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SPOON HOLDING ATTACHMENT.

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Fig. 1.

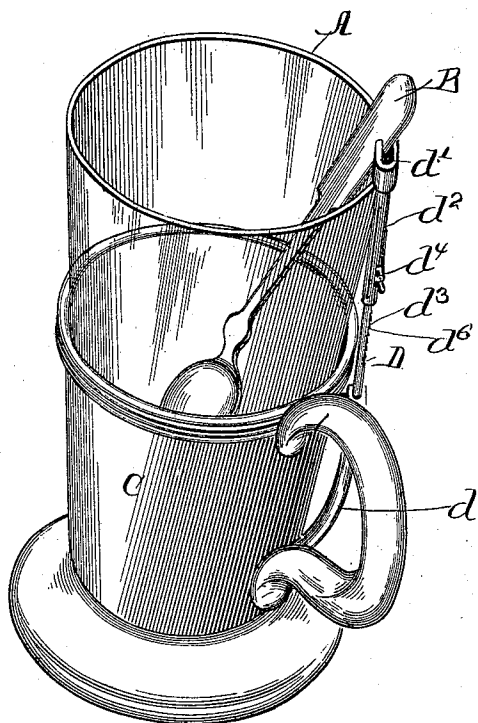
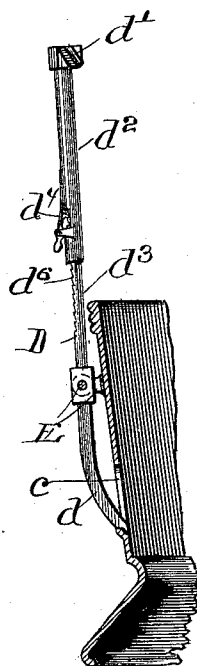


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH STAREN, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spoon-Holding Attachments, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to certain improvements in tumbler-holders designed for use more especially at soda-water fountains and similar places where a spoon is often used in serving the different drinks that are sold. The purpose of the improvement is to obviate the necessity of removing the spoon from the glass before drinking from the latter.

My improvements are illustrated in the drawings by means of two figures, of which—

Figure 1 is a perspective of a tumbler-holder embodying my improvements and showing a glass and spoon thereon, and Fig. 2 is a broken section designed to show more clearly the specific construction of the novel portions of the holder.

In the figures, A represents a tumbler and B a spoon, both of ordinary construction.

C is a holder, which may be of any common design, but which is provided upon one side with a pivoted arm D, hinged to the holder by means of a bracket E, extending both up and down from said bracket. The lower portion *d* of the arm extends through a slot *c* in the holder, so as to bear against the glass within the latter. The upper portion of the arm bears at its extreme end a fork *d'*, so proportioned as to allow the spoon to slide edgewise into it. The upper portion of the arm *d* is composed of two portions *d*² *d*³, sliding one upon the other and held in any desired position by means of a spring-catch *d*⁴ upon one of these members and a rack *d*⁵ upon the other. By means of these extension devices the fork *d'* is adjusted to fit closely over the top of the tumbler, so that the spoon upon the inside of the latter will slide readily into the fork. The pivoted arm enables the glass to be easily raised from the holder, for the reason that as soon as the glass leaves the bottom of the latter the lower portion of the arm D swings into the holder because of the gravity of the arm itself and the fork *d'* swings outward, so as to be out of the way as the glass is raised from the holder.

I prefer to arrange the swinging arm near the handle of the holder and substantially in the position shown, so that when the spoon is dropped in the most natural position and the handle of the holder grasped in the right hand to raise the glass the spoon will slide of its own accord into the fork *d'*. It is hardly necessary to call attention to the numerous advantages attendant upon the use of my improvement. It will appeal to the interest of the vender both because it is a convenience to his customers and also because it saves him a great deal of work in cleaning up his counter after every customer who is compelled to drop a wet spoon thereon. The customers will like it because it effectually takes care of the spoon, saving them the trouble in holding it in one hand in case they may have further use for it.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. The combination, with the holder C, of a lateral arm D, extending upward therefrom sufficiently to reach the top of the glass and terminating in an overhanging fork *d'*, open laterally in a position to receive a spoon as it slides along the interior of the glass, substantially as described.

2. The combination, with a holder C, of a lateral arm D, pivoted thereto between its ends and having its lower end extending through the holder so as to rest against the vessel within the same and extending at its upper end over the edge of the vessel and adapted to furnish a rest for a spoon within the latter, substantially as described.

3. The combination, with a holder C, adapted to receive a glass or similar vessel, of an arm D, pivoted at one side of said holder and having its lower end extending through the latter to rest against the glass, the upper end of said arm being furnished with means for extending it within certain limits and clamping it at any desired height and being provided with a laterally-projecting rest at its upper end adapted to extend over the edge of the glass and furnish a support for a spoon therein, substantially as described.

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