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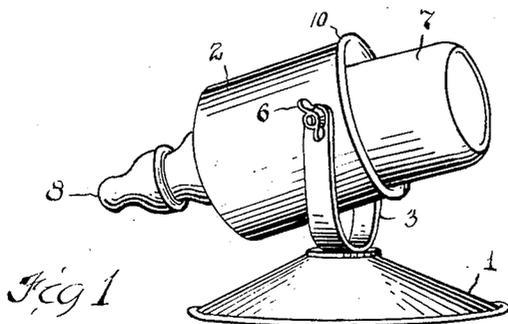


Fig. 1

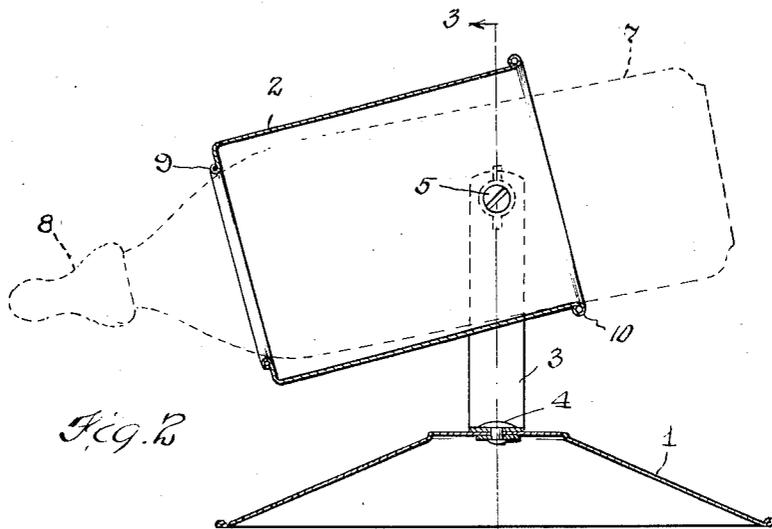


Fig. 2

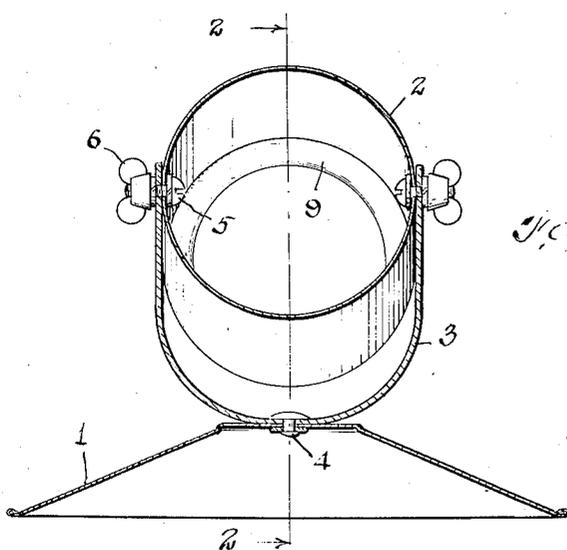


Fig. 3

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1 Claim. (Cl. 248—106)

This application relates to a holder for infants' nursing bottles, particularly such a holder as will always maintain the bottle in a scientifically and physiologically correct position so that the infant will always get milk and avoid sucking air. A further purpose of the invention is to hold the bottle in such a manner that it will not readily be moved about, the holder being of such a nature that the bottle can be left on an infant's crib, where the child can reach it without requiring attention during the nursing period.

To the accomplishment of the foregoing and related ends, said invention, then, consists of the means hereinafter fully described and particularly pointed out in the claim.

The annexed drawing and the following description set forth in detail certain structure embodying the invention, such disclosed means constituting, however, but one of various structural forms in which the principle of the invention may be used.

In said annexed drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective of the holder with a bottle positioned therein;

Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section through the holder as indicated at 2—2 of Fig. 3, showing the bottle positioned; and

Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section as indicated at 3—3 of Fig. 2, omitting the bottle.

The bottle holder comprises a hollow cone-shaped base 1, point up, upon which a sleeve 2 is supported. The preferred support is a U-shaped bracket 3, fastened to the flattened top of the cone, for example by a rivet 4. The sleeve is pivoted near the top of the bracket by pivots or trunnions 5 near one end, these being conveniently fitted with wing nuts 6 for finger tightening when the sleeve is tilted to hold the nursing bottle 7 at the proper angle with the nipple 8 down.

The sleeve 2 is open at both ends, but inwardly flanged at 9 at the end away from the pivots to reduce the opening at that end to such proportions as will pass the neck but not the body of the nursing bottle 7. The flanged end is normally the lower end in order to keep

liquid always at the nipple, and will be so referred to hereafter.

In the preferred embodiment shown the flange 9 is beaded around its inner edge and the upper end of the sleeve is externally beaded as shown at 10. These beads make a smooth and attractive finish, and the bead 10 extends out far enough to keep the sleeve 2 from turning through the bracket 3.

The normal position of the holder is as shown in Fig. 1, with the nipple 8 down, so that as long as there is any liquid in the bottle it is always available at the nipple, and the baby will not suck air and get colic. The angular adjustment provided is not essential, but is convenient for placing the bottle in the best position according to the individual peculiarities of the child in nursing, and other factors. The base 1 being hollow and generally cone-shaped, is thus adapted to fit more or less over a high spot in the bedding such as is caused by tufting of the mattress. This cup-shaped character of the base 1 also gives a certain suction effect, which, together with the relatively broad spread of the base, has been found effective to prevent overturning of the container. As a result the bottle may be left accessible to the child until the nursing period is completed, and he can take it or leave it, always finding it again where he left it, and always tilted at the convenient angle to keep the nipple filled.

Other modes of applying the principle of my invention may be employed instead of the one explained, change being made as regards the structure herein disclosed, provided the means stated by the following claim or the equivalent of such stated means be employed.

I therefore particularly point out and distinctly claim as my invention:

In a bottle holder, in combination, a broad shallow hollow conical base and an upright U-shaped bracket centrally secured thereto, a sleeve pivoted near one end in said bracket, and means in the sleeve end remote from said pivots adapted to engage the shoulder of a nursing bottle.

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