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FIG. 1

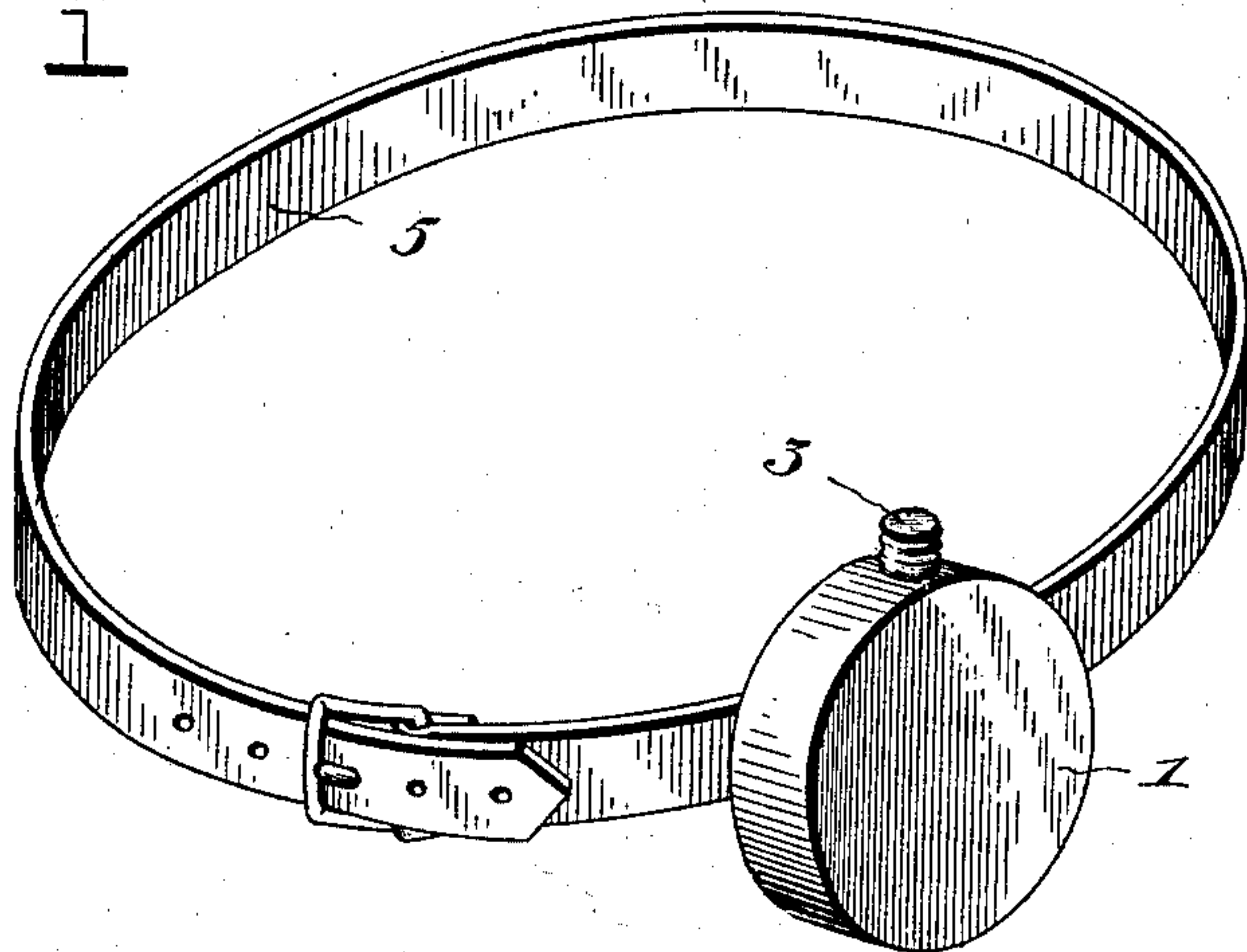
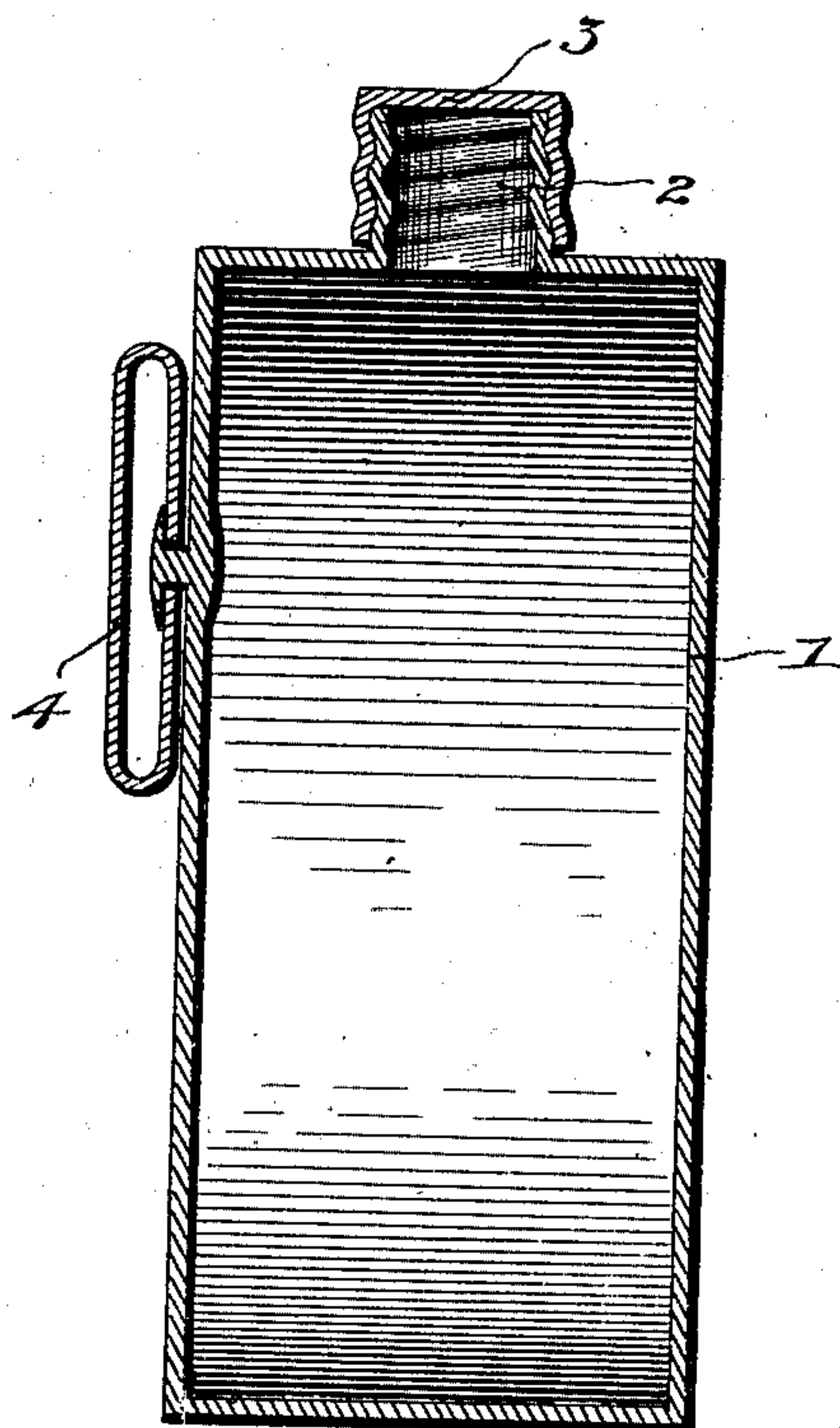


FIG. 2



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OIL-CAN.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH SWISHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Diamond, in the county of Parke and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Oil-Cans; and I do 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.

The invention relate to oil-cans, more particularly to that class worn by miners and used for filling their lamps or torches.

The object of the invention is to provide an oil-can of this character which may be readily supported from a belt worn by the miner and which may be tilted to discharge its contents into a lamp or torch without the necessity of detaching the can and which will remain in an upright position irrespective of the numerous positions assumed by the miner while at his work.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, which will be hereinafter more fully described, and particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my improved oil-can attached to a belt, and Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical sectional view through the oil-can on an enlarged scale.

In the drawings, 1 denotes the body of the oil-can, which may be of any suitable or well-known construction (shown in the present instance as cylindrical in form) and provided with a discharge-nipple 2, closed by a removable cap 3. Pivoted or loosely attached to one head of the oil-can above its horizontal axial line is a belt-loop 4, through which the belt 5 is inserted and by means of which the can is secured to the body of the miner.

When it is desired to fill a lamp or torch, the cap of the can is removed and the can swung on its pivot to allow the oil to flow

through the nozzle into the lamp or torch. The cap is then screwed in place and the can, owing to the fact that its heavier portion is below its horizontal axis, rights itself, so as to prevent any oil leaking through the cap and nozzle. It will thus be observed that the can is thus balanced to normally retain the cap and its nozzle in a vertical position. This is done by making that portion of the can below its pivotal connection with the loop heavier than that portion above the pivotal connection with the loop. The increase of weight at this point is preferably effected, as shown in the drawings, by pivoting the loop eccentrically to the head of the can, although I consider as falling within the scope of my invention other expedients for accomplishing the same result.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, mode of operation, and advantages of my invention will be readily understood without requiring a more extended explanation.

Various changes in the form, proportion, and details of construction may be made within the scope of the invention without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages thereof.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a miner's oil-can provided with a pivot-pin and a belt-loop to which the can is pivotally connected, and a securing-belt adapted to be threaded through the loop, all substantially as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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