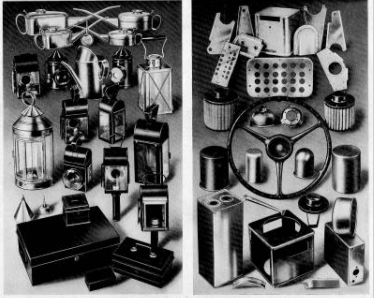





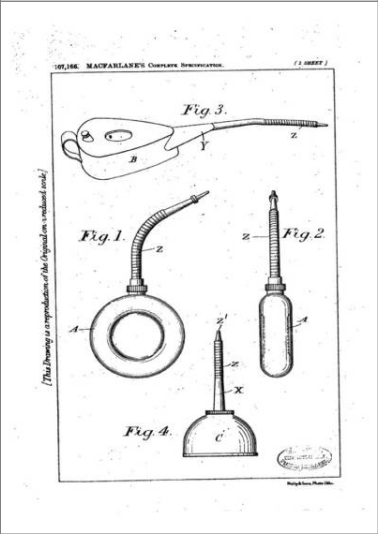
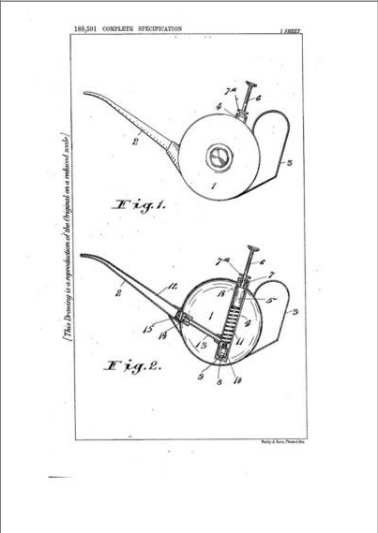


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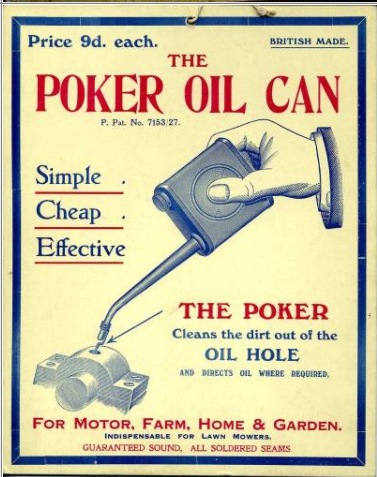
## Walker & Loach Ltd



Established	1840	
Founder	Thomas Walker	
Address(es)	Old Priory, Great Charles Street (till the 1880s) Erskine Street, Vauxhall, Birmingham	
Operations	Sheet metal pressing and tinplate factory	
Production program	Metal cabinets, storage boxes, lanterns & oil cans	
Brief history (till 1960)	1840 Established by Thomas Walker. His son Albert joined later. 1880 Thomas Loach joined the company in contributing previous experience in the weighing scales and lamp manufacturing industry	
Status 2021	Inactive - closed in the late 1950's	
Oil can history	<p>According to current research items manufactured were not sold under the own name. They carried mostly the brand name of either the wholesaler or customer they have been contract manufactured for.</p> <p>Most prominent examples are the MAC-STAN stamped oil cans with flexible spout and references to two patents from the early 1920's (see pictures and documents below).</p> <p>In addition to the above stamp some oil cans and other items produced carry a „Made in England“ logo as shown to the right. Although it is not 100% confirmed this stamp to be solely used by Walker &amp; Loach I found at least one other (non-Mac-Stan) oil can that appears in their catalogue that carries solely this logo (see pictures below).</p>	
Oil Cans		
		
		

	<p>The MAC-STAN stamp mentions two patents: # 107166-16 # 188591-22</p>	
Patents	<p># 107166-16 (granted June 21st, 1917 to Hector Mac Farlane)</p>	
	<p># 188591-22 (granted November 16th, 1922 to William John Dawes)</p>	

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Adverts	Mac-Stan Oilcans	 A vintage advertisement for Mac-Stan Oilcans. The top section features the brand name 'MAC-STAN OILCANS' in large, bold letters, with 'PATENTED' and 'FEATURES' below it. It lists two features: '1. NON-LEAK FORCE PUMP' and '2. FLEXIBLE METALLIC SPOUT RESULT 100% EFFICIENCY'. Below this is an illustration of the oilcan and the text 'SPECIALLY DESIGNED FOR MOTOR CARS MACHINE TOOLS ETC.' and 'ALL SPOUTS ARE REMOVABLE'. The bottom section shows another model with 'CAPACITY QUARTER PINT' and 'PRICE EACH' circles, and the text 'FOR MOTOR CYCLES HOUSEHOLD USE ETC.' and 'ASK FOR DEMONSTRATION'.
	Poker Oil Can	 A vintage advertisement for 'THE POKER OIL CAN'. It features a central illustration of a hand holding the oilcan, with a spout directed at an oil hole. Text includes 'Price 9d. each.', 'BRITISH MADE.', 'THE POKER OIL CAN', 'P. Pat. No. 7153/27.', 'Simple', 'Cheap', 'Effective', 'THE POKER Cleans the dirt out of the OIL HOLE AND DIRECTS OIL WHERE REQUIRED.', and 'FOR MOTOR, FARM, HOME & GARDEN. INDISPENSABLE FOR LAWN MOWERS. GUARANTEED SOUND. ALL SOLDERED SEAMS'.
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Further references	<a href="#">His website</a>	

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