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Figure 1.

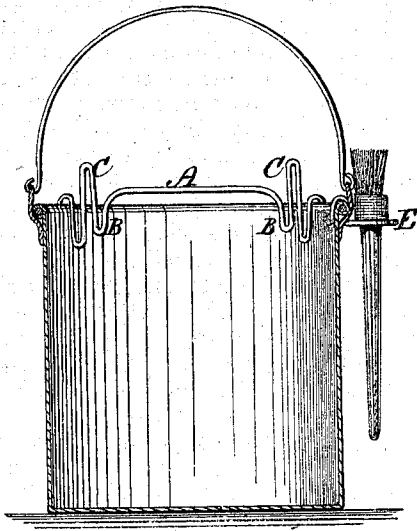


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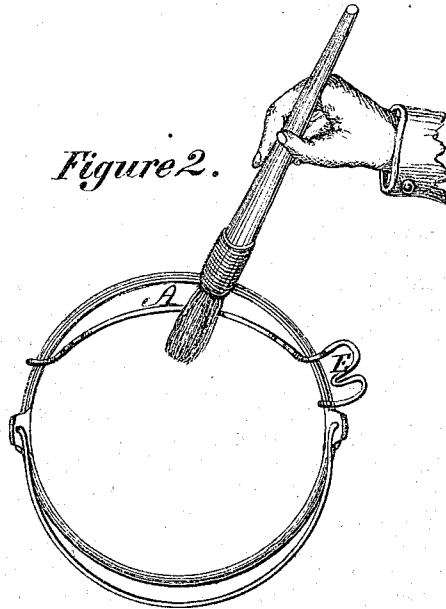


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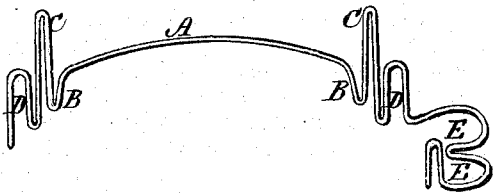
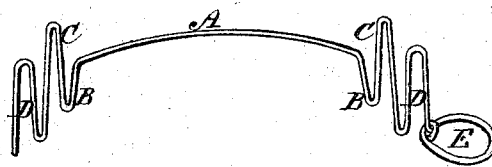


Figure 4.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PAINT-GUARDS AND BRUSH-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WALTER T. BAILEY, of Fairfax county, in the State of Virginia, have invented a certain new and Improved article of manufacture, the same being a combined Paint-Guard and Brush-Holder to be used in connection with paint-buckets; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing which makes part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a central vertical section through a paint-can, showing my improved device in position for use. Fig. 2 represents a plan or top view of the same. Fig. 3 represents a perspective view of the device detached from the can. Fig. 4 represents a modification thereof, also in perspective.

My invention relates to means for preventing the dripping of paint down the sides of paint-cans when in use, while it also provides for the holding of the brushes; and it consists in so forming or shaping a continuous piece of wire as that it will admit of being sprung upon the sides of the can, serve as a guard to prevent the paint from running down the outside of said can, and as one or more seats or sockets for brushes, as will be hereinafter described.

The central portion A of the paint-guard is horizontal, and is intended to conform somewhat to the curve of the paint-can, but to be above its top, so that the brush in being drawn across it shall not come in contact with the top or side of said can. At either end of this horizontal portion the wire is bent downward and again upward so as to form depending projections or teats B, down which the paint runs from the said horizontal portion A and drops into the can. The wire forming the outer sides of these teats B is then carried upward above the line of the horizontal portion A, and again downward to below the teats before referred to, for the purpose of forming lateral guards C at either side of said horizontal portion to prevent the brush from striking the can in being drawn across the guard at either of its ends. The wire is then, at either

side, again bent and carried upward vertically to about on a line with the said horizontal portion A, and again downward to form channels D between the bends, so that the guard may be sprung upon and forced down on the paint-can, as clearly shown in Fig. 1 of the drawings. At one end of the guard the wire, forming the outer branch of the spring clips, is bent in the manner shown in two or more segmental curves to serve as seats or sockets E for the brushes when using the can. It is, however, contemplated that these seats or sockets may be formed in any other way from the same wire without departing from the spirit of my invention; and it is also contemplated to use flat wire instead of that shown, and, if deemed necessary, to so fold or bend it as that by so doing one part of the guard will support another, and thus render the whole less liable to give to the brush when it is passed over it. I have, however, found the guard shown to answer thoroughly well in practice, and to avoid the many disadvantages heretofore experienced in wiping the brush against the can.

My invention is also particularly adapted for use when varnishing, where so much depends upon having a clean brush, to prevent foreign matter being laid on with the varnish, and the dropping of the latter on the floors or furniture when in use.

Having described my invention, I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a paint-guard, made so as to be attached to a paint-can, when in use, by being sprung thereon, and having teats or projections B for the guidance of the dripping paint down its inside, guards C to prevent the brush from striking the said can and the running of the paint down its outside, and seats or sockets E, as herein described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto signed my name.

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