

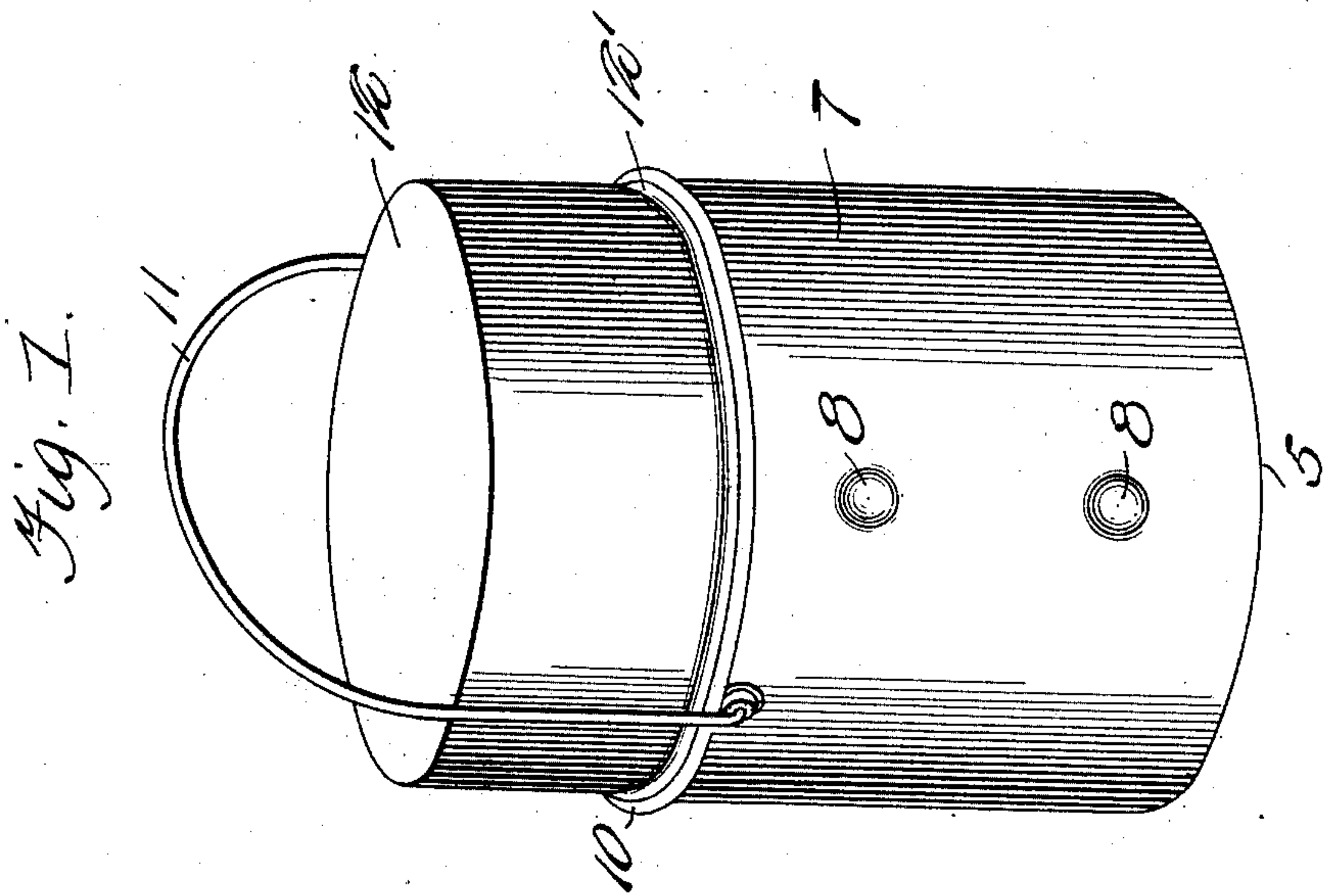
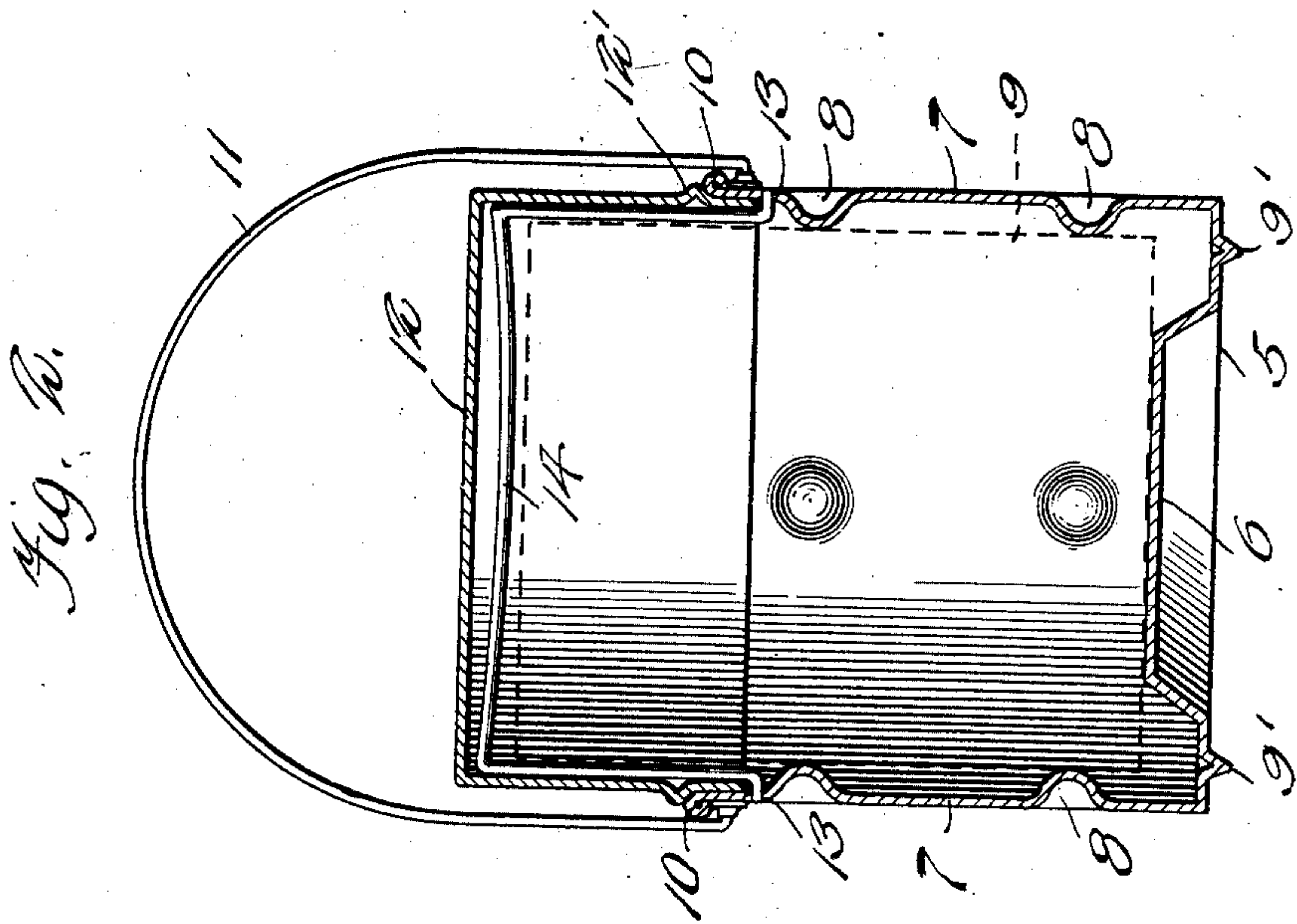
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN C. A. FITCH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Drip-Cans, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to receptacles and has special reference to a receptacle adapted to receive a paint can or the like, and so constructed that the paint wiped from the brush after dipping the latter into the paint will, instead of flowing down the side of the can and onto the ground flow into the receptacle, thus the device in addition to performing the function of saving the paint will at the same time prevent the paint from disfiguring surfaces adjacent to the surface being painted.

With the above and other objects in view, which will more fully hereinafter appear, the present invention consists in certain novel details of construction and arrangement of parts, hereinafter fully described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings and more particularly pointed out in the appended claim; it being understood that various changes in the form, proportion, size, and minor details of the device may be made, within the scope of the appended claim, without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of the specification:—Figure 1 is a perspective view of the device, Fig. 2 is a vertical section showing a paint can in dotted lines and also showing an improved form of wiper overlying the paint can.

Similar numerals of reference are employed to designate corresponding parts throughout.

The device includes in its construction a bottom designated by the numeral 5. This member may be of any desired contour according to the contour of the paint can to be housed. The lower surface of the bottom is centrally dished or bulged upwardly as shown at 6 and rising from the periphery of the bottom is a side wall 7. The side wall 7 is, at spaced intervals, bulged inwardly, as shown at 8 to provide hemispherical extensions, the function of which will appear later.

The paint can is designated by the numeral 9 and as shown in the drawings is

arranged within the receptacle, its bottom bearing on the upwardly bulged portion 6, and its side wall on the projections 8. By virtue of the projections it will be seen that a space will exist between the opposed surfaces of the side walls of the receptacle and can so that paint will be permitted to flow down the side of the can from whence it will flow into the space below the dished portion 6 of the bottom 5. The bottom 5 is provided on its lower surface and adjacent to its periphery with a plurality of depending spurs 9, said spurs being formed by bulging the bottom 5 outwardly, these spurs providing supporting feet so that when the device is placed upon the freshly painted horizontal surface comparatively small marks will remain after the device is removed.

The upper edge of the side wall 7 is beaded as shown at 10, and secured at opposite points on the side wall are the opposite ends of a bail or handle 11. A cover is designated by the numeral 12 its lower end portion being of a size to be inserted into the open end of the receptacle, the side wall of the said cover being medially provided with a bead 12 to engage with the bead 10 of the receptacle and operating to limit inward movement of the cover into the receptacle.

By reference now to the drawings it will be seen that positioned at diametrically opposite points on the inner surface of the side wall 7 and adjacent to the upper end thereof are sockets 13. These sockets receive the opposite terminals of a substantially inverted U-shaped frame 14, the said frame extending upwardly and over the paint can, the horizontal portion of said frame providing a cross piece upon which the brush may be wiped after having been dipped into the paint, the said horizontal portion further cooperating with the side of the paint can to provide a support for holding the brush in a horizontal position when not in use.

From the foregoing, it is evident that I have provided a device which is comparatively simple in structure and inexpensive in manufacture, embodying few parts and these so arranged that the danger of derangement will be reduced to a minimum.

I claim:—

A drip receptacle for paint cans and the like comprising a bottom having its central portion bulged inwardly and providing a flat bearing surface for the paint can and

further provided on its lower surface and adjacent to its periphery with a plurality of depending spurs, a side wall rising from the periphery of the bottom and provided on its  
5 inner surface with a plurality of hemispherical projections and further interiorly provided with oppositely disposed sockets, and an inverted U-shaped frame having the ter-

minal portions of its opposite limbs bent outwardly and arranged in the said sockets. 10

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

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