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Fig. 1

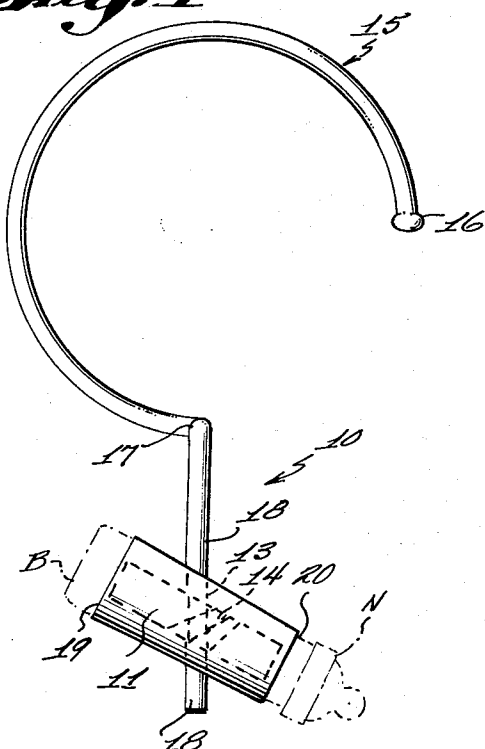


Fig. 2

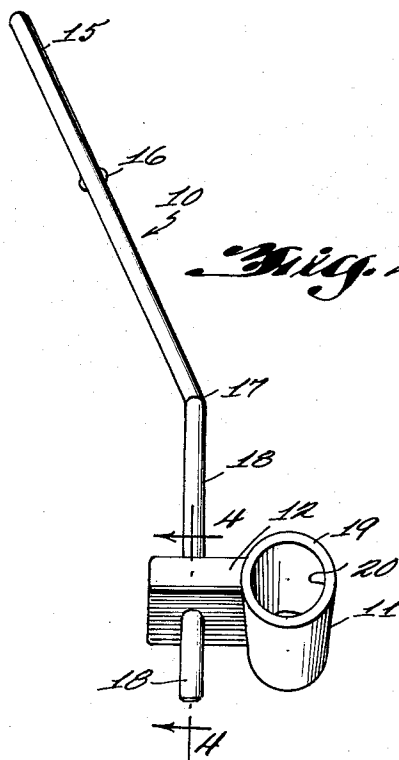


Fig. 3

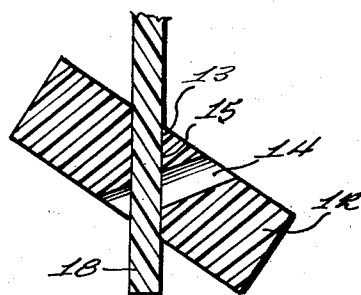
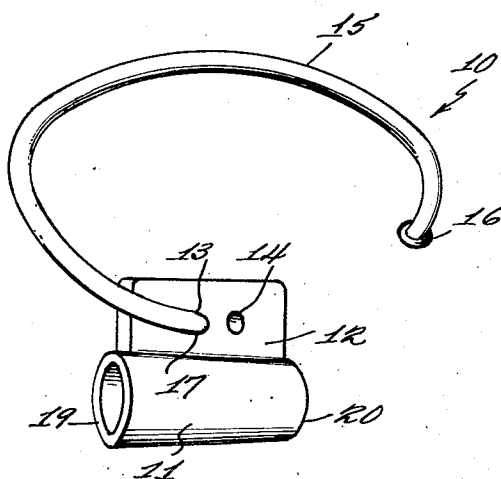


Fig. 4

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1 Claim. (Cl. 248-102)

This invention relates to a bottle holder, and more particularly to a nursing bottle holder adapted to be worn on or supported by the person of the user.

A primary object of this invention is the provision of an improved nursing bottle holder provided with means adapted to be suspended about the neck of an individual in a position on the breast so as to be readily accessible to the infant, which at the same time will leave both hands of the user free for other purposes.

An additional object of the invention is the provision of such a device which is readily adaptable to a variety of sizes of nursing bottles.

A further object of the invention is the provision of such a holder which due to its shape renders the accidental dislodgment of a nursing bottle therefrom by the infant, extremely difficult.

Still another object of the invention is the provision of a device of this character which may be readily reversed so that the child may be fed from the right or left side, as desired.

Still other objects of the invention reside in the combinations of elements, arrangements of parts, and features of construction, all as will be more fully pointed out hereinafter and shown in the accompanying drawings wherein is disclosed a preferred embodiment of this inventive concept.

In the drawings:

FIGURE 1 is a front elevational view of one form of the device embodying features of the instant invention.

FIGURE 2 is a side elevational view of the construction of FIG. 1.

FIGURE 3 is a top plan view of the device of FIGS. 1 and 2.

FIGURE 4 is an enlarged sectional view taken substantially along the line 4-4 of FIG. 2 as viewed in the direction indicated by the arrows.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the several views of the drawing.

Referring now to the drawing in detail, the device of the instant invention is generally indicated at 10, and comprises a bottle holder 11 in the form of a tapered frusto-conical tube, which may be comprised of a resilient or semi-resilient material.

The tube is provided with a laterally extending projection 12, which has a central bore 13 extending there-through. Block or projection 12 is also provided with an additional angularly disposed bore 14 which intersects the bore 13, and which is provided for selective positioning of the holder 11 relative to the support therefor, the latter to be more fully described hereinafter.

The support comprises a hook generally indicated at 15, which is of relatively large diameter, and terminates at one end in a knob or projection 16, and at its other end in an offset bend 17, which terminates in a straight shank 18. The space between the knob 16 and the bend

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17 is adequate to permit the device to be slipped around the neck of the mother or nurse of the infant or other individual who is feeding the infant.

In the use and operation of the device a bottle B provided with a nipple N, as indicated in dotted lines in FIG. 1, is inserted into the holder through the larger opening 19, the end having the nipple thereon projecting outwardly through the smaller opening 20. Holder 11 is so designed as to accommodate a variety of sizes and shapes of nursing bottles, and, due to its resiliency when the bottle is inserted into position as shown in FIG. 1, will serve to hold the bottle firmly in a suitably adjusted position. In positioning the device the shank 18 of hook 15 is inserted through a selected one of the bores 13 or 14, and so positioned that the bottle lies at an angle most suitable to nursing by the child, whether the child is held with the right or left arm, thus leaving the other hand of the user free for a diversity of purposes.

It is to be noted that the nursing bottle holder may also be readily adapted for use when feeding the infant in a crib or playpen by suspending the upper curved portion 15 from the side of the enclosure, or from any other desired locality.

By virtue of the angular disposition of the hook portion 15 relative to the shank 18 it will be seen that when the device is suspended about the neck of the user, the portion 15 will lie along the user's body, with the shank 18, and its associated holder 11 so positioned as to lie substantially flush with the front of the body, in a position readily accessible to the infant.

From the foregoing it will now be seen that there is herein provided an improved nursing bottle holder which accomplishes all the objects of this invention, and others, including many advantages of great practical utility and commercial importance.

As many embodiments may be made of this inventive concept, and as many modifications may be made in the embodiment hereinbefore shown and described, it is to be understood that all matter herein is to be interpreted merely as illustrative and not in a limiting sense.

I claim:

A nursing bottle holder comprising a tubular member of frusto-conical shape having a large end and a small end, and comprised of semi-resilient material adapted for the reception of a nursing bottle, with the small end and its nipple extending out of the small end of the holder, a projection on said holder, and a hook dimensioned to extend about the neck of a person feeding the infant, said hook having an elongated straight shank thereon, said projection being provided with a plurality of bores including a central bore substantially perpendicular to said holder and an angularly disposed inclined bore intersecting said perpendicular bore selectively adapted for the reception of said shank, said hook being positioned at an obtuse angle relative to said shank and inclining away from said tubular member.

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