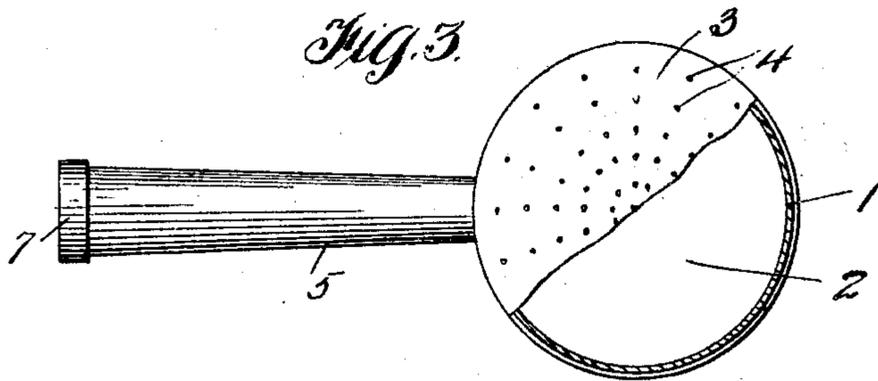
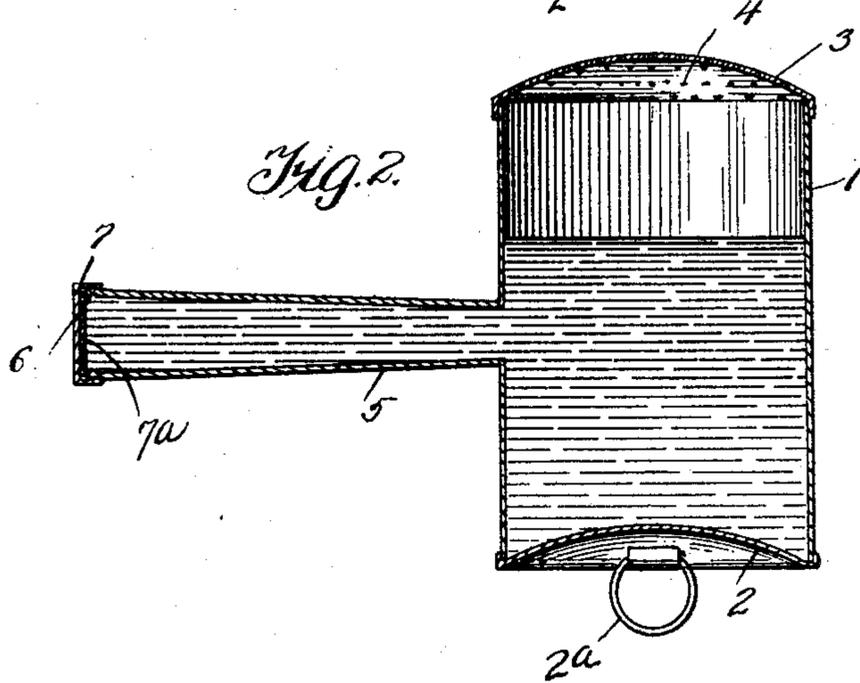
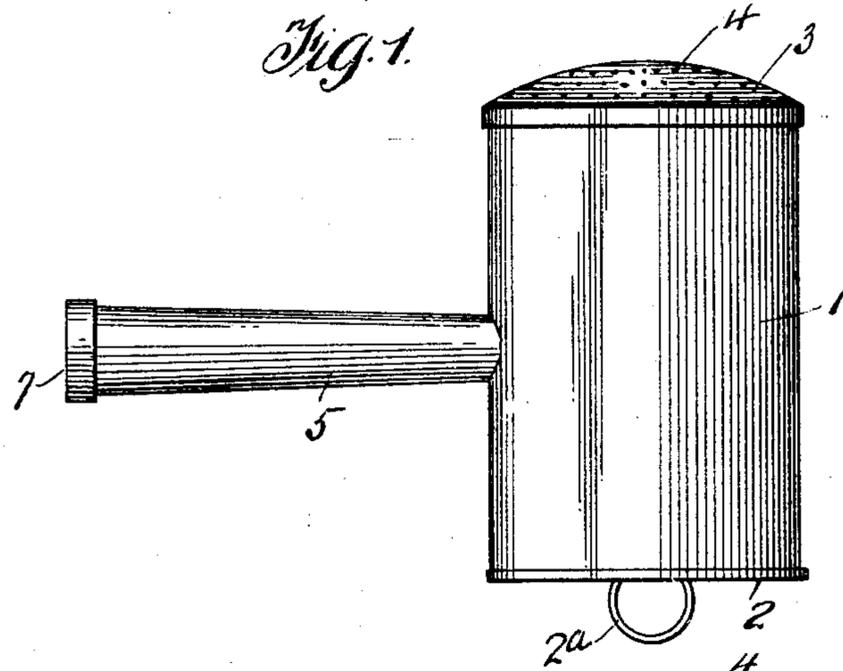


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, REUBEN L. FREE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Leechburg, in the county of Armstrong and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Clothes-Dampeners, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to a clothes dampener or sprinkler, and the object of my invention is to provide a simple, durable and inexpensive clothes dampener having a reservoir easily filled, the dampener holding a sufficient supply of water for sprinkling a large number of clothes.

I attain the above object by a sprinkling device that will be hereinafter described in detail and then particularly pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:—Figure 1 is an elevation of the clothes dampener and sprinkler. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a plan of the same partly broken away and partly in section.

In the accompanying drawings, 1 designates a cylindrical can or receptacle having a concave bottom 2, soldered or otherwise secured to the lower edges of the can or receptacle. The concave bottom 2 adjacent to one edge thereof is provided with a pivoted ring or eyelet 2^a, whereby the sprinkler can be easily suspended from a nail or suitable support. Secured upon the upper edges of the can or receptacle 1 is a convex cover 3 having a plurality of small openings or perforations 4 formed therein.

Formed integral with the cylindrical can or receptacle 1 is a radially disposed tubular tapering handle 5 communicating with the interior of the can or receptacle. The outer and large end of the handle 5 is threaded, as at 6, for a detachable cap 7. In the cap 7

is located a washer 7^a, preferably made of cork. The cap 7 is removed when the can or receptacle 1 is to be filled. During the filling of the receptacle the openings in the cover 3 are closed by the hand. After the cap 7 has been replaced, the dampener or sprinkler can be placed in an upright position, as shown in Fig. 2 to hold the water therein until it is desired to use the same.

By providing the cover with small perforations, a large number of garments can be evenly sprinkled, thus facilitating the work of a laundress.

My clothes dampener and sprinkler is made of strong and durable non-corrodible metal.

Having now described my invention, what I claim as new is:—

A clothes dampener comprising a cylindrical body-portion, a flanged bottom mounted against and secured to one end of said body-portion, said bottom being concave, a flanged top mounted against and secured to the other end of said body-portion, said top being convex and provided throughout with minute perforations, an eyelet secured to the outer face of the bottom adjacent one edge, a hollow tubular handle formed integral with and opening into said body-portion, said handle disposed at right angles with respect to said body-portion and gradually increasing in diameter from its inner to its outer end, said handle at its outer end provided with peripheral threads, a cap detachably mounted upon the threaded end of said handle for closing it, and a washer interposed between the threaded end of said handle and said cap.

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

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