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PAINTBRUSH HOLDER

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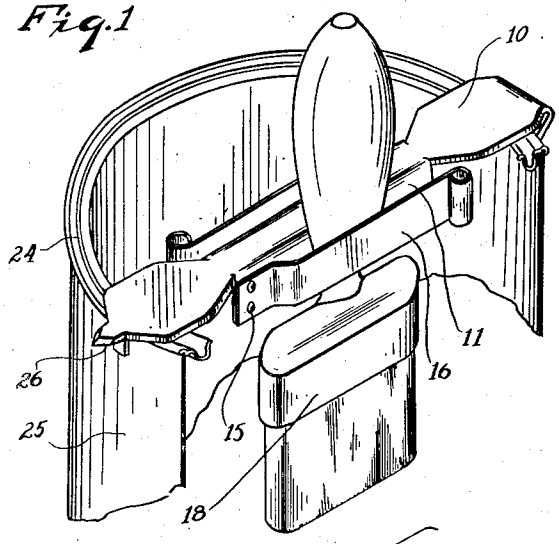


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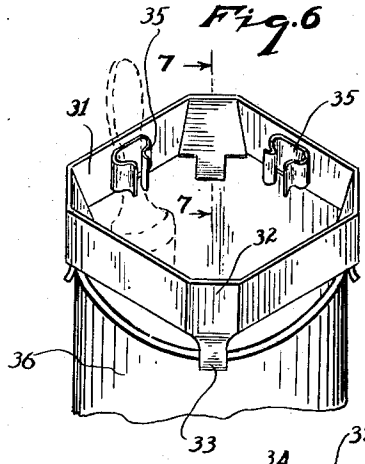


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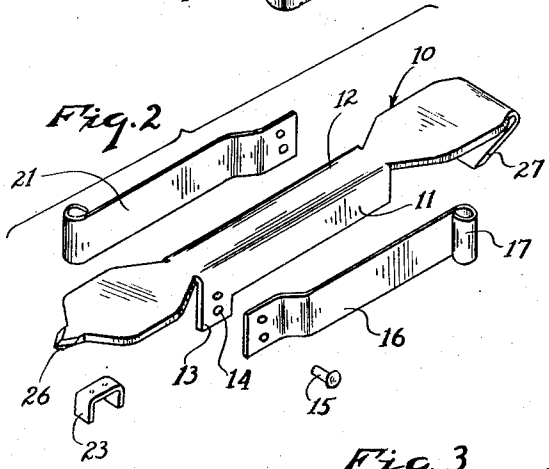


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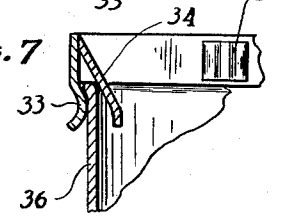


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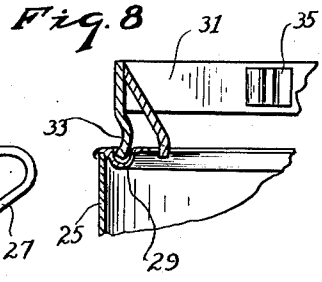


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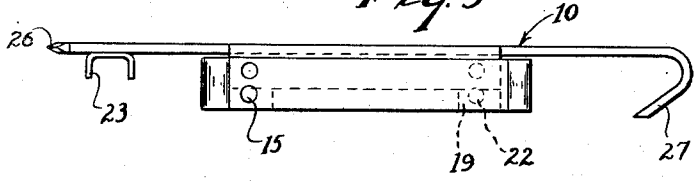


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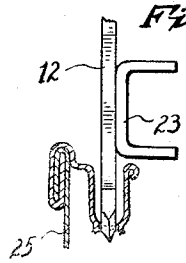
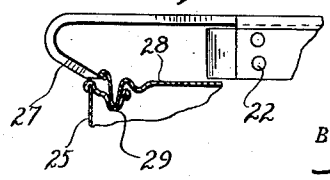


Fig. 5



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This invention relates to a paint brush holder for gallon paint cans.

It is an object of the present invention to provide a paint brush holder adapted to be extended across the top of a gallon paint can and which is provided with spring clip portions under which the handle of the paint brush is placed and is spring pressed by the spring clip against the side of the main body of the holder which bridges the top of the can.

It is another object of the present invention to provide in a paint brush holder for gallon cans means formed on the ends of the same adapted to be used in the opening of a paint can and serving as a pry under the edge of the cover and wherein a sharpened edge is provided to puncture the groove around the can and permit excess paint to drip into the can instead of running off the outside of the can.

It is another object of the present invention to provide a paint brush holder adapted to be placed over the top of a can and which has portions engageable with the top edge of the can to prevent the displacement of the paint brush holder thereupon once the paint brush holder is positioned upon the can.

Other objects of the present invention are to provide a paint brush holder which is of simple construction, inexpensive to manufacture, has a minimum number of parts, easy to fit upon the can, compact, sturdy and of rugged construction, and efficient in operation.

For other objects and for a better understanding of the invention, reference may be had to the following detailed description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a paint brush holder extended across the top of a gallon paint can and with a paint brush suspended therefrom.

Fig. 2 is a collective and perspective view of the parts of the paint brush holder shown in Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a side elevational view of the paint brush holder.

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary view of the paint brush holder illustrating the manner in which it is used to puncture the conventional groove around the paint can.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary side elevational view of the paint brush holder being used as a pry to lift the cover of the can.

Fig. 6 is a perspective view of a modified form of the invention resting upon the top of a paint can.

Fig. 7 is a fragmentary sectional view taken through the paint can and through the holder, as viewed in Fig. 6, on line 7—7 of Fig. 6.

Fig. 8 is a fragmentary sectional view of the paint brush holder shown in Fig. 6 being supported upon the can by one of its attaching portions extending into the conventional groove of the can.

Referring now to Figures 1 to 5, **10** represents the main body of the paint brush holder according to this form of the invention with downwardly struck sides **11** and **12**. The side **11** has a projection **13** with openings **14** therein through which rivets **15** may extend for the connection of a longitudinally extending spring clip **16** rolled up on its free end, as shown at **17**, and then to which is secured the handle of paint brush **18**. The paint brush handle is spring pressed against the struck down side **11** of the main body **10**.

The struck down side **12** has a similar projection **19** to the projection **13** of the side **11** and a spring clip **21** similar to the spring clip **16** is secured thereto by rivets **22**, Fig. 3.

Secured to the under face of one end of the main body is a U-shaped member **23**, the leg portions of which will extend downwardly below the top edge of the can and

on the respective sides thereof in a respective manner to prevent the lateral displacement of the paint brush holder upon top edge **24** of can **25**. A cutting point **26** can be used in the manner as shown in Fig. 4 to puncture the groove in the top edge of a can whereby paint collecting therein can drain back into the can.

The opposite end of the body **10** has a bent lip or pry portion which extends inwardly and downwardly, as shown at **27**, and adapted to be used in the manner as shown in Fig. 5 to engage with the under edge of a cover **28** to lift it from groove **29**, in top edge **24** of paint can **25**. By lever action, the cover **28** will be removed from the paint can. This pry portion **27** will extend over one side of the can and hold the paint brush holder against longitudinal displacement in one direction whereas the U-shaped member **23** secured to the opposite end of the body **10** will hold the paint brush holder against longitudinal displacement in two directions.

Referring now particularly to Figs. 5, 6, 7 and 8, **31** represents a square frame having pressed in corners **32**. From each of the corners there depends downwardly a lip projection **33** which may either be extended downwardly over the outer face of the paint can, as shown in Fig. 7, or can be rested in groove **29** thereof, as shown in Fig. 8. Extending downwardly and inwardly of the corner **32** is a retaining portion **34** which may extend either downwardly and inwardly over the edge of the paint can, as shown in Fig. 7, or downwardly over the inner periphery of the groove portion **29**. Between the corner portions of the frame **31** are double spring clips **35** for receiving paint brush handle in order that the paint brush will be suspended into the paint can **36**.

It will be seen that the frame **31** is so connected to the top of the paint pail that there is little chance for the same to be laterally displaced upon the top edge of the can without the lifting of the same therefrom.

It will be apparent that there has been provided a paint brush holder which is stable and easily applied to the top edge of paint cans and which, by virtue of its construction, is held against easy lateral displacement from the top edge of the can. Both the body **10** and the frame **31** provides adequate space on which a paint company may place advertising matter.

While various changes may be made in the detail construction, it shall be understood that such changes shall be within the spirit and scope of the present invention as defined by the appended claim.

What is claimed is:

A paint brush holder for paint cans comprising a body member including two terminal portions the inner ends of which are connected by an intermediate portion having struck down parallel side portions, said side portions being of substantially the same length as said intermediate portion; a pair of spring clips having one end of each attached to opposite ends of each of said side portions and in parallel relation therewith for receiving and resiliently holding the handles of paint brushes; the terminal portions being adapted to extend over the top edges of the paint can, one terminal portion having secured to its under face a downwardly extending U-shaped member adapted to lie astraddle the top edge of the paint can so as to prevent lateral displacement of the paint brush holder, the other terminal portion having a downwardly and inwardly bent portion adapted to prevent lateral displacement of the paint brush holder.

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