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FIG. 1

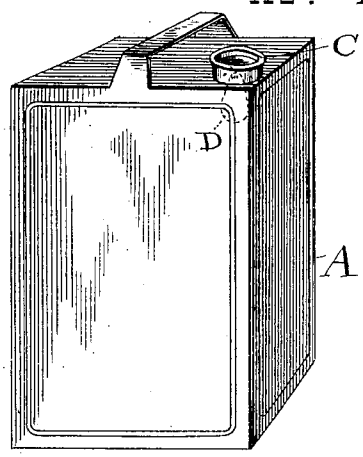


FIG. 2.

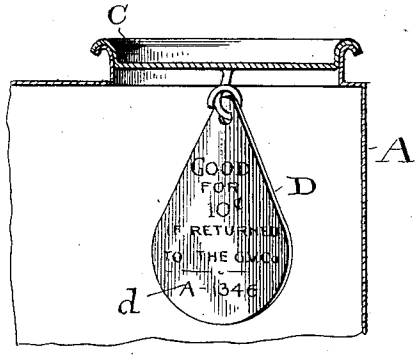
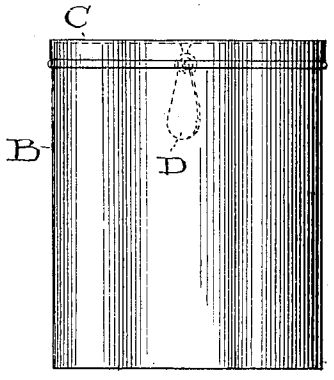


FIG. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FREDERICK A. GLIDDEN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Cleveland, in the county of Cuyahoga and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Vouchers for Shipping Vessels; and I do declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has reference to vouchers for shipping vessels; and the invention consists in means for verifying the quantity of varnish, paint, or the like of a specified kind which may be used on a given job—say the interior or the exterior of a building—such varnish or paint presumably being in cans or other vessels of well-known commercial size and designated by a trade name or device that will identify the goods and leave no doubt as to what particular manufacture and grade is called for and should be used.

To these ends I provide each and every can or other vessel with a specially-marked voucher or coupon of its own to go with each can or vessel from the manufacturer into the trade and into the hands of the man who breaks the seal of the package for use, and the said check, coupon, or whatever it may be called becomes a voucher from the user or contractor to the architect or builder and from him back to the manufacturer, all substantially as shown and described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of what may be regarded as a varnish-can containing my invention; and Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of a portion of the top of the can, showing a voucher or coupon suspended therein. Fig. 3 is a side elevation of a paint-can with the invention in dotted lines within.

In these several views, A represents a varnish-can, and B a paint-can; but the style, shape, or size of the can is not in itself material, nor is the use to which it is applied material in a limiting sense—that is, the can or other vessel or package may have any preferred shape or size, and the invention may be used with other liquids and for other purposes than paint or varnish and be within the scope of my invention; but varnish and paint cans are employed to illustrate the invention because it is immediately in connection with these that the remedy is meant to be applied at this time. The said cans or vessels have holes or openings in their cover or top which are closed by means of a cap C in this instance; but a plug, cork, or the like might be substituted for the cap, and to said cap or its equivalent I attach a voucher in the shape of a check, tag, or coupon D. The said voucher preferably has the proportions relatively as shown for convenience in handling, as well as for placing the inscriptions thereon, and also preferably is made out of what is known as "lithograph-tin;" but it may be formed out of ordinary sheet-tin, brass, copper, aluminium, or other material and serve my purpose. Now having provided each and every vessel with a distinct voucher of this kind substantially the value and advantage of the invention works out in the check which it affords to the person who is responsible for the job, such as architect or builder, upon the person who is doing the work. Thus suppose again that an architect has a building to paint outside or to varnish inside. He can make a very close estimate as to about how many gallons or cans of certain capacity will be required in either case, and having specified a paint or varnish which is provided with the vouchers of this invention he verifies the work by the number of vouchers produced and accounted for by the contractor when the work is finished. If these tally approximately with his estimate, well and good; but if they do not it will be apparent that there is something wrong. Thus the contractor is held to an accountability which compels him to deal honestly, whether he will or not, and the vouchers are turned over first to the architect and then to the local dealer, who redeems them at a price named thereon, (ten cents in this instance,) which goes to the contractor, while the dealer returns the voucher to the manufacturer, and he is credited for his outlay on that account. At the home office the vouchers are duly compared and checked off by their numbers and series (indicated by *d*) and then destroyed. No two are marked alike, so that each vessel has its own exclusive designation. In this way all parties, from the manufacturer to the person for whom the work is done and is the party most directly interested, are protected, and this is the object of the invention.

What I claim is—

A containing vessel provided with an opening, in combination with a closing device for said opening and a voucher detachably engaged with said closing device and of a size smaller in cross-section than said opening, whereby said voucher is confined within the vessel when the vessel is closed, and is removed therefrom with said closing device when the vessel is opened.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification in the presence of two witnesses.

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