

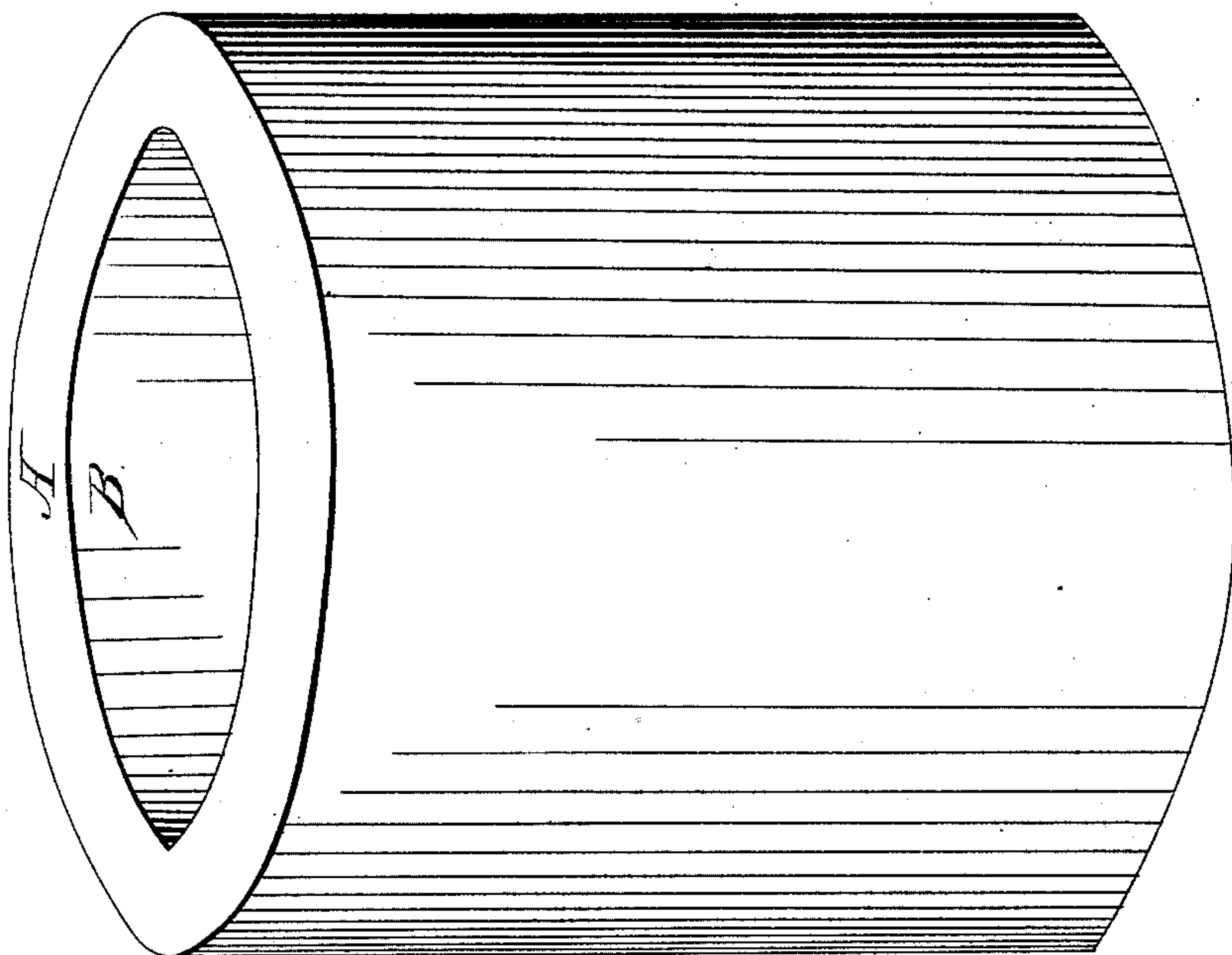
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Paint Can.

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Fig. 1



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IMPROVEMENT IN PAINT-CANS, &c.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. MASURY, of the city of Brooklyn, county of Kings, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Can for Putting Up and Hermetically Sealing Paints and other Substances; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of a tinned or galvanized iron can of any known form with a rim or ring of thin soft metal attached to the top of the same.

To enable others to make use of my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction, &c. First, however, to a better appreciation of the worth and utility of my invention, I would suggest that the principal objection to the use of fruits and other edibles put up in soldered tin cans is the difficulty of opening the same without much labor and the convenience of proper tools. In the use of paints put up in hermetically-sealed cans this objection is most formidable. To remove the top from a small can of paint without injury to the contents thereof is a task very difficult to accomplish. My invention obviates these difficulties and presents a can possessing all the advantages of the ordinary can, and in addition thereto the extraordinary advantage of being readily openable by the most inexperienced person. To that end I construct the body of the can and attach the bottom thereto in the ordinary way; but for the top

of the can, in place of using material of the same weight and thickness as for the other parts, I take thin brass or other soft metal and attach a rim or ring thereof to the top of the can, Figure 1, letter A, and secure the same by soldering, as in the ordinary mode.

For sealing the can after it shall have received its contents, I take a disk of tin, B, and solder it to the rim or ring A, leaving between the said disk and the edge of the can sufficient space to admit the passage of a penknife-blade. The can, Fig. 1, is then in all respects like the ordinary tin can hermetically sealed, except that the cover of my newly-invented can may be removed by severing the thin brass rim or ring with a penknife or other sharp instrument.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The construction of a metallic can for hermetically sealing paints and other substances, having attached thereto a rim or ring of thin brass or other soft metal in such a manner that the top or cover may be removed by severing the said rim or ring of brass or other soft metal with a penknife or other sharp instrument, in the manner and for the purposes herein described and represented, or its equivalent.

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