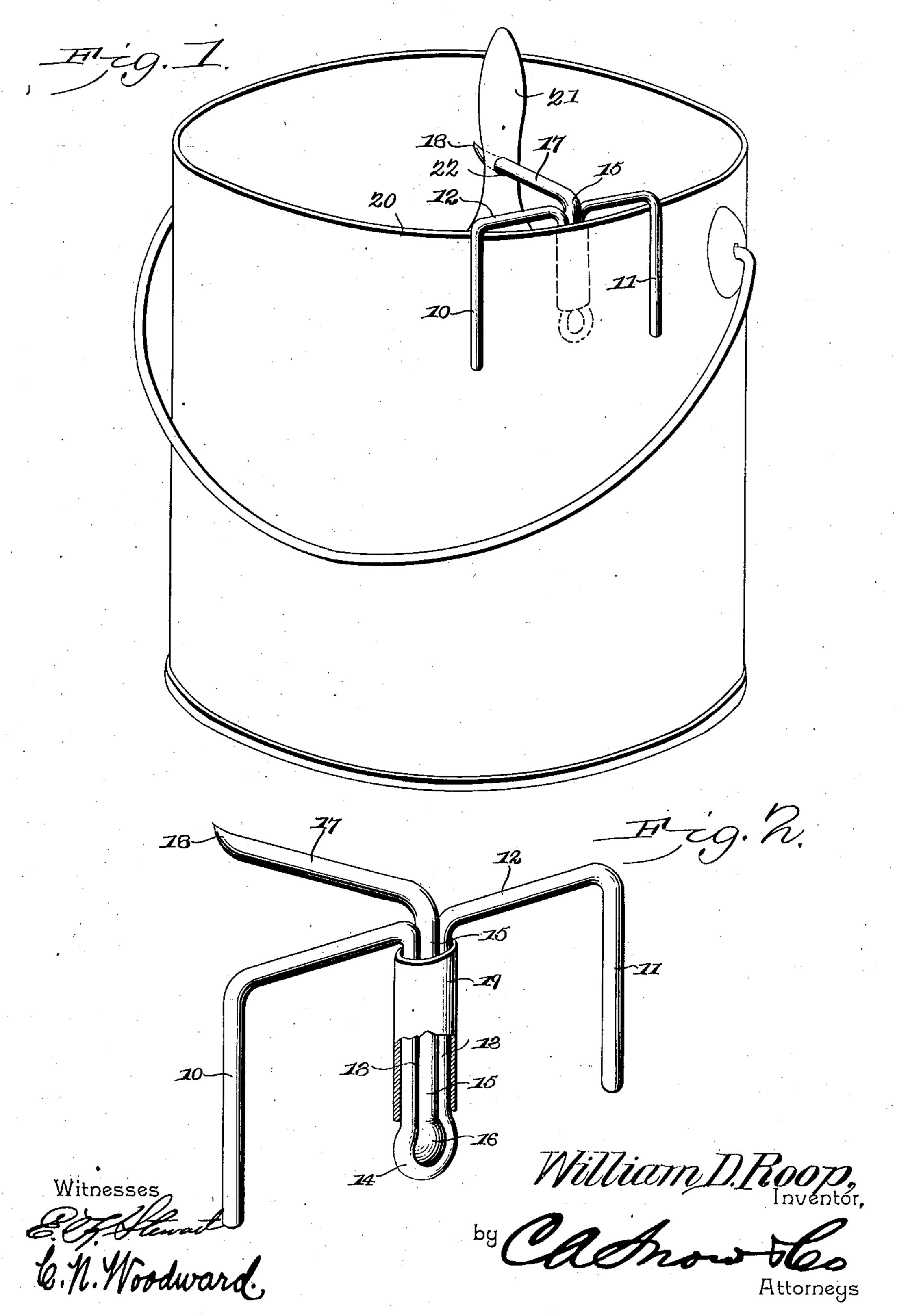
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM D. ROOP, a citizen of the United States, residing at Danville, in the county of Vermilion and State of Illi-5 nois, have invented a new and useful Brush-Holder, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to devices for supporting brushes and the like, more particu-10 larly for the use of painters and similar workmen in maintaining brushes and similar implements or articles in position for use and to prevent injury thereto, and has for its object tò produce a simply-constructed and conven-15 ient device by means of which the article may be supported in a paint-pail or other vessel or upon a wall, rack, or other support in convenient position for ready access when required for use.

20. With these and other objects in view, which will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in certain novel features of construction, as hereinafter

fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, and in which corresponding parts are denoted by like designating characters, is illustrated the preferred form of the embodiment of the invention capable 30 of carrying the same into practical operation, it being understood that the invention is not necessarily limited thereto, as various changes in the shape, proportions, and general assemblage of the parts may be resorted to without 35 departing from the principle of the invention or sacrificing any of its advantages.

In the drawings thus employed, Figure 1 is a perspective view of a pail with the device attached. Fig. 2 is a perspective view, en-40 larged and partially in section, of the device

detached.

The improved device comprises a frame formed with spaced side members 10 11, connected at one end by a transverse bar 12 and 45 with a central member 13, provided with a longitudinal recess preferably enlarged laterally at the inner end, as at 14.

The frame will be of resilient metal, preferably wire of steel, brass, or other suitable metal, formed from a single piece and bent 50 into the required shape.

A supporting member 15 is provided for insertion in the recess in the central member and enlarged laterally at one end, as at 16, to correspond with and fit into the enlargement 55 14 and with the other end bent off laterally, as at 17, with the terminal pointed, as at 18.

A clamping-band 19 incloses the two portions of the central member 13 and the stock of the supporting member 15, the supporting 60 member being thus free to rotate in the recess, but held from displacement therefrom by the enlarged end 16 bearing against the lower end of the band. By this means it is obvious that a very simply-constructed and inexpen- 65 sive device is produced, which may be readily attached to the rim of a pail, as at 20, by inserting the central member, with its clampingband, inside the pail and springing the side members 10 11 outside the same, as in Fig. 1, 70 the resilent force of the device holding it firmly in position, while leaving the portion 17 of the supporting member free to rotate above the pail. The portion 17 is thus in position to support a brush, as at 21, which rep- 75 resents the handle of a brush having an aperture 22 to receive the member 17.

It will be obvious that the device may be supported upon any size or form of pail or similar vessel over the rim of which the de- 80 vice may be "sprung" or connected in the same manner with a rack or other supporting structure with which the same may be simi-

larly connected.

Generally the brush-handles will be pro- 85 vided with an aperture to receive the point 18 of the member 17; but when it is desired to suspend a brush in the handle of which the aperture has not first been made the requisite aperture may be readily produced by using 90 the point 18 as an awl or boring implement previous to the attachment of the device to a pail or other support. This makes of the device a very complete and efficient device for the purposes described.

Having thus described the invention, what

is claimed is—

1. As a new article, a frame formed of re-

silient metal with spaced parallel members connected at one end by a transverse integral bar, the intermediate member having a central longitudinal recess, and a supporting member rotatively disposed in said recess and laterally extended at one end, said supporting member being maintained in said recess by an inclosing clamping-band.

2. As a new article, a frame formed of resilient metal with spaced parallel members connected at one end by a transverse integral bar, the intermediate member having a central longitudinal recess, a supporting member having one end extended laterally, and means for maintaining said supporting member re-

tatively in said recess.

3. As a new article, a frame formed of resilient metal with spaced parallel members connected at one end by a transverse integral bar, the intermediate member having a central longitudinal recess enlarged laterally at the inner end, a supporting member for engaging said recess and having a laterally-engaging said recess and having a laterally-engaging said recess.

larged terminal corresponding to and engaging said recess enlargement and with its free 25 end extended laterally at one side, and an inclosing clamping - band for maintaining said supporting member rotatively in said recess.

4. As a new article, a frame of resilient wire with spaced sides connected at one end 30 by a transverse bar and with a central bend in said bar having spaced sides parallel to said frame side members, and a supporting member disposed between the sides of said central bend and held for rotation therein by an in-35 closing clamping-band, the free end of said supporting member being bent laterally above said transverse bar.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in 4°

the presence of two witnesses.

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