

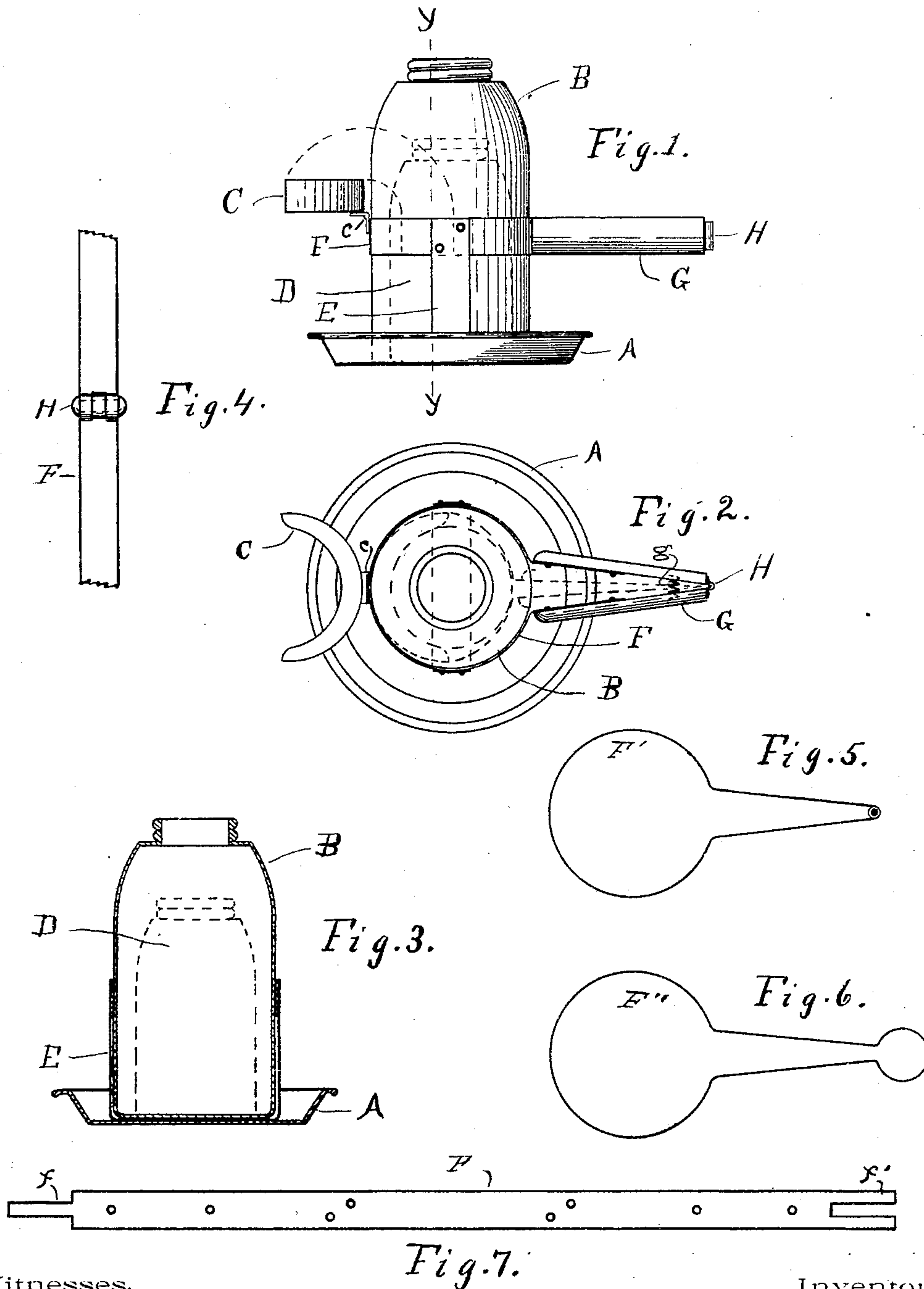
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## FRUIT-CAN HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN VANDER STEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at Grand Rapids, in the county of Kent and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Can-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in implements for holding fruit-cans for the purpose of screwing the covers on when the cans are hot; and its objects are, first, to provide a can-holder that will securely hold the can against the danger of its turning when the cover is being screwed on; second, to provide a can-holder that may be readily adjusted to the various sizes of cans, and, third, to provide a can-holder that will prevent the drippings or overflow of the can from smearing the table or other support upon which the cans are being filled and stored. I attain these objects by the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of the holder with a can in position and a smaller can shown in outline. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of the same on the line *y y* of Fig. 1. Fig. 4 is a detached section of the encircling or clamping band, showing the construction of the hinge. Figs. 5 and 6 are each modified forms of the clamping-bands with the handles removed, and Fig. 7 is a plan of the metal strip of which the clamping-band is formed.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

My invention consists of a dripping-dish for receiving the drippings from the can B and a clamping-band F, made of any suitable flexible material, as steel ribbon, that is supported on standards E, one end of which is secured to the dripping-dish. This band is designed to encircle the can, as in Figs. 1 and 2, so that it may be drawn snugly around it, so that it cannot turn therein when the top is being screwed on, and is provided with handles G, of wood or other suitable material, so arranged that great pressure may be exerted upon them without inconvenience to the hand, and the ends are usually pivoted or hinged together, as at H, to facilitate the opening and closing of the handles as desired. I sometimes insert a spring *g* or its equivalent between the handles to facilitate their action.

For the purpose of adjusting the clamping-band to clamp various sizes of cans I hinge a crescent-shaped filling, C, of wood to the band, as at *c*, so that it may be thrown to position for the reception of a large can, as indicated by the solid lines, or to receive a small can, as indicated by the dotted lines, in Figs. 1 and 2.

The clamping-band is formed substantially as shown in Fig. 7, the hinge being formed of the single tongue *f* and the double tongues *f'* in the usual manner.

That I do not restrict myself to any particular form of clamping-band is evidenced by the several forms shown at F' in Fig. 5 and F'' in Fig. 6.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States, is—

1. In a can-holder, a dripping-dish, standards supported in said dish, a clamping-band supported at the top of said standards, and handles upon said band, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a can-holder, a dripping-dish, standards projecting up from said dish, a clamping-band supported by said standards, handles to said band, and an adjusting-filling hinged to said band, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

3. In a can-holder, a dripping-dish, standards in said dish, a clamping-band supported on said standards, handles for manipulating said band, and a hinge for holding said handles together at one end, substantially as, and for the purpose set forth.

4. In a can-holder, a dripping-dish, standards in said dish, a clamping-band supported on said standards, handles pivoted together at one end for manipulating said band, a spring for forcing the other ends of said handles apart, and a block pivoted to said band of a proper form to adjust the band to the circumference of smaller cans, substantially as shown and described.

Signed at Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 29, 1899.

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