

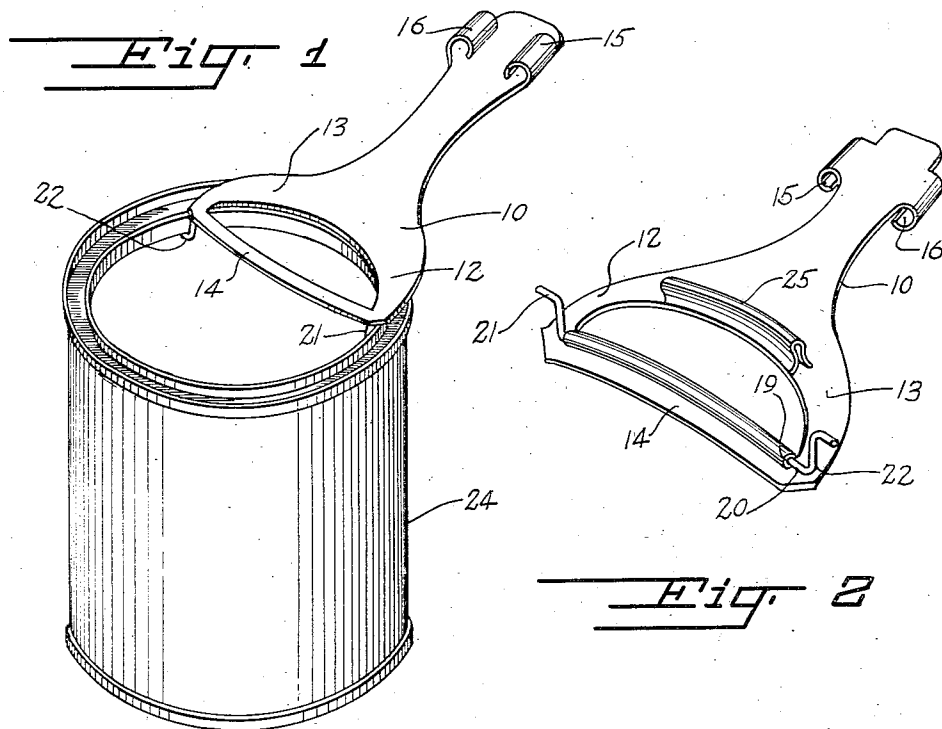
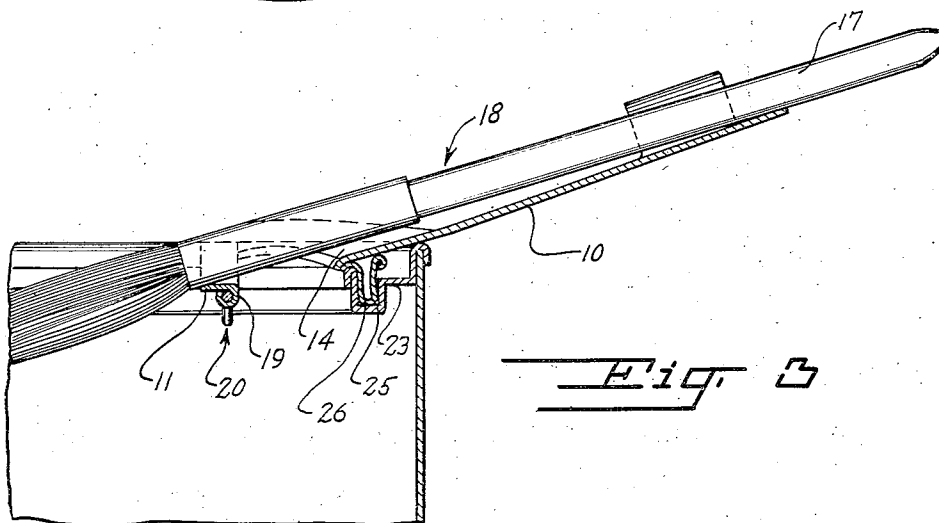
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The present invention relates to a paintbrush holder and scraper for attachment to the upper end of a paint can.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a paintbrush holder and scraper for attachment to the upper end of a paint can and one which serves as a handle for the paint can.

Another object of the present invention is to provide a paintbrush holder for attachment to the upper end of a paint can which may be attached without the use of tools and engages the can only by its rim formation and groove therein without contact with the side wall of the can.

A further object of the present invention is to provide a paintbrush holder and scraper which may be fabricated of rigid sheet steel, aluminum, or the like, and one which is simple in structure, sturdy in construction, and economical to manufacture.

These and other objects and advantages of the present invention will be fully apparent from the following description when taken in connection with the annexed drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a view in perspective of a paint can with the brush holder and scraper of the present invention installed thereon,

Figure 2 is a view in perspective of the brush holder and scraper shown in Figure 1 but in inverted position, and

Figure 3 is a side view in cross-section of the upper end of a paint can and the brush holder and scraper of the present invention with a brush supported thereon.

Referring in greater detail to the drawing in which like numerals indicate like parts throughout the several views, the present invention consists in a paintbrush holder and scraper comprising a handle 10 and a fork member 11, the legs 12 and 13 of which extend longitudinally with respect to the handle 10 and away from the handle.

The fork member 11 is formed integrally with the handle 10 from a rigid material such as sheet steel, aluminum, or the like, and is connected by an intermediate portion to the handle 10 at one end of the latter. A scraper blade 14 extends between the free ends of the legs 12 and 13 and has each of its ends connected to the adjacent leg 12 or 13. Adjacent the other end of the handle 10 is provided a means for holding a paintbrush on the handle and consists of a pair of upwardly curved tab portions 15 and 16 between which can be wedged the handle 17 of a paintbrush as seen in Figure 3, the paintbrush being indicated generally by the reference numeral 18.

A portion of the scraper blade 14 is rolled back to provide an elongated tube 19 through which extends a stiff wire strand 20 and forms with the wire a reinforcing member. The end portions of the wire strand 20 are bent downwardly and terminate in outwardly projecting legs 21 and 22, each of which underlie and engage an adjacent portion of the rim formation 23 connected to and extending over the open upper end of a paint can 24,

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as seen in Figures 1 and 3. A flange 25 is secured to and projects downwardly from the under face of a fork member 11 and is arcuately curved so as to conformably fit the groove 26 formed in the rim formation 23.

As will be most clearly seen in Figure 3, both the scraper blade 14 and the fork member 11 are curved about an axis disposed longitudinally of the handle 10 and the flange 25 projects at an angle greater than 90° with respect to the handle 10 so that when the fork member 11 is superimposed upon the upper end of the container or paint can 24 and abuts the rim formation 23, the handle 10 will extend at an angle above the horizontal so that when the brush 18 is laid thereon the bristles slope into the paint can and the paint collected thereon will drain back into the paint can.

The space between the inner edge of the fork member and the scraper blade provides a closed loop into which may be inserted the handle of a paint brush with the bristles extending into the contents of the paint can. In use, the brush holder and scraper of the present invention may be used as a handle for the paint can, the weight of which being forwardly of the forward edge of the scraper blade 14 will tend to keep the brush holder and scraper in place upon the upper end of the can with the handle of the brush holder extending at a slight angle above the horizontal, as shown in Figure 3. Excess paint upon the bristles of the brush 18 may be scraped therefrom by general pressure upon the straight forward edge of the scraper blade. Furthermore, the flange 25 projecting into the groove 26 keeps that portion of the groove from becoming clogged with paint.

What is claimed is:

1. For use with a cylindrical container having on its open upper end an overhanging rim formation extending over said upper end and a groove in the upper face of said formation, a paintbrush holder comprising a handle, a fork member adjacent one end of said handle and having its intermediate portion connected to said handle one end with its legs arranged longitudinally of and facing away from said handle, a scraper blade extending between the free ends of said legs and having each of its ends connected to the adjacent leg, said fork member with said scraper blade forming a closed loop adapted to receive the handle of a brush standing in such a container when said fork member is superimposed upon a segment of the rim formation of said container with said handle exteriorly of said container, a downwardly projecting flange fixedly secured to the under face of said fork member intermediate the ends thereof and conformably shaped so as to be receivable in the groove in said rim formation, an open ended tube disposed longitudinally of said scraper blade on the under face of the latter and fixedly secured thereto, and a reinforcing member extending through and fixedly supported in said tube, said reinforcing member having each of its end portions bent downwardly and terminating in an outwardly projecting leg underlying and engaging an adjacent portion of said rim formation when said fork member is so positioned, said handle being adapted to support a paintbrush with the bristles thereof overhanging said scraper blade.

2. For use with a cylindrical container having on its open upper end an overhanging rim formation extending over said upper end and a groove in the upper face of said formation, a paintbrush holder comprising a handle, a fork member adjacent one end of said handle and having its intermediate portion connected to said handle one end with its legs arranged longitudinally of and facing away from said handle, a scraper blade extending between the free ends of said legs and having each of its ends connected to the adjacent leg, said fork member with said scraper blade forming a closed loop adapted to receive the handle of a brush standing in such a container when

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said fork member is superimposed upon a segment of the rim formation of said container with said handle exteriorly of said container, a downwardly projecting flange fixedly secured to the under face of said fork member intermediate the ends thereof and conformably shaped so as to be receivable in the groove in said rim formation, an open ended tube disposed longitudinally of said scraper blade on the under face of the latter and fixedly secured thereto, and a reinforcing member extending through and fixedly supported in said tube, said reinforcing member having each of its end portions bent downwardly and terminating in an outwardly projecting leg underlying and engaging an adjacent portion of said rim formation when said fork member is so positioned, and means adjacent to the other end of said handle on the upper face thereof for releasably securing the handle of a paint brush with the bristles of the brush overhanging said scraper blade.

3. For use with a cylindrical container having on its open upper end an overhanging rim formation extending over said upper end and a groove in the upper face of said formation, a paintbrush holder comprising a handle, a fork member adjacent one end of said handle and having its intermediate portion connected to said handle one end with its legs arranged longitudinally of and facing away from said handle, a scraper blade extending between the free ends of said legs and having each of its ends connected to the adjacent leg, said fork member with said scraper blade forming a closed loop adapted to receive the handle of a brush standing in such a container when said

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fork member is superimposed upon a segment of the rim formation of said container with said handle exteriorly of said container, said fork member and said scraper blade being curved along an axis disposed longitudinally of said handle so that said fork member abuts said rim formation segment when said fork member is superimposed upon said rim formation segment with said handle extending at an angle above the horizontal, a downwardly projecting flange fixedly secured to the under face of said fork member intermediate the ends thereof and conformably shaped so as to be receivable in a groove in said rim formation, an open ended tube disposed longitudinally of said scraper blade on the under face of the latter and fixedly secured thereto, and a reinforcing member extending through and fixedly supported in said tube, said reinforcing member having each of its end portions bent downwardly and terminating in an outwardly projecting leg underlying and engaging an adjacent portion of said rim formation when said fork member is so positioned, and means adjacent the other end of said handle on the upper face thereof for releasably securing the handle of a paintbrush with the bristles of the brush overhanging said scraper blade.

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