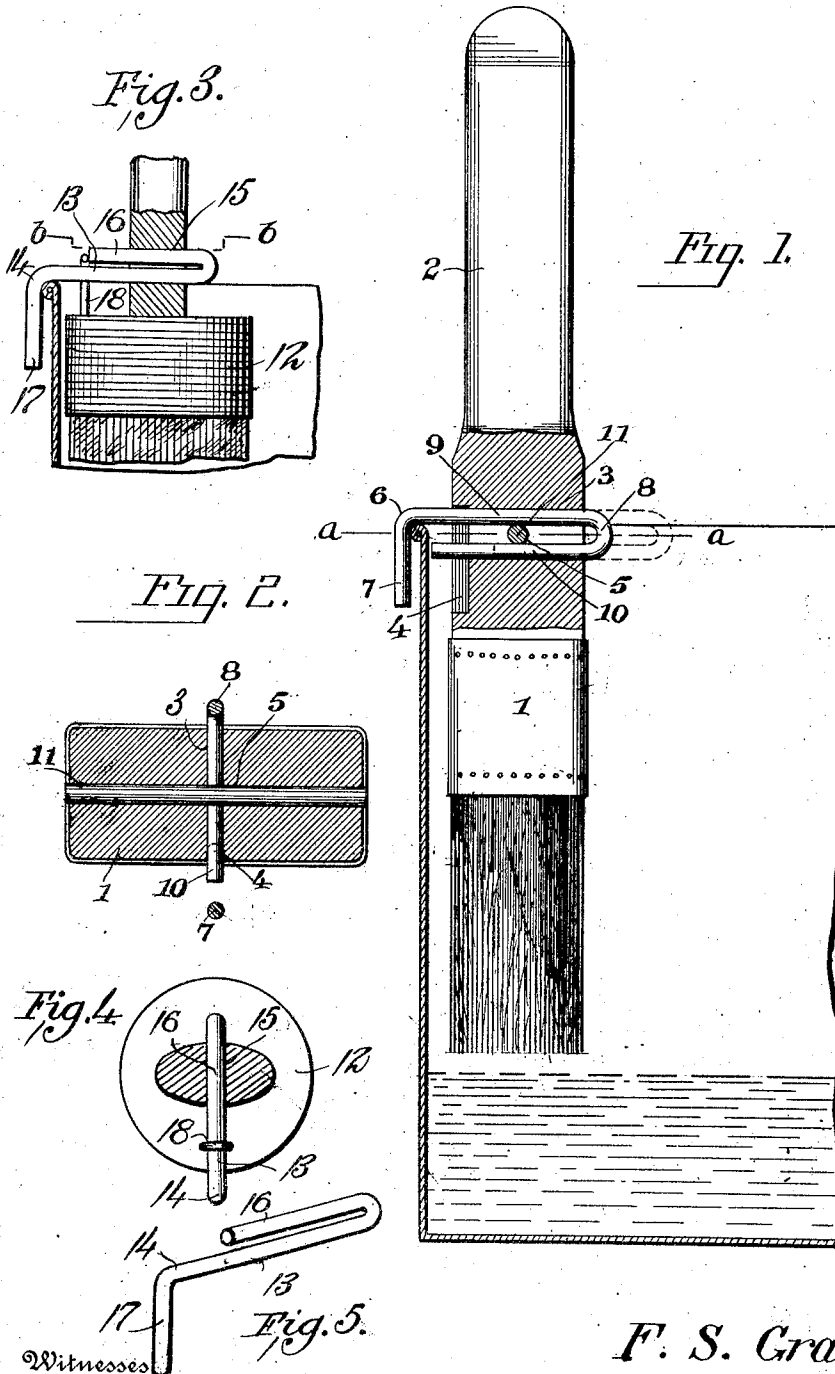


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED S. GRAHAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Ellendale, in the county of Dickey and State of North Dakota, have invented new and useful Improvements in Paint-Brush Hooks, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improved paint brush hook adapted to be used as an attachment for and in connection with a paint brush to enable the brush, when not in use, to be supported from one side of a paint can so as to prevent the immersing of the brush in the paint and also adapted for use as a finger piece to facilitate the gripping of the brush by the hand when using the brush, the object of my invention being to provide an improved device of this character which is exceedingly cheap and simple, is very efficient in operation and which may be readily attached to the handle of an ordinary paint or other brush.

The invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings:—Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view of a paint brush provided with an improved hook constructed in accordance with my invention, showing the hook employed for hanging the brush from one side of the paint can, another position of the hook being indicated in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view of the same on the plane indicated by the line *a—b* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view of a modified form of my invention, showing the hook employed for hanging the brush from one side of the paint can. Fig. 4 is a detail sectional view on the plane indicated by the line *b—b* of Fig. 3. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of the hook.

For the purposes of this specification, I show a paint brush 1 of ordinary form, which is provided with a handle 2. The handle is provided in accordance with my invention, with a transverse opening 3 and also with a vertical recess 4 which is in one side of the handle and which communicates with the opening 3. An opening 5 which intersects the opening 3 also extends through the brush handle.

My improved hook 6 is made from a single piece of wire or other like material of

suitable gage which is bent to form a bill 7 and a U-shaped arm 8 which extends from the upper end of the bill and at right angles thereto, the said U-shaped arm comprising the member 9 which forms a continuation of the bill and the terminal member 10, the latter being parallel with the member 9 and terminating short of the bill.

The U-shaped arm 8 of the hook extends through and is slidably arranged in the opening 3. When the hook is moved to one position, the arm 8 projects from one side of the brush handle and the bill 7 of the hook is received in the recess 4. The arm 8, when the hook is thus arranged, forms a finger piece which materially facilitates the grasping and using of the brush. By pushing in the arm 8, the bill of the hook may be projected from one side of the brush handle and used to engage one side of a paint can as at *b* and hang the brush from said side of the can so as to keep the brush from being submerged in the paint when the brush is not in use. To prevent the hook from becoming casually detached from the brush handle, I provide a pin 11 which is passed through the opening 5 and between the members 9—10 of the U-shaped arm of the hook.

In Figs. 3 and 4, I show a modified form of my invention which is especially adapted for use in connection with an oval or round brush 12. In this form of the invention, the U-shaped arm 13 of the hook 14 passes through and is movable in an opening 15 in the handle of the brush, at a point immediately above the brush head and the shorter member 16 of the U-shaped arm is on the upper side of the longer member thereof and terminates short of the bill 17, the bill extending down at one side of the brush head and being movable toward and from the side of the brush head by adjusting the U-shaped arm in the opening in the handle. To retain the hook on the head of the brush, I preferably employ a staple 18 which is arranged astride the longer lower member of the U-shaped arm and is driven into the head or upper end of the brush. The upper portion of this staple is arranged in the path of the upper member 16 of the U-shaped arm and, hence, coacts with the end of said member to form a stop to limit the outward movement of the hook, the bill of the hook

by bearing against the side of the brush head serving to limit the inward or opposite movement of the hook.

When the bill of the hook is arranged directly against one side of the brush head, the U-shaped arm of the hook forms a finger piece to facilitate the grasping and manipulation of the brush. By pushing in the U-shaped arm the bill of the hook may be projected from one side of the brush head and arranged parallel with and spaced therefrom and employed to engage one side of a bent can and hang the brush from the side of the can to keep the brush from being submerged in the paint when the brush is not in use.

While I have herein shown and described two forms of my invention, I would have it understood that other changes may be

made without departing from the spirit of my invention and within the scope of the appended claim.

I claim:—

A brush handle having a transverse opening and also provided with a hook comprising an arm and a downturned bill, the arm of the said hook extending through and movable longitudinally in the said opening so that the bill of the hook may be moved toward and from one side of the handle, and means to limit such movement of the hook.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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