the drawing.

Additionally, the attachment prevents paint from running down the outside of the bucket, can or the like, and dropping on the floor.

What is claimed is:

An attachment of the kind described, comprising an annulus formed with a central opening, inner and outer peripheral gripping flanges formed on said annulus and depending therefrom, said flanges adapted to detachably fit the top of a receptacle about a top opening therein, an inclined spout rising from the inner periphery of the annulus adjacent the inner depending flange, a rest rod suspended crosswise of the spout adjacent the pouring edge thereof, fingers protruding from the rod, a supplemental guard outside of the the spout having receptacle embracing

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straps, said guard extending beyond the pouring lip of the spout, said guard forming a support for the end of a paint brush when said brush is laid on said rest rod at right angles thereto.

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