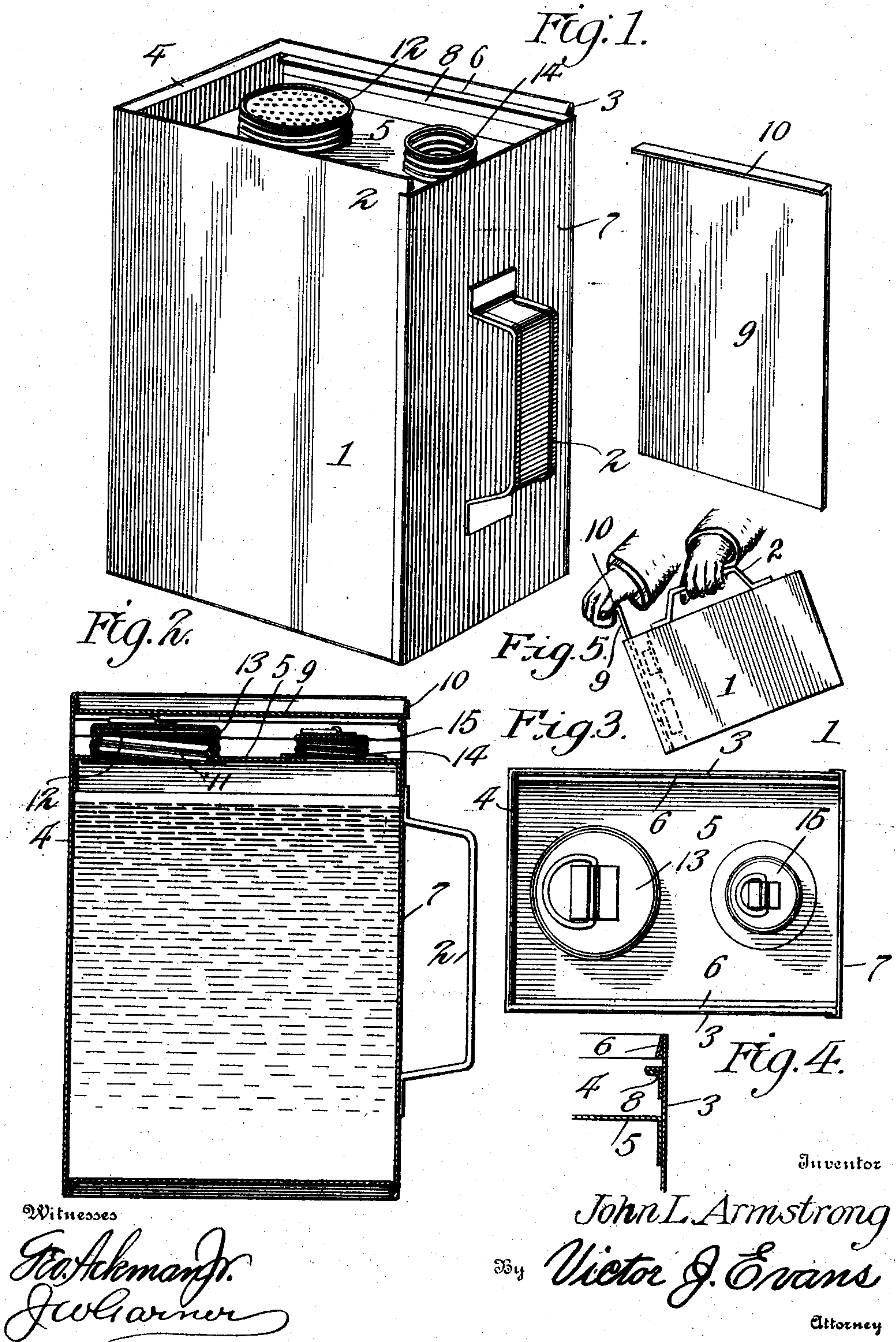


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN L. ARMSTRONG, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at 319 Humboldt street, Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Sprinkling-Cans, of which the following is a specification.

This invention is an improved sprinkling can especially adapted for use in transporting water to cemeteries in and near cities where water is difficult to procure and for sprinkling grass, flowers and the like on graves, but which may also be used as a garden sprinkler and for other analogous purposes, and the invention consists in the construction and arrangement of devices hereinafter described and claimed.

The object of this invention is to provide a sprinkling can which, when the same is not in use, presents the appearance of a metallic cash box or the like, so that it may be readily carried, full of water, through the streets and on street cars, railway trains and the like without attracting attention or appearing conspicuous, as hereinafter set forth.

In the accompanying drawing,—Figure 1 is a perspective view of a sprinkling can constructed in accordance with this invention, with the cover which conceals the spouts removed. Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same, showing the cover in place to conceal the spouts. Fig. 3 is an end elevation of the same, with the said cover removed. Fig. 4 is a detail section of one side of the can. Fig. 5 is a detail side view showing the sprinkling can in an operative position.

The can 1 may be made of any suitable sheet metal, tin, iron or the like, and is preferably of oblong rectangular form to simulate the appearance of a cash box, packing case or the like and is provided on one side with a handle 2, whereby it may be readily carried. The sides 3, 4 of the said can or vessel are extended at one end thereof beyond the top or end 5 of such vessel or can and are provided with flanges 6 on their inner sides formed by bending and doubling their outer ends. The side 7 of the can or vessel to which the handle 2 is attached is somewhat shorter than the said sides 3, 4, so that the said flanged outer ends of such sides 3, 4 project beyond the end of the said side 7, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2. On the extended portions of the sides 3 at the inner sides

thereof are guide and supporting flanges 8 which are formed of bent sheet metal, are soldered or otherwise secured to such extended portions of the sides 3 and are spaced from the flanges 6 to form grooves for the reception of the side edges of a cover 9 which is adapted to be placed in such guide grooves to conceal the top or end 5 of the can or vessel, as shown in Fig. 1. Such cover is hence adapted to be very readily removed from or placed in position on such end of the can, and to facilitate the operation thereof such cover is provided at its outer end with a flange 10 which extends at right angles thereto. The flanges 6, 8, in addition to forming guide grooves between them for the reception of the side edges of the slide or cover 9, also serve to reinforce the extended portions of the sides of the can and prevent such extended portions from becoming bent or buckled so as to render it difficult or impossible to put the cover in place. The said end 5 of the can is provided at a point near the side 4 of the can with a screw-threaded nipple or spout 11, which has a perforated diaphragm 12 at its outer end adapted to act as a rose for sprinkling water, as will be understood, and a screw-threaded cap 13 is provided to cover such sprinkling spout or nipple. The said end 5 is further provided at a point near the side 7 with a screw-threaded nipple 14 to enable the can to be readily filled, and provided with a cap 15 to be screwed thereon and form a closure therefor, said cap when the same is removed enabling the said nipple 14 to be also used as a vent to facilitate the discharge of the water through the sprinkling rose or nozzle.

It will be understood upon reference to Fig. 2 of the drawings that after the can has been filled with water and the caps screwed on the nozzles or spouts thereof and the cover 9 inserted in place, that said cover serves to entirely conceal the said nozzles or spouts and causes the can to present the appearance of an ordinary cash box, packing case or the like, so that the same may be readily carried from place to place, without attracting attention or causing the person carrying the same to appear at all conspicuous. The sprinkling can may, of course, be made of any suitable size, so that the same may be caused to contain any desired quantity of water. It will also be apparent that the can may be used for other than sprinkling purposes.



The can as herein set forth and described is such that the cover 9 may be partly withdrawn and held by one hand of the operator when the sprinkler is in use, while the other  
5 hand of the operator may be engaged with the handle 2. It will thus be seen that the can may be effectively held to properly direct its contents as will be fully appreciated upon reference to Fig. 5 of the drawing.

10 Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new, is:—

1. In a sprinkling can, a rectangular body having a handle at one side and disposed longitudinally thereof, the can having a filling  
15 opening and a discharge opening, a closure for the filling opening, a perforated diaphragm in the discharge opening, and a sliding cover for concealing the openings when not in use, and adapted to be extended for  
20 engagement by the hand to steady the can.

2. The combination with a can having a filling opening and a discharge opening in the top thereof, a perforated diaphragm in the discharge opening, and a handle located at  
25 one side of the can, of a sliding cover for concealing said openings and normally arranged to act in conjunction with the handle of the

can to steady the latter by engagement thereof by one hand of the operator.

3. The combination with a can having one  
30 end open, a wall spaced from said open end and provided with filling and discharge means, and a handle on one of the side walls of the can, of a sliding member for application to the open end of the can to conceal  
35 said filling and discharge means normally and arranged for movement to lie at times with a portion adjacent to and in parallel spaced relation to the handle for the purpose  
40 set forth.

4. A sprinkling can having sprinkling  
45 means at one end thereof, a longitudinally disposed handle at one side of the can, and means to conceal said sprinkling means, said means being arranged for manual manipulation to steady the can when the sprinkler is  
in use.

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

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