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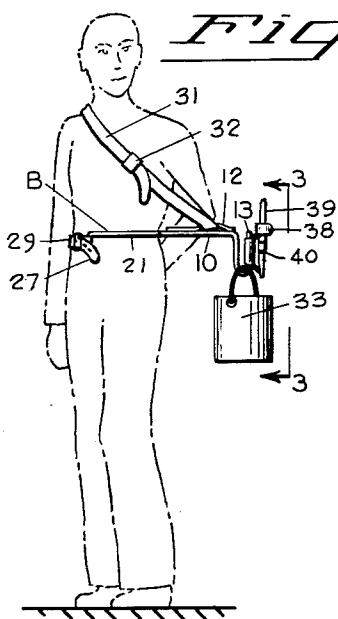


Fig. 3

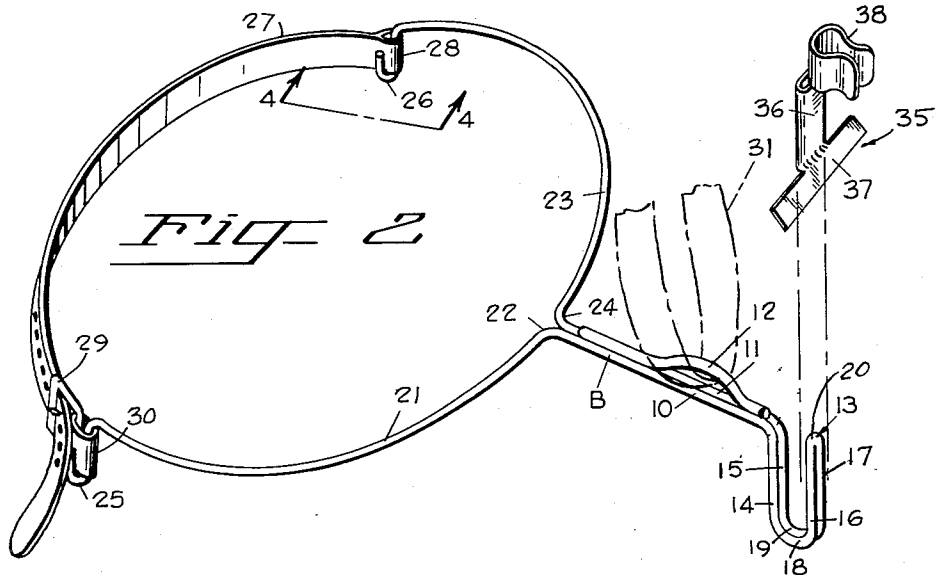
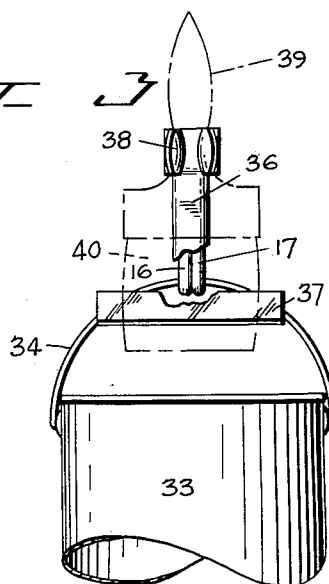
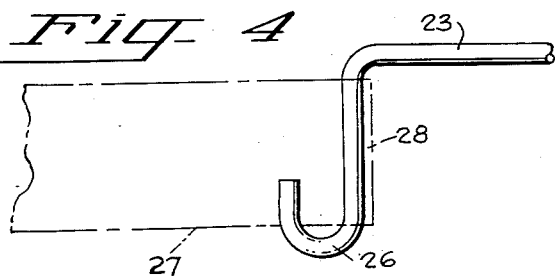


Fig. 4



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The present invention relates to a carrying device for suspending buckets and containers in upright position from the body.

The primary object of the invention is to provide a carrying device for supporting buckets and containers in upright position on the body of the user to free the hands for other purposes.

Another object of the invention is to provide a carrying device of the class described above having means associated therewith for supporting a paint brush in overlying relation to a bucket.

A further object of the invention is to provide a carrying device of the class described above which is inexpensive to manufacture, simple to attach to the body and which will support a bucket or container in a position of use while freeing the hands for other purposes.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent in the following specification when considered in light of the attached drawings, in which:

FIGURE 1 is a front elevation of the invention shown attached to a body with a container supported thereon;

FIGURE 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the invention illustrating the brush support adapter in exploded position;

FIGURE 3 is a fragmentary elevational view taken along the line 3-3 of FIGURE 1, looking in the direction of the arrows;

FIGURE 4 is a fragmentary enlarged elevational view taken along the line 4-4 of FIGURE 2, looking in the direction of the arrows with the belt shown in broken lines.

Referring now to the drawings in detail wherein like reference characters indicate like parts throughout the several figures, the reference character B indicates generally a carrying device constructed in accordance with the invention.

The carrying device B comprises a pair of relatively straight, horizontally disposed rod-like members 10 and 11 which are preferably formed of malleable material and are welded together in parallel relation, forming outwardly projecting extensions. An upstanding loop 12 is welded to the members 10, 11 for reasons to be assigned.

A hook, generally indicated at 13, is integrally formed on one end of the members 10 and 11 in depending relation thereto and includes a pair of upright shanks 14, 15 depending perpendicularly from the members 10 and 11, respectively. A pair of upstanding portions 16, 17 are arranged parallel to the shanks 14, 15 and are integrally connected respectively thereto by arcuate bights 18, 19. The upper ends of the portions 16, 17 are connected by an arcuate bight 20, as can be clearly seen in FIGURE 2.

A generally horizontal arcuate base member 21 is integrally formed with the member 10 and is outwardly offset therefrom at 22. A generally horizontal arcuate base member 23 is integrally formed with the member 11 and is outwardly offset at 24 with respect thereto. The bases 21, 23 lie in a single horizontal plane and are arranged as arcs of the same circle. A generally U-shaped hook 26 is integrally formed on the base 23 in perpendicularly depending relation thereto at the end thereof opposite the member 11. A generally U-shaped hook 25 is integrally formed on the end of the base 21 in perpendicularly de-

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pending relation at the end thereof opposite the member 10.

A belt 27 has a loop 28 at one end which engages the U-shaped hook 26 and is supported thereby. A buckle 29 is secured to the U-shaped hook 25 by a loop 30 to cooperate with the free end of the belt 27.

A flexible strap 31 is threaded through the loop 12 and engages over the shoulder of the user where it is adjustable by means of a buckle 32.

In the use and operation of the invention, the bases 21, 23 are engaged with the waist of the user and the belt 27 secures them tightly thereto. The strap 31 supports the horizontal members 10, 11 as can be seen in FIGURE 1. A bucket or container 33 is positioned below the hook 13 with the bail 34 thereof engaged over the hook 13 so as to support the bucket 33 in suspended position therebelow.

When the carrying device B is used with a paint bucket, a paint brush holder and scraper, generally indicated at 35, is used therewith. The combined paint brush holder and scraper 35 includes a relatively flat upstanding sleeve 36 which is adapted to engage over the portions 16, 17 of the hook 13. A transversely extending scraper blade 37 is integrally formed on the lower end of the tubular portion 36 and extends laterally outwardly therefrom. A generally U-shaped resilient clamp 38 is integrally formed on the upper end of the tubular portion 36 and is adapted to releasably secure a paint brush handle 39 therein, overlying the bucket 33. The scraper blade 37 is adapted to be used to remove excess paint from the bristles 40 depending from the paint brush handle 39 so that the excess paint will drip into the bucket 33.

It should be understood that while the carrying device B has been illustrated with the bucket 33 disposed at one side of the user, it can also be used with the bucket at the opposite side or in front, to suit the convenience of the user.

Having thus described the preferred embodiment of the invention, it should be understood that numerous structural modifications and adaptations may be resorted to without departing from the scope of the appended claim.

What is claimed:

A carrying device for supporting buckets and containers from the body of the user comprising a single heavy wire bent to form a pair of oppositely extending arcuate base members, an outwardly projecting horizontal extension integrally formed on each of said base members at the adjacent ends thereof, depending U-shaped hooks on the other ends of said base members, a belt for adjustably securing said base members to the waist of the user, loops on the ends of said belt engaging said U-shaped hooks, a depending bucket supporting hook integrally formed on the end of said extensions opposite said base members, a loop welded to said extensions, a flexible belt adjustably supporting the outer end of said extensions from the body of the user engaged under said loop, and a resilient brush holding clamp including a sleeve, said bucket supporting hook including an upstanding projection, said sleeve slidably engaging over said upstanding projection.

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