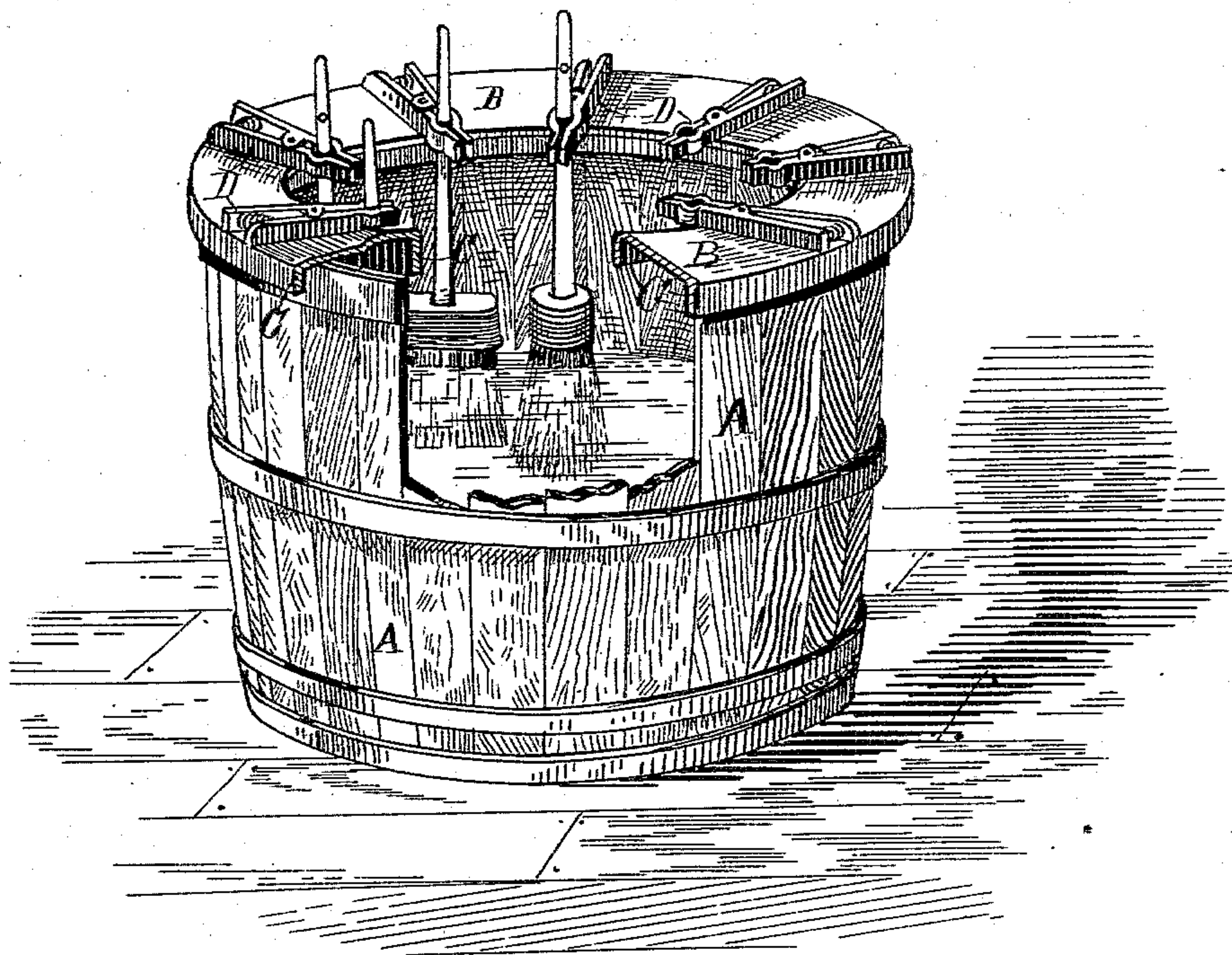


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## PAINT-BRUSH HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT T. EDWARDS, of South Kingston, Washington county, Rhode Island, have invented certain new and useful  
5 Improvements in Paint-Brush Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, making part thereof.

The object of this invention is to provide a  
10 convenient device for holding and suspending paint-brushes when not in use, and at a suitable height above the paint or other liquid in which their bristles may be immersed to keep them moist, so that the binder of the brush-  
15 head when bound with twine may not become soaked and prematurely rotted, and so that the brush will not bear upon the bottom of the paint-pot, and the bristles become bent, broken, or crooked, and injured for use thereby.

20 My invention consists in a flanged ring provided with a spring-clasp or series of clasps or holding devices arranged upon it, so as to hold the brushes by their handles in a substantially vertical position over the tub or paint-  
25 pot to which my invention is applied.

The drawing shows in perspective and in broken section one of my improved holders as in practical use.

30 The tub A supports upon its upper edge the ring B, which is kept in position thereon by a flange, C, depending from its inner or outer margin, or from both, as shown in the drawing. The ring should have sufficient breadth to adapt it for use on tubs, pails, or  
35 kegs of varying sizes; or a series of sizes of rings may be made to fit any of the ordinary paint-pots. The upper surface of the ring is

provided with a suitable number of holding devices, projecting inwardly, and adapted to seize the handle of a brush and hold it by a  
40 yielding pressure at the desired height.

Any convenient form of spring-clamp may be used. The illustration shows one similar to a clothes-pin, with the arms pivoted together  
45 by the pin which unites them to the ring, the spring being interposed between the outer ends of the arms. One arm of each pair may be cast integral with the ring B C when the device is of cast metal, as I contemplate in  
50 some cases. The article may, however, be mainly of wood or of sheet metal, if preferred.

I am aware of the patent to Joseph Lemoine, dated April 30, 1872, for brush-holders, in which two concentric vessels are employed,  
55 with a series of spring brush-holders separately hinged at the upper edge of the outer vessel, so as to swing vertically back when not in use and hang outside of the outer vessel. Said device is destitute of a removable ring  
60 carrying the series of springs and furnished with jaws or clamps to hold it upon the edge of a tub, and hence does not embrace my invention.

Having thus described my improved paint-brush holder, I claim—

65 The flanged ring B C, provided with a series of spring-holders, and adapted to support the brushes at any desired height, substantially as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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