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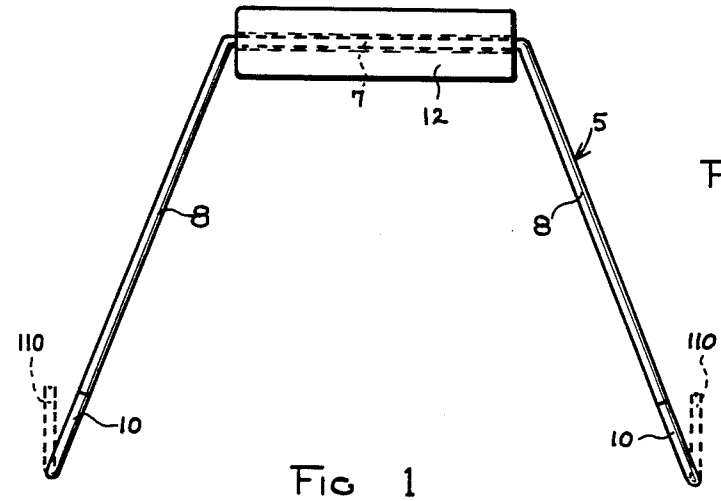


FIG 1

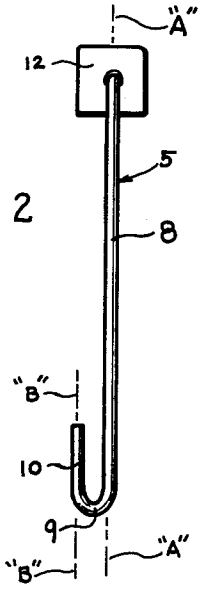


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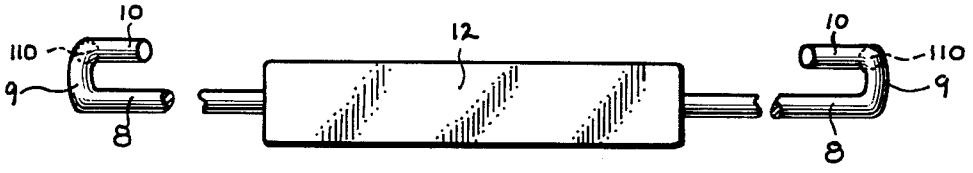


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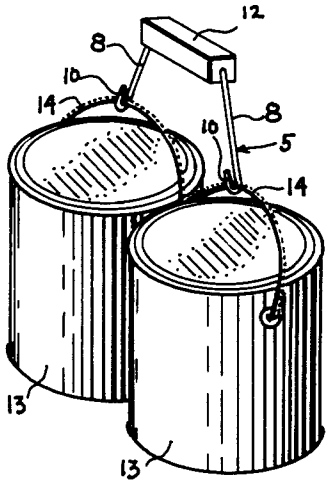


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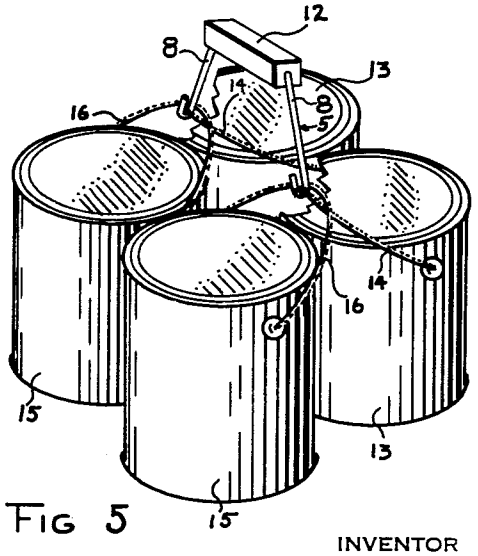


FIG 5

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This invention relates to improvements in carriers for carrying bailed cans. Its object is to provide a handy bailed can carrier which is reliable in use and simple and inexpensive to manufacture. Such object of the invention and its advantages will become apparent during the course of the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings in which:

FIGS. 1, 2 and 3 are, respectively, front and side elevational and plan views of a carrier embodying the invention; and

FIGS. 4 and 5 are perspective views illustrating the carrier in use.

Referring to the drawings in greater detail, **5** designates the carrier which comprises a one-piece wire member having a horizontal crosspiece **7** and a pair of legs **8** which depend from opposite ends of the crosspiece **7**. The legs **8** are disposed in the same plane A (FIG. 2) as the crosspiece and each is at an obtuse angle with respect thereto. The free ends **10** of the legs **8** are bent, as at **9**, to form hooks for hooking the bails of two cans simultaneously. The free ends **10** are disposed in a different plane (i.e. plane B which is spaced from and parallel to the plane A) than that in which the legs **8** are disposed so that the bails of the can when carried are disposed in the same plane. In this way the full sides of the two cans abut and stabilize one another so that there is less risk of spilling the contents in carrying (via the device of the present invention) the two cans together than in carrying one alone. The free ends **10** can be aligned with the legs **8** as shown in FIG. 1 or they can be vertical (as shown in dotted outline in FIG. 1 and indicated at **110**) or in any position intermediate these two positions, i.e. at the same obtuse angle (as the legs **8**) to the crosspiece **7** or perpendicular thereto. A handle **12** is provided for gripping the member **5** which preferably has flat side faces for advertising. The crosspiece **7** extends through a central axial aperture in the handle **12** and is freely rotatable therein.

In FIG. 4 the carrier **5** is shown in use carrying a pair of paint cans **13** at the same time. Because the free ends are disposed as described the two cans abut and stabilize one another as mentioned. It should be noted that the bails **14** lie in the same plane. In FIG. 5 the carrier is shown used for carrying two pairs of paint cans **13** and **15** simultaneously. The bails **16** of the pair of cans **15** are placed over the bails **14** of the pair

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of cans **13** and the underneath bails **14** are the ones that are hooked in the bent free ends **10**. In carrying the four cans the full sides of the two pairs of cans abut and stabilize each other. The bails **14** of the one pair of cans **13** lie in the same plane and so do the bails **16** of the other pair of cans **15** because of the disposition of the free ends **10** as described.

It will thus be seen that there has been provided by the present invention a carrier for carrying bailed cans in which the object hereinabove set forth has been successfully achieved. While a preferred embodiment of the invention has been shown and described it is to be understood that variations and changes may be resorted to without departing from the ambit of the invention as defined by the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A bailed can carrier constructed to carry at least a pair of bailed cans by their bails when the latter are disposed in a common plane

said carrier comprising

a one-piece wire member having a horizontal crosspiece, a pair of legs depending from opposite ends of the crosspiece, and a substantially vertical reverse bend on the free end of each leg to form a hook for hooking one of said bails

the pair of legs disposed in the same plane as the crosspiece and each at an obtuse angle thereto so that their free ends are spread apart at least equal to twice the crosspiece length so that said hooks engage the can bails substantially at the centers thereof, each leg made up of a straight section longer than the crosspiece

said hooks made up of straight sections projecting upwardly from the respective reverse bends and disposed in a different plane than that in which the legs are disposed, each such hook straight section about one-third the length of the crosspiece and disposed at an obtuse angle in respect thereto which is not greater than that formed by the corresponding leg.

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