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Fig. 1.

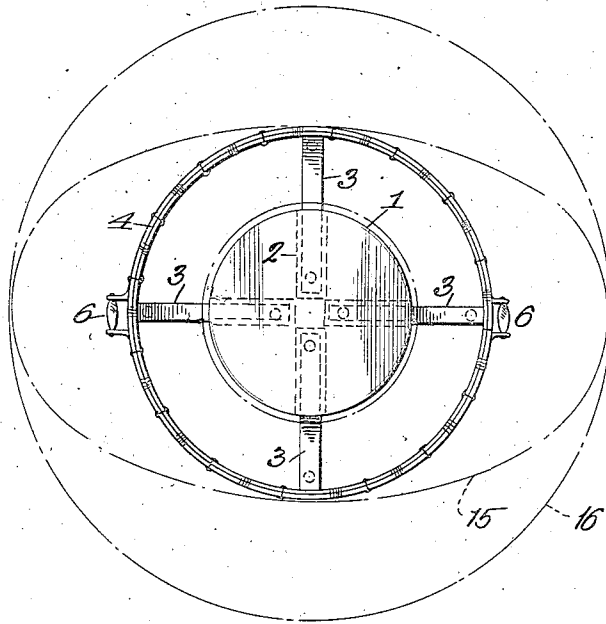


Fig. 2.

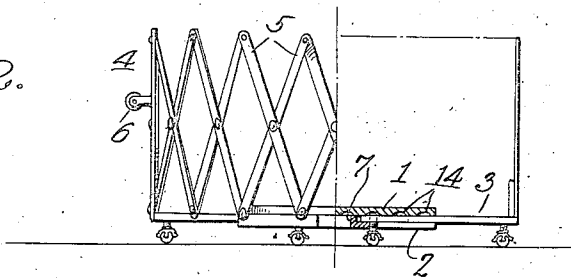
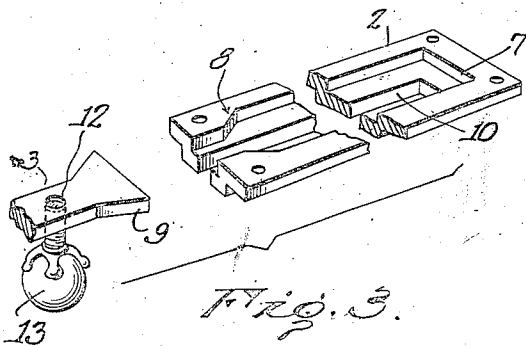


Fig. 3.

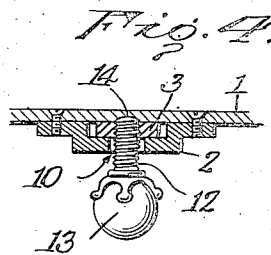


Fig. 4.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPHINE M. DILLMEIER, of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Casserole-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention has reference to holders which are adjustable to accommodate casseroles of varying sizes and shapes.

In the drawing Figure 1 is a plan showing in dotted lines the formations which the holder may assume. Fig. 2 is a vertical section and Figs. 3 and 4 are details.

As illustrated the structure comprises a circular metal base 1 having on its under face four channeled plates 2, arranged at angles of 90 degrees. A bar 3 is movable in each of these channeled plates and at its end is attached to the inclosing wall 4 of the holder. This is shown as a lazy tongs frame, having a number of pairs of levers 5 pivoted together at the middle and hinged to one another at their ends. This frame may be appropriately ornamented and equipped with handles 6.

The channels in the plates 2 are closed at their inner ends as at 7 and at their outer ends their walls are tapered as at 8 to provide stops for the conical heads 9 of bars 3. The plates 2 are each formed with a longitudinal slot 10 intersecting the channel and adapted to receive the threaded stem 12 of a foot 13. This stem is tapped in a hole bored through the bar 3. By turning the foot screw-wise the bar 3 may be rendered free for longitudinal adjustment or the extremity of stem 12 may bear against the base 1 and firmly hold the bar against movement. To render this locking action thoroughly effective the base 1 is shown formed with a series of recesses 14 adapted to receive the stem 12.

As shown in Fig. 1 the full lines indicate the frame 4 in truly circular form, all four

of the bars 3 being at the inner ends of their respective channels. A casserole of corresponding size and formation may be placed within the holder and rest upon the base 1. If, now, it be desired to adapt the holder to an oval shaped casserole the feet 13 of two opposite bars 3 may be turned to release the bars and the feet may be used as handles to withdraw the bars the desired distance and then lock them. The dotted line formation indicated at 15 is thus produced. By fully withdrawing all of the bars the enlarged circular formation may be assumed, as indicated at 16.

I claim as my invention:

1. A casserole holder comprising a central rigid base and a flexible side frame, horizontally extensible bars radiating from said base and secured to said side frame, and means for securing said bars to said base in their adjusted positions.

2. A casserole holder comprising a central rigid base and a flexible side frame, channel plates on said base, bars in said channel plates and secured to said side frame, and feet secured to said bars and having means for locking said bars in their channels.

3. A casserole holder comprising a central rigid base and a flexible side frame, channel plates on said base formed with slots, bars in said plates and secured to said side frame and formed with threaded holes, and feet having threaded stems extending through said holes and adapted to bear against said base.

4. A casserole holder comprising a central rigid base formed with recesses in its under surface, and a flexible side frame, channel plates on said base formed with slots, bars adjustable in said plates and secured to said side frame and formed with threaded holes in alinement with the recesses in said base, and feet having threaded stems extending through said holes and adapted to enter said recesses.

In testimony whereof I have signed this specification.

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