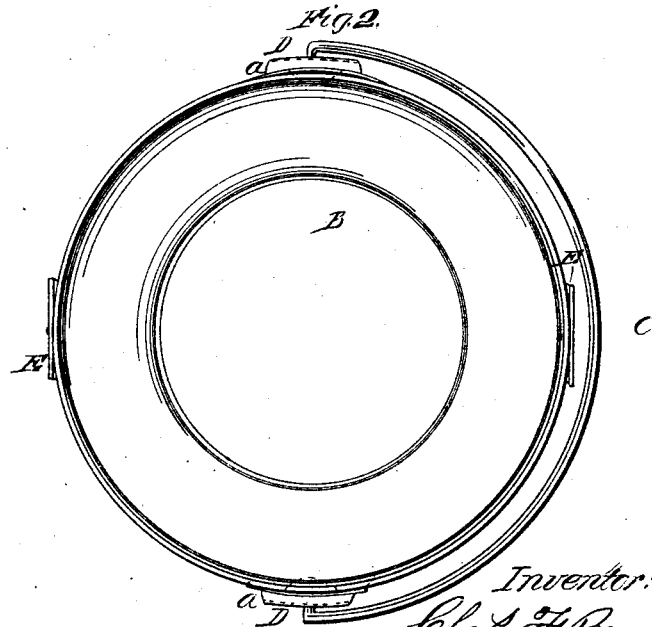
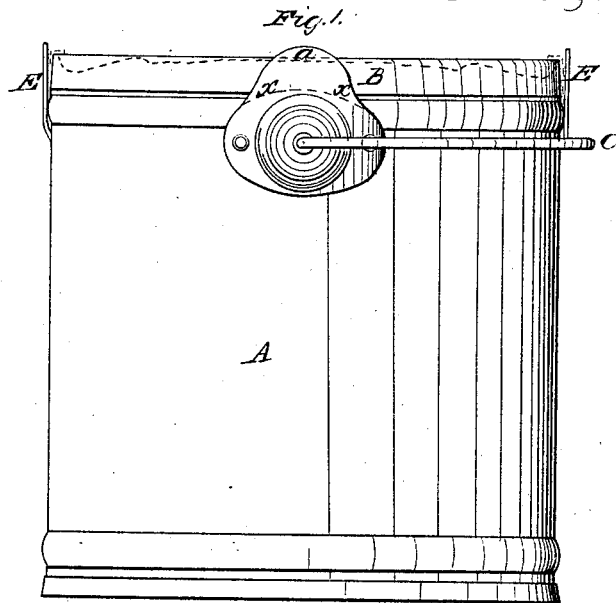
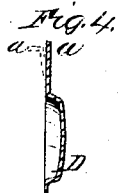
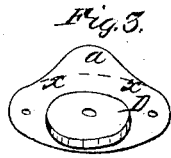


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## IMPROVEMENT IN EARS FOR PAINT-CANS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **46,176**, dated January 31, 1865.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES F. BRAND, of the city and county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ears for Paint-Cans; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of a paint-can with the improved ears. Fig. 2 is a top view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the improved ear. Fig. 4 is a vertical section of the same.

Like letters in all the figures represent the same parts.

The nature of my invention consists in projecting clips from socket-ears, which, after the can is filled with paint, are bent over the edge of the cover to hold the latter firmly in its place.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will proceed to describe its construction and operation.

A is the body of the can, which is constructed in the usual manner. B is the cover.

C is the handle. D D are the improved ears, which have projections or clips *a a*, as seen in Fig. 1 above the red line *x x*. The said lips, after the can is filled with paint and the cover put in its place, are bent over the edge of the latter, as seen in Fig. 2, and in the manner indicated in Fig. 4. In cans of medium and large size I use the common clips E E, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2, in addition to the clips *a a* of the ears, but in the smallest-size cans I dispense with them altogether. Hence, it will be seen that I always save the expense of making and putting on two clips to each can.

Having thus fully described my improvement in ears of paint-cans, what I claim therein as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Combining the clips *a a* with the ears D D of paint-cans, substantially in the manner and for the purpose above described.

In testimony that the above is my invention, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 10th day of October, 1864.

CHAS. F. BRAND. [L. S.]

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