

Oct. 29, 1968

L. A. DI NARDO

3,407,429

PAINT CAN APRON AND BRUSH HOLDER

Filed Oct. 12, 1966

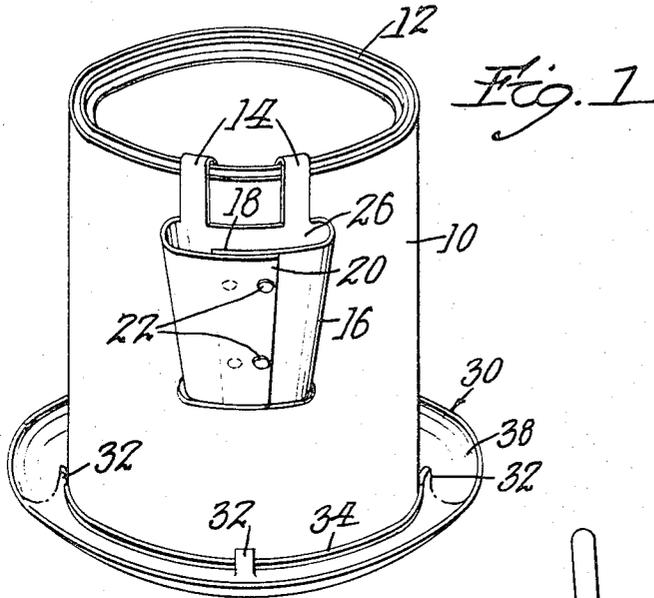


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

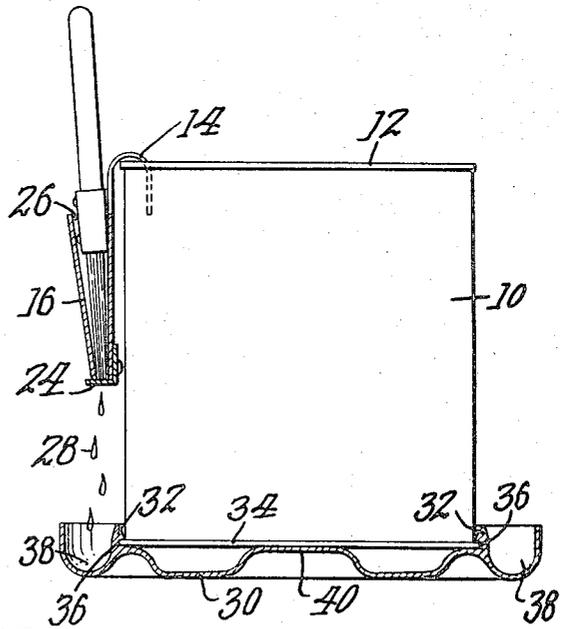
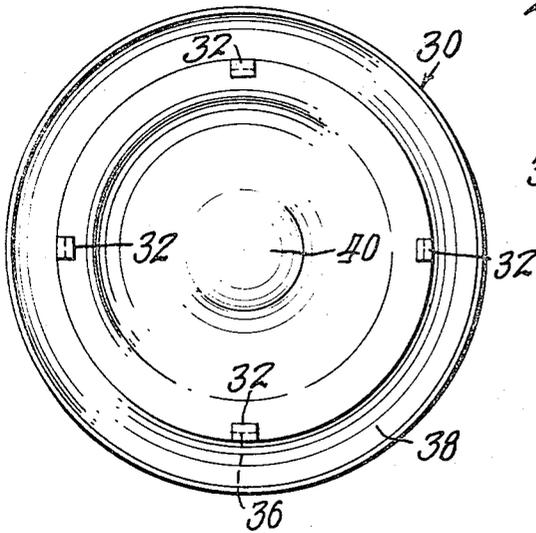


Fig. 3



Inventor  
L. A. DiNardo

By Charles R. Jay,

attorney

1

3,407,429

## PAINT CAN APRON AND BRUSH HOLDER

Lidio A. Di Nardo, % Aladin Plastics Corp., 40 Spruce St.,

Leominster, Mass. 01453

Filed Oct. 12, 1966, Ser. No. 586,221

2 Claims. (Cl. 15—257)

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A paint drip apron detachably secured by barb-like members to the bottom of a can of paint and a brush holder having means mounting it on the can of paint at the top so that the drip from a brush in the brush holder will drip onto the apron.

This invention relates to a new and improved brush holder for paint cans or similar containers, for easily and conveniently storing the used brush in a detachable pocket at the side of the container, in combination with a drip-receiving apron detachably mounted on the bottom of the container in position to receive the drip from the brush holder as well as any other drip from the paint container.

Another object of the invention resides in the provision of a detachable brush holder for a paint can or other container in an adjustable form to accommodate brushes of different sizes, the brush holder being inverted truncated tapering and elliptical, so that the wet brush placed in such container insures that the bristles are kept in shape and also that the paint drops dripping from the brush drip into the apron above described.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings in which:

FIG. 1 is a perspective view illustrating the invention;

FIG. 2 is a cross sectional view thereof, and

FIG. 3 is a plan view of the apron.

In illustrating the invention the reference numeral 10 indicates a conventional paint can or other container. In FIG. 1 it is shown as open and it has the usual rim 12 on which is hung by any kind of convenient means such as hooks 14 a paintbrush holder generally indicated at 16.

This paintbrush holder can be made of paper, cardboard, or flexible sheet plastic material and it has overlapping edges at 18 and 20 together with snap fasteners or the like 22, by which means the edges can be overlapped and the sides adjusted thereby, the main wall of the holder being of flexible material for this purpose.

By making this holder in a tapering form, i.e., narrowing downwardly from the open top 26 thereof, it will be seen that a wet brush thrust into the pocket acts as a holster and keeps the bristles in the correct shape, while the paint will drip from the holder onto the apron to be described. The drip will not impinge on the can but will drip down as indicated at 28 in FIG. 2. Since the brush is held in the holder, the brush handle will be free of paint which usually messes up the handle when the brush is placed flat on top of the paint can, when temporarily not being used.

In combination with the paint brush holder, I utilize a detachable apron generally indicated by the reference numeral 30. This comprises a disc best seen in FIGS. 2 and 3, said disc having upwardly directed arrowheads or barbs 32 which are spaced in such a way as to receive the bottom edge bead 34 of the ordinary paint can in the openings 36 thereof. A more continuous but like locking ring can also be used. The apron is preferably made of yielding material such as plastic so that when the paint can is set down on the barbs 32 they will act as cams to direct the bead at the bottom of the paint can into the

2

openings 36 and will snap in quickly and easily. This leaves the annular gutter 38 extending outwardly from the paint can so that no matter where the holder 16 is positioned on the rim of the paint container, the drip will be in the apron as indicated in FIG. 2. The apron will of course also receive any other drip aside from that coming from the holder 16.

Preferably I provide a central protuberance 40 in the center of the apron to impinge upon the bottom of the paint container to steady the apron in position.

It will be seen that the painter can wipe off his brush on the open edge of the paint container and thrust the brush into the brush holder. The bristles will be kept in the formation and will not curl as would be the case were the brush merely set in the bottom of a container. The drip from both the paint container and the holder will be caught in the apron and therefore it will be seen that this invention provides a combination of brush holder and drip apron, both applied to a paint container and both being very inexpensively made of plastic or similar material. Generally, any material can be used that will allow the accumulated paint drippings, when dry, to be easily peeled off, leaving the apron clean and reusable. This also applies to the holder.

The holder being made of materials nonsoluble in paint thinner, can be hung to lie within a container of thinner with the brush so suspended therein, and the apron can be stored between the holder, as in FIG. 1, and the container 10.

Having thus described my invention and the advantages thereof, I do not wish to be limited to the details herein disclosed, otherwise than as set forth in the claims, but what I claim is:

1. In combination with an open top paint container having an outstanding bead at the bottom edge thereof, a brush holder comprising a pocket-like member adapted to receive the brush in upright condition thereon, and means to detachably secure the brush holder to the paint container exteriorly thereof at the rim of the open top, and a paint drip receiving apron, means on the same for detachable reception with respect to the bead on the paint container at the bottom edge thereof, said paint drip receiving apron extending outwardly beyond the periphery of the paint container in a continuous arc about the same,

whereby drip from the paintbrush and the holder is caught by the apron, the means for securing the apron to the container comprising a series of resilient upright barb-like members on the apron, each member having an inwardly facing opening to receive the bead at the bottom of the container, said members being located on a circle of less diameter than the apron, the apron being positively held to the container by said members in nonslipping relation.

2. The combination of claim 1 wherein said paintbrush holder comprises a generally upright wall having overlapping vertical edges adapted to be adjusted to vary the size of the holder to suit the size of the brush used.

### References Cited

#### UNITED STATES PATENTS

1,239,638	9/1917	Throckmorton	206—15.1
1,394,205	10/1921	Malcolm	206—15.1
864,556	8/1907	Reiter	215—100.5 X
2,562,482	7/1951	Weisser	248—110 X
2,856,095	10/1958	Schnabel	215—100.5 X
2,955,722	10/1960	Antonious	215—100.5
2,990,968	7/1961	Pirman	215—100.5

WALTER A. SCHEEL, *Primary Examiner.*

LEON G. MACHLIN, *Assistant Examiner.*