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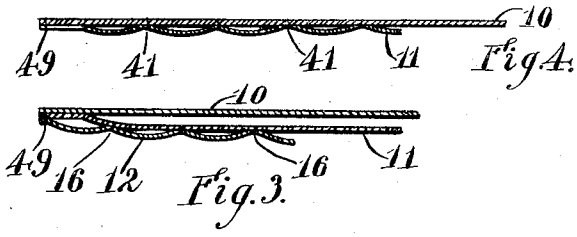


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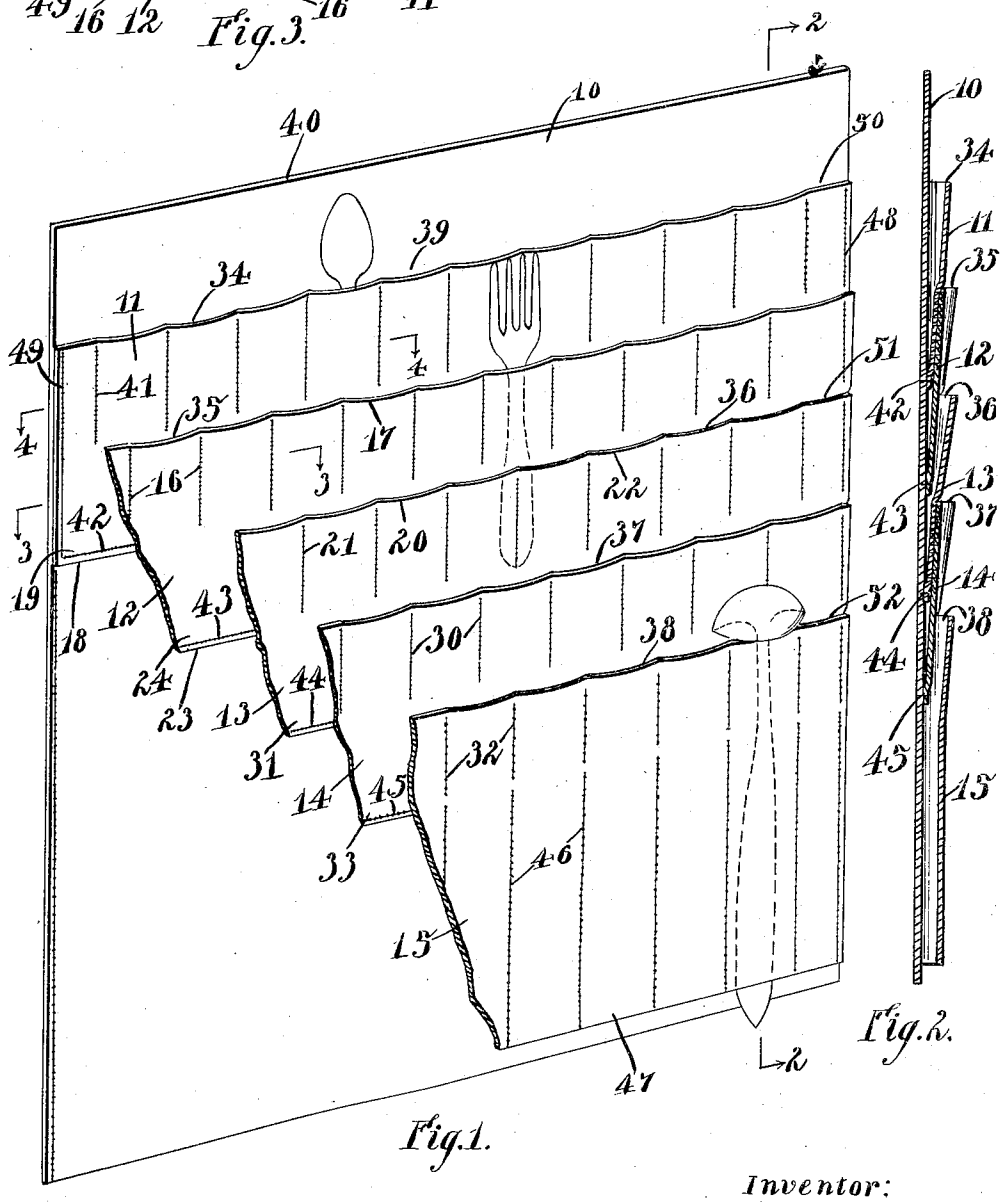


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My invention relates to silverware holders and has for its object to provide a holder preferably constructed from a soft flexible fabric for the purposes of containing silverware when in disuse, which holder may compactly receive a large number of pieces of silverware in such a manner as to hold the same apart and prevent abrasion or injury to the individual pieces from contact with one another.

An object of the invention resides in providing a holder having a plurality of pockets for the reception of the individual pieces of silverware, which pockets are arranged in staggered relation to receive the individual pieces of silverware in a manner wherein portions only of the pieces become exposed.

A further object of the invention resides in providing a back having a plurality of transversely extending overlapping bands positioned across the same, each band being stitched to the next superimposed band on vertical lines starting at the upper edge of the band and stopping a short distance from the lower edge of the superimposed band to leave a free margin or flap along the lower edge of the said superimposed band.

A further feature of the invention resides in securing the flaps of said bands to the back proper to form bottoms for the pockets between said stitchings, said bands being further secured to the back at the side edges thereof.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, which will appear in the following description, the invention resides in the novel combination and arrangement of parts and in the details of construction hereinafter described and claimed.

In the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a silverware holder illustrating an embodiment of my invention.

Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the holder illustrated in Fig. 1, taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1 and drawn to an enlarged scale.

Fig. 3 is a fragmentary transverse sectional view taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 1 and drawn to an enlarged scale.

Fig. 4 is a view similar to Fig. 3 taken on line 4—4 of Fig. 1.

My invention is preferably constructed from a suitable fabric having a soft and fleecy surface and comprises a back 10 of sufficient size to provide for the required number of pockets. Across this back are arranged a plurality of transverse bands 11, 12, 13 and 14 of the same width and length, together with another band 15 of somewhat greater width. These bands are stitched to one another and to the back proper in the following manner:

In the construction of the holder, the band 11 is first laid upon the table with the band 12 disposed transversely across the same in overlapping relation, the said bands overlapping substantially over one-half the area of each band. These two bands are then sewed together while so positioned on an ordinary sewing machine along a number of vertical spaced lines 16, which commence at the upper edge 17 of the band 12 and extend to within a short distance of the lower edge 18 of band 11, leaving the lower marginal portion 19 of band 11 free from the band 12 to provide a sort of transverse flap extending across the entire band 11. In a similar manner the band 13 is placed upon the band 12 with its upper portion overlapping the lower portion of said band, the upper edge 20 of band 13 falling a trifle below the lower edge 18 of band 11. Band 13 is similarly stitched along vertical lines 21 to the band 12, which lines commence at the upper edge 22 of band 13 and extend to within a short distance of the lower edge 23 of band 12 to leave a flap 24 similar to the flap 19. In a similar manner band 14 is placed upon and stitched to the band 13 along vertical lines 30 leaving a flap 31 at the lower portion of said band. The last band 15 is attached to the preceding band 14 in identically the same manner as the preceding bands, being sewed along vertical lines 32 which terminate above the lower edge of the said band 14 to leave a flap 33 similar to the flaps 31, 24 and 19. All of said bands 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 are thus secured to one another along the upper portion of each band to form a plurality of pockets 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38, which are disposed between the respective flaps and the lower portions of the preceding band. It will be noted that the respective stitchings

16, 21, 30 and 32 are staggered in relation to one another so that the various pockets are disposed in staggered relation.

After the various flaps 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 have been stitched to one another as described, the whole assembly is laid upon the back 10 with the upper edge 39 disposed below the upper edge 40 of back 10 a distance substantially equal to the distance between the upper edges of the respective bands. The band 11 is then stitched to the back proper along vertical lines 41 which start at the upper edge 39 thereof and terminate at the upper edge 17 of band 12 forming the pockets 34 between the back 10 and band 11. After band 11 has been so attached to the back 10, the assemblage of bands is turned back upon the band 11 along a transverse line defined by the lower ends of the several stitchings 16. This exposes the flap 19 which lies flat upon the back 10 and permits of stitching the same to said back along a line 42. As soon as the flap 19 has been sewed to the back 10, the band 12 is brought into place upon the back 10, bands 13, 14 and 15 being now turned back along a transverse line defined by the lower ends of the seams 21 so as to expose the flap 24 and permit of stitching the same along the line 43 to the back 10. In a similar manner the flaps 31 and 33 may be stitched to the back 10 along lines 44 and 45 so that all of the bands 11, 12, 13 and 14 have their lower margins secured to the back 10 to form bottoms for the respective pockets 34, 35, 36 and 37.

The lower end of the band 15 having no succeeding band beneath it, may be further stitched to the back 10 along lines 46, forming a continuation of the seams 32. This makes the pockets 38 stitched throughout their entire length, as distinguished from the pockets 34, 35, 36 and 37 which are stitched only at their upper portions. If desired, the lower edge 47 of the band 15 may be stitched to the back 10 or the same may be left open, as shown in the drawings, to permit of inserting articles of silverware therein desired to pass completely through the same. After the various bands 11, 12, 13 and 14 have been transversely stitched to the back 10, all of said bands, including the band 15, are stitched along two lines 48 and 49 at the side edges thereof to said back to securely attach all of the parts of the holder together along its two sides. Due to the staggering of the respective pockets, it will be noted that the end pockets indicated at 50, 51 and 52 formed between the upper portions of the bands 11, 13 and 15 are only one-half the size of the remainder of the pockets. These pockets may be utilized for smaller articles, or the same may be left empty, as desired.

In the use of the device the width of the various bands may be increased or decreased to accommodate different sizes of articles of silverware, the particular length depending upon the particular article for which it is desired to be used. When the articles are arranged in the respective pockets as suggested in Fig. 1, portions of the same protrude from the pockets so as to be visible to the user. When so arranged, the various articles are at all times kept apart so that abrasion or injury to the respective articles from contact with one another is prevented. When the holder has been filled, the same may be rolled from side to side and the entire holder placed in a drawer or other suitable place. If desired, the holder may hang in extended position so as to display and give ready access to the contents of the same. When the pockets 36 and 37 are not used or filled, the holder may be folded transversely along a line in proximity to the upper edge 37 of band 14 so as to make a parcel of one-half of the height of the extended holder, which parcel, if desired, may be further rolled into a more compact form.

The invention is particularly advantageous in that it serves to support in an accessible manner a large number of compactly assembled pieces of silverware. All of the articles of silverware carried by the holder have some portion of the same visible to the user so that the selection and removal of a given article from the holder may be quickly and conveniently accomplished. In staggering the pockets, the various articles are kept from contact with one another so as to prevent abrasion or injury to the same. The holder may be quickly and easily fabricated by means of an ordinary sewing machine, thereby obviating the use of special machinery. A minimum number of odd sized pieces is required so that the holder may be constructed at a very reasonable cost.

Changes in the specific form of my invention, as herein disclosed, may be made within the scope of what is claimed without departing from the spirit of my invention.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to protect by Letters Patent is:

1. A silverware holder comprising a back, a band positioned across said back, a second similarly disposed band overlapping the lower portion of said first band, said second band being stitched to said first band at intervals throughout its length and free from said back along some of the stitchings thereof, and said first band being stitched to said back at intervals throughout its length.

2. A silverware holder comprising a back, a band positioned across said back, a second similarly disposed band overlapping the lower portion of said first band, said second band being stitched to said first band at intervals throughout its length, and said first band being stitched to said back at intervals throughout its length, the stitchings between

the first band and back being staggered with respect to the stitchings between said first and second bands.

3. A silverware holder comprising a back, a band secured across said back, a second band disposed in position overlapping the lower portion of said first band, and a third band disposed in position overlapping the lower portion of said second band, the second band being stitched to the first band at intervals throughout the length thereof and free from said back along some of the stitchings thereof and the third band being similarly stitched to said second band and free from both the back and first band along some of the stitchings thereof.

4. A silverware holder comprising a back, a transversely extending band positioned across said back and secured at its upper portion to said back and a second transversely extending band positioned across said first band over the lower portion thereof in overlapping relation, said second band being stitched to said first band on spaced vertical lines commencing at the top of said second band and extending down to within a short distance of the bottom of said first band to leave a flap along the bottom of said first band, free from said second band and said flap being stitched to said back.

5. A silverware holder comprising a back, and a plurality of transversely extending bands arranged one upon the other in overlapping relation, each succeeding band being positioned below the middle of the preceding band, the first band being secured at its upper portion to said back and each following band being stitched to the preceding band along spaced vertical lines extending from the top thereof to within a short distance of the bottom of the preceding band to form a flap on each band, and all of said flaps being secured to said back.

6. A silverware holder comprising a back, a plurality of transversely extending bands arranged one upon the other in overlapping relation, each succeeding band being positioned below the middle of the preceding band, the first band being secured at its upper end to said back and each following band being stitched to the preceding band along spaced vertical lines extending from the top thereof to within a short distance of the bottom of the preceding band to form a flap on each band, the said stitchings on each band being staggered relative to the stitchings on either the preceding or succeeding band to provide staggered pockets between said bands, and all of said flaps being secured to said back to form bottoms in said pockets.

7. A silverware holder comprising a back, a plurality of transversely disposed overlapping bands positioned across said back, said bands being secured to one another on vertical lines to form vertical pockets therebetween, the lower edges of said bands being further secured to said back at different positions along the same to form bottoms in said pockets.

8. A silverware holder comprising a back, a plurality of transversely disposed overlapping bands positioned across said back, said bands being secured to one another on staggered vertical lines to form staggered vertical pockets therebetween, the lower edges of said bands being further secured to said back to form bottoms in said pockets.

9. A silverware holder comprising a back, a plurality of transversely disposed bands arranged one upon the other in overlapping relation, each band being stitched at its upper portion to the preceding band and being free from said back along some of said stitchings to form pocket openings and being stitched to said back along its lower margin to close the bottoms of pocket openings.

10. A silverware holder comprising a back and a plurality of bands disposed across said back, each band overlapping a portion of the next adjacent band, said bands being stitched to each other and to said back to provide series of pockets extending transversely of the back, each band forming the front of one series of pockets, the backs whereof being formed, in part, by the overlapped band and, in part, by said back.

11. The method of forming a silverware holder comprising a back and bands transversely disposed in respect thereto in overlapping relation, the same consisting in first stitching each band to its companion band on spaced lines beginning at the overlapping edge of the one and extending to a position stopping short of the overlapped edge of the other, then stitching the upper marginal portion of the topmost band to the back, and then stitching the lower marginal portion of each band to the back beginning with the lower marginal portion of the topmost band.

12. A silverware holder comprising a back and a plurality of bands disposed across said back, each band overlapping a portion of the next adjacent band, the lower edges of said bands being directly stitched to said back in progressively varying positions, and means for securing the upper ends of said bands to one another independent of said back to form pockets therebetween.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature to this specification.

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