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Oil-Can Cabinet.

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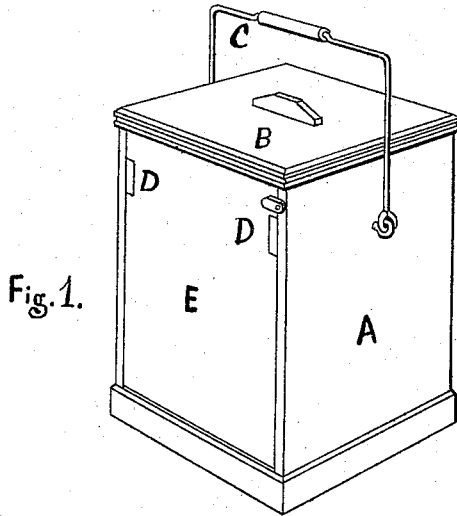


Fig. 1.

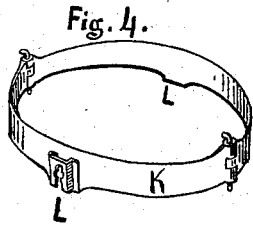


Fig. 4.

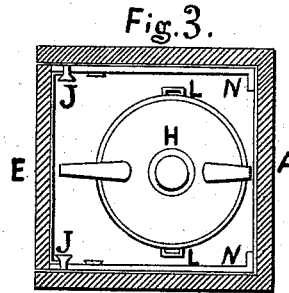


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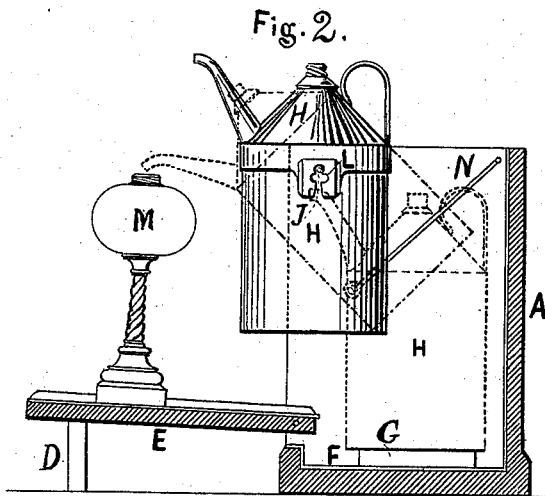


Fig. 2.

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## IMPROVEMENT IN OIL-CAN CABINETS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES H. CLOUGH, of Quincy, in the county of Norfolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Oil-Can Cabinets, of which the following is a specification:

The object of my invention is to provide a device for holding an oil-can, so constructed as to permit a lamp to be filled from a common oil-can, and that any overflow or spilling of oil may be made to run into the bottom of such cabinet, which is provided with a metal lining and suitable grating for the can to rest upon, so as to be kept above or free from contact with such oil as may have been spilled from time to time, and run back or into the bottom thereof. Also, a further object is to facilitate the filling of a lamp by providing the cabinet and oil-can with a tilting device, or means whereby the can may be suspended upon pivots, so as to allow it to be easily tilted or inclined forward, so as to permit the oil to run from the spout of the can into the top of the lamp, as heretofore, wherein such operation is performed entirely by hand, being disagreeable and objectionable in many ways, which my invention is designed to fully overcome, as hereinafter fully described and set forth.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a cabinet in a closed position. Fig. 2 is a sectional view, showing the can and lamp in position for filling. Fig. 3 is a top-plan view of the cabinet with cover removed, showing the position of the oil-can when the cabinet is closed up. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a jacket or hoop for suspending an ordinary oil-can in the cabinet.

A represents a square or rectangular cabinet or case, provided with a removable cover, B, and hinged handle or bail C, as shown in Fig. 1. One side of the case A, near its bottom, is hinged or pivoted to the main portion so as to permit of being turned down, as shown in Fig. 2, and is provided with hinged legs D, which are turned out from the side E of the case A, so as to stand at a right angle thereto, and serve as a support to the free end of the

same, as shown, so as to form an incline toward the bottom portion F, which forms a shallow receptacle for any oil which may be spilled upon such incline E, having raised edges to conduct the oil into the receptacle, which has a rack, G, upon which the oil-can H rests when the cabinet is closed up, as in Fig. 1.

In opposite sides of the case A are secured pivots J, upon which the oil-can H is tilted by means of the jacket or hoop K, having projecting ears or bearings L, which rest upon the pivots J, so as to permit the can to be tilted, as shown by the dotted lines in Fig. 2.

It will be evident that the jacket or hoop K may be dispensed with, and the bearings L secured directly to the opposite sides of the can H by solder or otherwise; and if the lamp M to be filled should be too tall or high when placed upon the incline platform E, an extra pair of hinged wire pivots, N, may be turned up from the inside of the case, so as to support the can in an elevated position, as may be desired, to permit the oil to run from the spout of the same into the top of the lamp when the can is tilted, as shown.

In order to prevent the oil spilled from penetrating the wood of the case A, the case may be lined with metal; or the whole may be constructed of tin or other sheet metal, if desired.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is—

1. The above-described oil-can cabinet, consisting of the case A, provided with the receptacle F and hinged portion E, adapted to be turned down so as to form an incline, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In combination with the case A, having the hinged platform E, the pivots J and bearings L, so as to permit the can H to be tilted, substantially in the manner described, as and for the purposes set forth.

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