

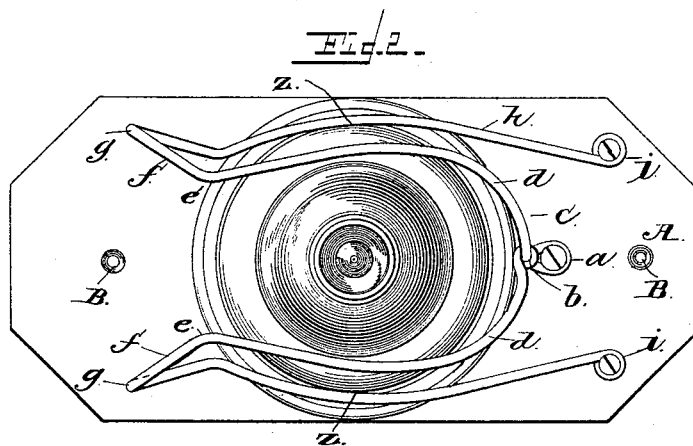
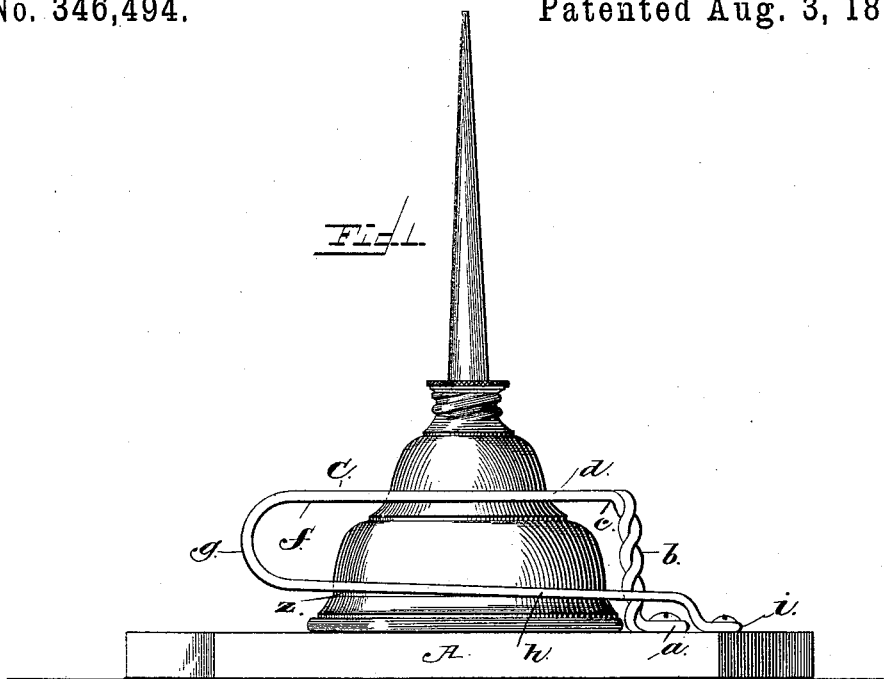
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, DAVID F. OHLWINE and JAMES H. ALEXANDER, citizens of the United States, residing at Kendallville, in the county of Noble and State of Indiana, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Oil-Can Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

Our invention relates to an improvement in oil-can holders; and it consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of the holder, that will be more fully set forth hereinafter, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of our invention. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same.

A represents a wooden base or bracket, which is preferably made in the shape shown, and is provided with openings B, through which screws may be passed to secure it to any desired object or machine—such as a thrasher, mower, grain-drill, or a vehicle.

C represents the holder, which is formed of a single piece of wire. The wire, which may be either of brass, steel, or other resilient material, is first bent in the center to form an eye, *a*, and then twisted or coiled together for a short distance to form a standard, *b*. The eye *a* is bent at right angles to the standard, and a screw is passed through the eye or coil to secure the standard to the base. At the upper end of the standard the ends of the wire are bent at right angles, as at *c*, and diverge from the standard, and are curved to form the upper spring-arms, *d*, which are curved to approach each other near their outer ends, as at *e*, and from thence diverge outwardly, as at *f*. Semicircular curves *g* are formed at the outer ends of the arms *d*, and at right angles to the horizontal plane of the said arms, and the remaining portions of the ends of the wires are bent substantially in the form of the arms *d*, to form the lower spring-arms, *h*. At the outer ends of the arms *h* are formed eyes *i*, to receive screws that enter the base and secure the outer ends of the arms *h* thereto.

By this construction an oil-can holder is formed having double substantially U-shaped spring-arms. When an oil-can of the usual

form, such as shown in Fig. 1, is inserted between the spring-arms, the lower arms, *h*, clasp the can and bear in the usual recess, *z*, that is formed therein near the bottom. The curved converging portions *e* of the arms prevent the can from working loose from the holder.

An oil-can holder thus constructed is very cheap and simple, and is a great convenience by keeping the oil-can where it can always be found when wanted, and from which it cannot accidentally work loose and become lost.

It will be readily understood that the base may be entirely dispensed with, if preferred, and the holder attached directly to the machine or vehicle. The upper arms, *d*, are adapted to embrace an oil-can having parallel sides, and differing from the usual form.

Having thus described our invention, we claim—

1. An oil-can holder formed from a single piece of wire, and having the standard and the spring-arms, the wire being bent at the center and doubled to form the standard, and the ends of the wire being bent to form the arms, substantially as described.

2. An oil-can holder formed from a single piece of wire, bent at the center to form the eye *a*, and twisted to form the standard *b*, the ends of the wires being bent to form the upper arms, *d*, and the lower arms, *h*, for the purpose set forth, substantially as described.

3. The wire bent at the center to form the eye *a*, and twisted or coiled to form the standard *b*, the ends of the wire being curved, as at *c*, *e*, and *f*, to form the upper spring-arms, *d*, and then curved at *g* and bent to form the lower spring-arms, *h*, having the eyes or securing devices *i*, for fastening the outer ends of the arms *h* to a suitable support, whereby the oil-can holder is formed, substantially as described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing as our own we have hereto affixed our signatures in presence of two witnesses.

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