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Fig. 1.

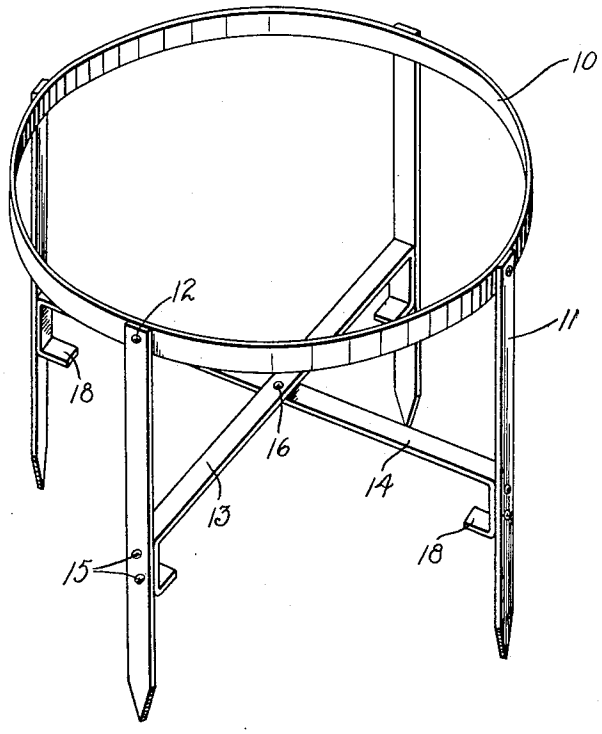
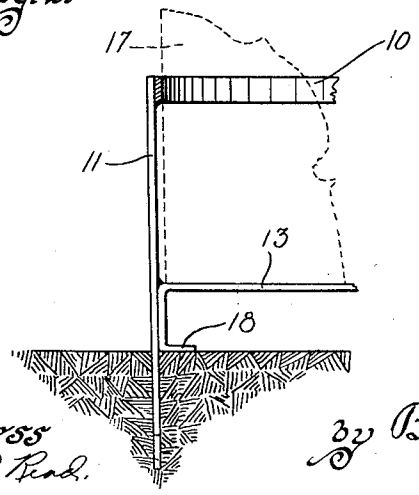


Fig. 2.



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The object of this invention is to provide an improved construction for a holder for garbage cans and the like to prevent tipping and also to hold the can in elevated position to prevent rusting.

A further object of this invention is to provide in a holder for garbage cans and the like, having legs adapted for insertion in the ground, an improved means to limit such insertion so that the can is held in spaced relation to the surface of the ground.

Still another object is to provide a device of the character described, which is simple and economical of construction and efficient in use.

With these and other objects in view my invention consists in the construction, arrangement and combination of the various parts of my device, whereby the objects contemplated are attained, as hereinafter more fully set forth, pointed out in my claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved garbage can holder.

Figure 2 is a sectional view showing the device in position for practical use.

An annular band or ring 10 is formed of a metallic strip and is supported in horizontal position by a plurality of legs 11, in this instance four in number. The legs 11 are attached at their upper ends to the ring 10 in any suitable manner, as by spot welding at the points 12 and said legs preferably are pointed at their lower ends to facilitate their being driven into the ground, as shown in Figure 2.

A pair of horizontal braces and supporting members 13 and 14 are arranged in crossed relation beneath the band 10 and are secured at their ends to the legs 11 in any suitable manner, as by spot welding at the points 15.

The crossed members 13 and 14 are also rigidly secured together at the point 16 in any suitable manner, as by spot welding. The ring or band 10 is of a diameter to fit rather snugly around a can 17, the bottom of which rests upon the supporting members 13 and 14.

When the legs 11 are driven into the ground, the device is rigidly held against removal or upsetting and serves to support a garbage can or the like 17 in spaced relation to the surface of the ground.

The end portions of the crossed supporting members 13 and 14 are preferably turned downwardly for a short distance in contact with the legs 11 and the lower ends of said members may contact with the surface of the ground to limit the extent to which the legs 11 may penetrate the ground.

If desired, the extreme ends of the members 13 and 14 may be turned inwardly in horizontal planes to form stop lugs 18 for engagement with the surface of the ground, as shown in Figure 2.

By the use of this device, a convenient means is provided for supporting a garbage can or similar container to prevent its being upset by dogs or other animals or by the action of the wind. By supporting the bottom of the can above the surface of the ground, I have provided means to prevent rusting of the can, thus lengthening its term of usefulness.

It is obvious that the holder may also be used on a porch or other floor surface by permitting the ends of the legs 11 to rest upon such surface and in cases where the holder is designed for such use, the pointing at the lower ends of the legs 11 may be omitted.

Some changes may be made in the construction and arrangement of the parts of my device without departing from the real spirit and purpose of my invention, and it is my intention to cover by my claim, any modified forms of structure or use of mechanical equivalents, which may be reasonably included within its scope.

I claim as my invention:

A holder for garbage cans and the like, comprising a plurality of legs pointed at their lower ends to facilitate their being pushed into the ground, a band carried by the upper ends of said legs and adapted to encircle said container, and supporting members arranged diametrically of and in a plane below said band for supporting the bottom of the container, said members being formed with portions turned downwardly at their ends into parallel contacting relations with

said legs, the downturned portions of said members being rigidly secured to the legs, the extreme end portions of said members being turned laterally to form stops to limit downward movement of the legs when driven into the ground, whereby the bottom of the container is supported in elevated position relative to the surface of the ground.

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