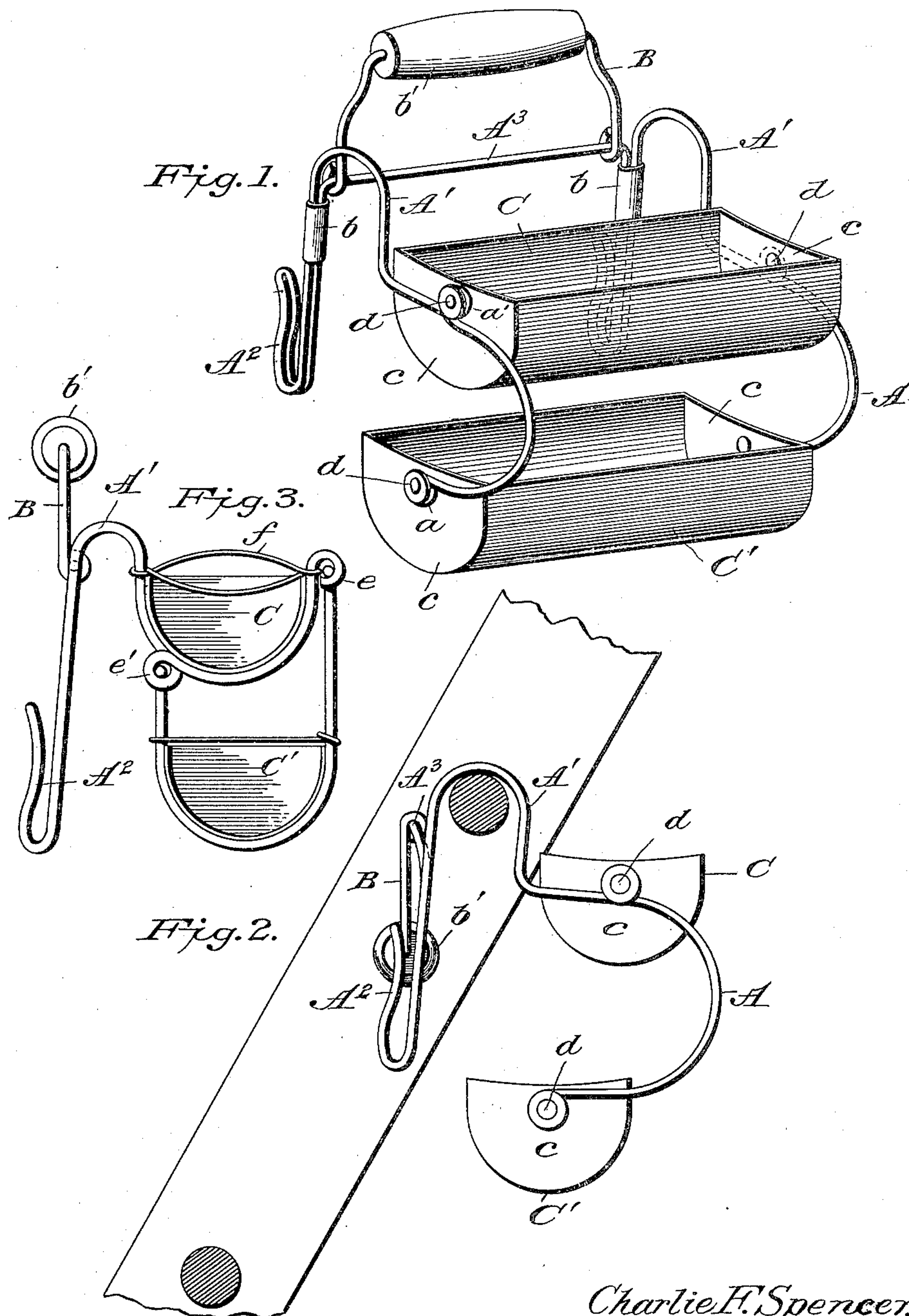


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLIE FERNANDY SPENCER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Alexandria Bay, in the county of Jefferson and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Paint-Pot Hooks and Brush-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to an improvement in paint-pot hooks and brush-holders, the object being to provide a simple and effective device which may be readily applied to the rounds of a ladder and when applied thereto will provide means for holding one or two paint-pots as well as a receptacle for paint-brushes, the main device also being adapted to carry a second or supplemental receptacle, which is also adapted to receive brushes; and my invention consists in an attachment for ladders which comprises a receptacle for brushes, and hooks which may be placed in engagement with the rounds of a ladder to form the connecting means between the ladder and attachment, said attachment also having depending hooks with which the bails of paint-buckets may engage.

The invention further consists in the construction of the frame, whereby I provide means for suspending from the main frame a second brush-holding attachment.

The invention further consists in the special construction of the frame, which is so made up as to provide hooks with which the bails of paint-buckets may engage, hooks above the same for engagement with the round of a ladder, the portion of the frame beyond serving as a carrying-frame for a brush-receptacle, as will be hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawings, which illustrate my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing the device applied to a ladder. Fig. 2 is a side elevation, the rounds of the ladder being shown in section; and Fig. 3 is a side elevation showing a modified form of construction.

The device which I will now proceed to describe is intended to be used as a support for paint pots and brushes, so that they can be readily carried thereby, and when in use may be supported from the round of a ladder. The main supporting-frame of the device is made up of a single bar of metal or wire of heavy gage, and said wire has formed in the terminals or end portions eyes *a* and at an intermediate portion eyes *a'*. The bar, as shown, is bent upon itself to provide loops *A'*, which are on a horizontal line with each other and are adapted to engage with a round of a ladder, so that the device illustrated may be suspended therefrom. The wire is also bent to form hooks *A*<sup>2</sup>, with upwardly-projecting members, which are curved, as shown, so as to better retain the bail of a pail in engagement with the hooks. It will be noted that the main suspending hooks or loops *A*<sup>2</sup> for the paint-pails are formed so as to have parallel side members which give great rigidity to the hooks and that the parallel bars are held together by clips *b*, above which extends a cross-bar *A*<sup>3</sup>. By making the frame as herein shown and described the main supporting portion is of a single piece of wire, and to the cross-bar *A*<sup>3</sup>, I secure a bail *B*, which carries a suitable grasping-handle *b'*, the bail *B* being in pivotal engagement with the cross-bar, so that it may be swung downwardly and lie between the hooks *A*<sup>2</sup> when not in use.

The wire frame hereinbefore described is adapted to carry a trough *C*, and the end walls *c c* thereof have projecting studs or rivets *d*, which pass through the eyes *a'* in the side pieces of the frame. The studs are adjacent to the upper edge of the trough, so that it will be maintained in position by gravity. If it is desired that more than a single trough be used, a second trough *C'* may be suspended in a like manner from the frame.

The device hereinbefore described provides a simple, cheap, and convenient means for carrying paint pots and brushes; also for suspending the same from a ladder or other support when desired for use. The troughs provide convenient receptacles for the brushes.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown the device provided with two brush receptacles or troughs; but in practice the lower one may be dispensed with, and when the device



is only provided with a single trough the side pieces of the frame will terminate at the eye  $a'$ .

In Fig. 3 of the drawings I have shown a modification in which the main frame is provided with a terminal eye  $e$  and an intermediate eye  $e'$ , the frame having a curved portion to which a trough is soldered or otherwise attached, so as to be held in rigid engagement therewith, and, if desirable, one end of the trough may be open and have a cross-bar or a loop  $f$  above the open end of the trough to form a support for the handles of the brushes, and this modified form provides means for detachably connecting the lower trough thereto, it having side bars the ends of which are bent at right angles, so as to be sprung into and engage with the eyes  $e$   $e'$ .

The essential feature of my invention is an improvement which provides for a hanger for paint-pails and a brush-receptacle which is adapted to be supported from the round of a ladder, so that the brush-receptacle will be on one side of the round and the hanger for the pails on the other.

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

1. In a hanger for paint-pails, a frame consisting of a pair of ladder-rung hooks from which depend a pair of bail-receiving hooks, the frame on the opposite side of the bail-receiving hooks carrying a trough which serves as a paint-brush receptacle, substantially as shown.

2. In a hanger for paint-pails a frame made up of a single bar bent to provide portions or hooks for engagement with a ladder-rung and

a pair of bail-receiving hooks, a cross-bar connecting the side pieces of the frame to each other, a handle carried by the cross-bar, and a brush-receiving receptacle carried by the opposite side of the frame from the bail-receiving hooks substantially as shown and for the purpose set forth.

3. A combined paint-pail hanger and brush-receptacle comprising a frame made up of a single bar, bent to receive a brush-receptacle and provide eyes, bends forming hooks for a ladder-rung and depending portions which are bent to provide bail-receiving hooks substantially as shown, in combination with a second receptacle having members which are adapted to engage with the eyes  $a$   $a'$  so that the second receptacle will be suspended below the one carried by the frame, substantially as shown.

4. In a paint-pot hanger and brush-receptacle, a main supporting-frame made up of a single bar bent to provide a pair of hooks above which are bends which provide means for suspending the device from the ladder-round, a brush-receptacle having a vertical wall at one end said receptacle being attached to the frame, and a cross-bar carried by the frame above and adjacent to the open end of the receptacle, substantially as shown and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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