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FIG. 1

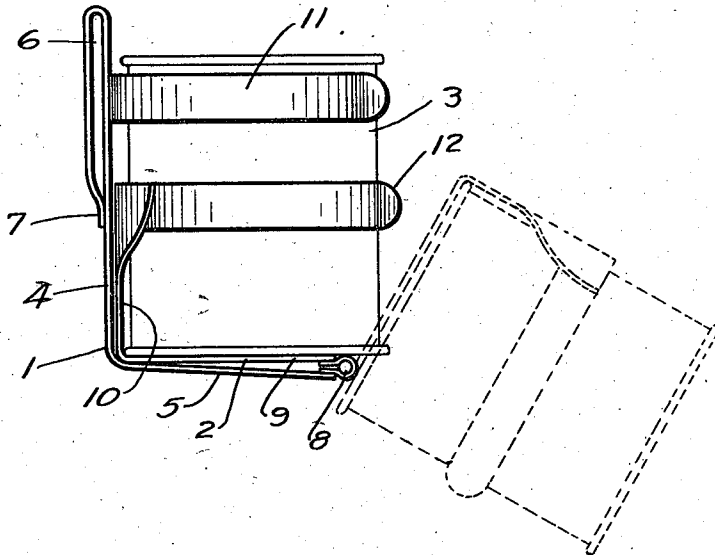
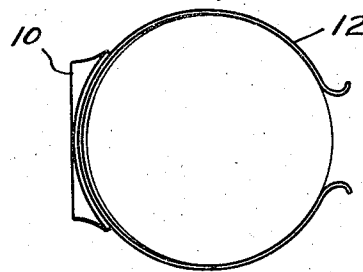
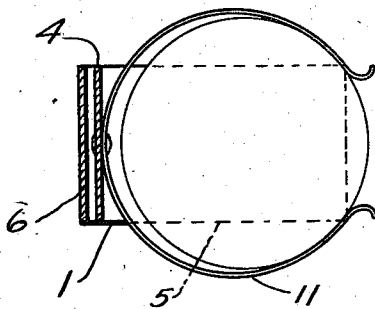


FIG. 2

FIG. 3



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The invention is a bracket for holding cans of salmon eggs or the like so that they may be normally held in the vertical position and readily tipped over to dump the eggs into a person's hand or so that the eggs may be loosened by placing the fingers into the can.

The object of the invention is to provide a simple and efficient bracket that may readily be attached to the belt or clothing for holding a small can or the like.

Another object of the invention is to provide a bracket having a double clip for holding a can or the like.

And a further object of the invention is to provide a bracket for holding a can or the like in the vertical position, which will permit the can to be tilted without releasing it.

With these ends in view the invention embodies an L shaped bracket having a loop at the upper end, a clip adjacent and a hinge at the lower end to which a secondary L shaped bracket with another clip at its upper end is attached.

Other features and advantages of the invention will appear from the following description, taken in connection with the drawings, wherein:—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the bracket, showing the can tilted in dotted lines.

Figure 2 is a plan view showing the upper clip with the upper end of the loop in section.

Figure 3 is a plan view of the lower clip.

In the drawings I have shown my device as it would be made wherein numeral 1 indicates the main bracket, numeral 2 a secondary bracket and numeral 3 a can that may be held in the device.

The bracket 1 is made of a flat piece of material with a vertical member 4, a horizontal member 5 and a loop 6 formed at the upper end by bending the member 4 over and downward and attaching the end to the member at the point 7. The outer end of the member 5 is provided with a hinge 8 to which the horizontal member 9 of the bracket 2 is also attached. The bracket 2 is also provided with a vertical member 10 which extends upward to a point about midway of the member 4 of the bracket 1.

The vertical member of the bracket 1 is

provided with a clip 11 which holds the can somewhat freely and the vertical member of the bracket 2 is provided with a clip 12 which holds the can comparatively rigid and it will be observed that by pushing the can outward, it may be moved out of the clip 11 and at the same time held by the clip 12 so that it may be tilted to the position shown in dotted lines in Figure 1 without being released from the bracket.

It will be understood that changes may be made in the construction without departing from the spirit of the invention. One of which changes may be in the design of either of the brackets, another may be in the means for attaching the bracket to a person's garment or belt, and still another may be in the use of other means for holding the can in the bracket.

The construction will be readily understood from the foregoing description. To use the device, the bracket may be held to a person's side by placing the belt through the loop 6 or by attaching it to the garment with a safety pin or the like. It will be observed that the clip 11 will normally hold the can in the vertical position and the clip 12 will positively hold the can to the bracket, so that the can may readily be forced out of the clip 11 until a salmon egg or the like is removed therefrom and then snapped back into the clip 11 without danger of its being dropped or upset. It is also understood that any type of utensil may be used in place of the can as may be desired.

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

In a bracket of the class described, an L shaped member with a loop at its upper end, and a hinge at its lower end, a smaller L shaped member nesting within the former member and attached to the hinge at the end of the former member, a spring clip attached to the said former member to hold a can or the like rigidly upright to it and another spring clip to hold a can or the like rigidly to the said latter member, thereby allowing the can or the like to be swung outwardly and downwardly by releasing the spring clip on the said former member.

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