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CONTAINER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTONIO ALVAREZ, a citizen of the United States, and resident of the city of Oakland, county of Alameda, State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Containers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention is particularly adapted to contain poisonous compounds for the eradication of insects, such as poison for ants, roaches and the like, and comprises a receptacle and a plurality of openings in the upper portion thereof, and a cover for the said receptacle, said cover having an extended and overhanging flange portion whereby the said openings are protected from moisture and weather, thus preventing the deterioration of the contents from rain and weather contamination.

A further object is the combination of a receptacle, a protective cover and a packing or binding strip of paper or the like for holding the contents within the receptacle until ready for use.

By referring to the accompanying drawings my invention will be made clear.

In the drawings, Fig. 1 is a longitudinal cross section through my container showing the same supported upon a hook above the ground surface.

Fig. 2 is prospective of the container of Fig. 1 with the cover removed and showing the manner of introducing a protective paper strip when the container is shipped as with contents therein.

Fig. 3 is a prospective view of the container with the paper strip and cover removed.

Throughout the figures similar numerals refer to identical parts.

A receptacle of conventional can shape open at the top is shown by the numeral 1, this has fitted thereon the cover 2 having an overhanging flange 3, and depending skirt portion 4. The flange and skirt portions form an umbrella shaped protection against the weather. Under this protective portion are a plurality of holes as 5, 6, passing through the upper portion of the receptacle 1, whereby insects may readily pass from the outside into the container and eat the poison which may be contained therein and again leave the container through the same holes, the poison later taking effect.

At 7 any conventional fastening means as a slot or puncture is provided whereby the hook 8 carried on the standard 9 is enabled to support the can above the ground surface 10, the standard being preferably provided with a pointed end 11 for forcing into the ground. At 12 I have shown a paper strip surrounding the upper portion of the can and covering the openings as 5, 6, and which paper strip is preferably turned inward as shown at 13, thus effecting a closed container in which the poison material may be readily transported and by tearing off the lower portion of the strip 12 as shown at 14, Fig. 2, the holes are exposed and thus the poison contained therein is made accessible to the insects through the openings 5, 6.

The thickness of the paper strip 12, 13, is shown somewhat exaggerated in the drawing for the purpose of better illustrating the construction, but will, in practice be made of relatively thin paper, so that the cover 2 will grip the container 1 either with or without the paper strip 12.

The paper or other thin strip may extend down to cover the holes 5, 6, either on the outside as 12, or the inside as 13, and where employed on the outside it provides a lower exposed portion adapted to contain printed directions, advertisements or the like, the said printing being protected also by the cover depending flange.

The container may be used with equal advantage by hanging it on a nail upon a tree trunk.

I claim:

1. A container comprising a receptacle open at one end and having a plurality of holes about the periphery adjacent the open end, in combination with a cover for said open end having an annular cylindrical portion adapted to frictionally engage the receptacle and close the open end and an annular border on the cover extending out from the receptacle and thence substantially parallel with the receptacle and overhanging the said holes and a thin tearing strip interposed between the can and the cylindrical portion of the cover, said strip normally covering the said holes as for the purpose set forth.

2. A container comprising a receptacle open at one end and having a plurality of holes about the periphery adjacent the open