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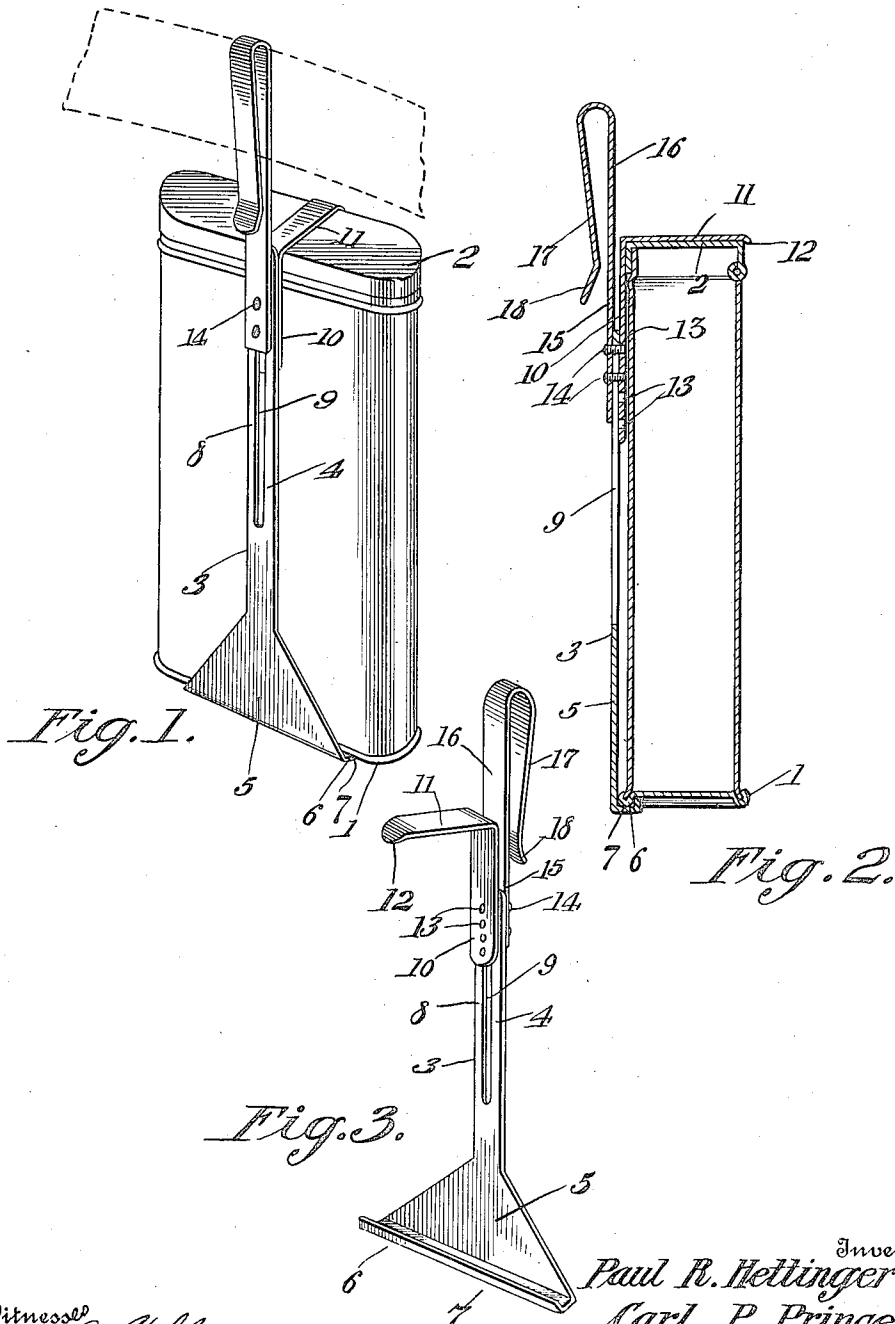


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, PAUL R. HETTINGER and CARL P. PRINCE, citizens of the United States, residing at Albany, in the county of Albany and State of New York, have invented new and useful Improvements in Tobacco-Can Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to holding devices primarily adapted for sustaining cans of tobacco to suspend the same from the belt of the owner.

In carrying out our invention it is our purpose to provide a simple, cheap and thoroughly effective clamp whereby cans of tobacco or the like may be effectively held to permit of the removal of the same when desired and to also provide the holder with a clip whereby the same may be suspended from the belt over the hip pocket of the trousers of the owner, so that the can cannot inflict injury to the pocket or to any other portion of the clothing.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a holder for tobacco cans or the like which may be adjusted to engage with cans of varying sizes.

With the above and other objects in view, the improvement resides in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts set forth in the following specification and falling within the scope of the appended claim.

In the drawing: Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating the application of the improvement, Fig. 2 is a central vertical longitudinal sectional view through the same, and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the clamp or holder.

In the general construction of tobacco cans the bottom of the same is provided with a continuous bead 1 and the open top is normally closed by a hinged closure 2.

Our improved holder is broadly indicated by the numeral 3 and is preferably constructed of some cheap but substantial metal. The holder includes a body portion 4 which is widened at, what I will term, its lower end, as indicated by the numeral 5, and the said widened portion is bent upon itself to

provide the same with a flange 6 that is arranged parallel with the body, forming a channel 7 between the said flange and body which is adapted to receive the bead 1 of the can. The central and reduced portion of the body, indicated by the numeral 8, is in the nature of a strap and is provided for the major portion of its length with longitudinally extending slot 9. Arranged upon what may be termed the front face of the strap or the portion thereof provided with the lip 6 and the channel 7 is the leg 10 of an angular spring clamp 11. The horizontal portion of the clip preferably has its end curved downwardly in the direction of the lip 6, and this member, indicated for distinction by the numeral 12 of the clamp 11, is adapted to frictionally engage with the top of the can and to force the same downwardly to be engaged in the channel 7 and by the lip 6. The leg 10 is provided with one or more threaded apertures 13 which receive the threads of the shank portions of headed members 14 that pass through the slot 9 of the central portion 8 of the body and enter suitable threaded openings in the leg or body 15 of a spring clip 16. The threaded members or screws 14 bind the members 10 and 15 against the opposite faces of the central portion 8 of the body member 4 and the slot 9 permits of the adjustment of the said members. The tongue 17 of the clip 16 has its end curved outwardly from the body of the clip, as indicated by the numeral 18, whereby the said clip may be readily inserted over the trouser belt on the clothes of the wearer.

From the above description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the simplicity of the device, as well as the advantages thereof will, it is thought, be perfectly apparent to those skilled in the art to which such invention appertains without further detailed description.

Having thus described the invention, what we claim is:

In a holder for the purpose set forth, a slotted strap having its end widened and formed with a tongue providing a channel

between the tongue and the said widened
end of the strap, a right angular spring
clamp upon one of the sides of the strap, of
a spring clip upon the otherside of the strap,
3 adjustable securing members for the clamp
and clip and passing through the slot of the
strap, as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signa-
tures in presence of two witnesses.

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