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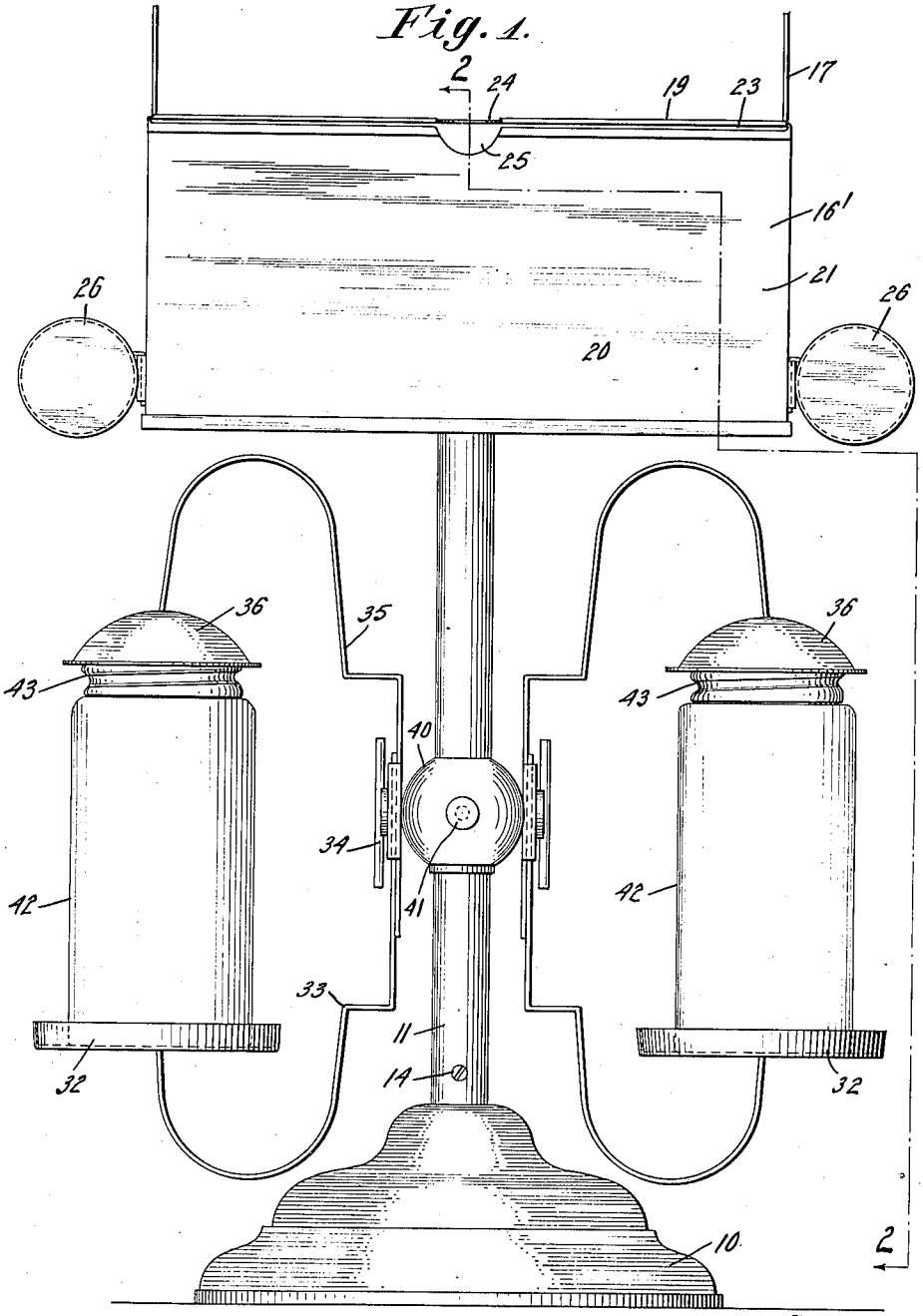
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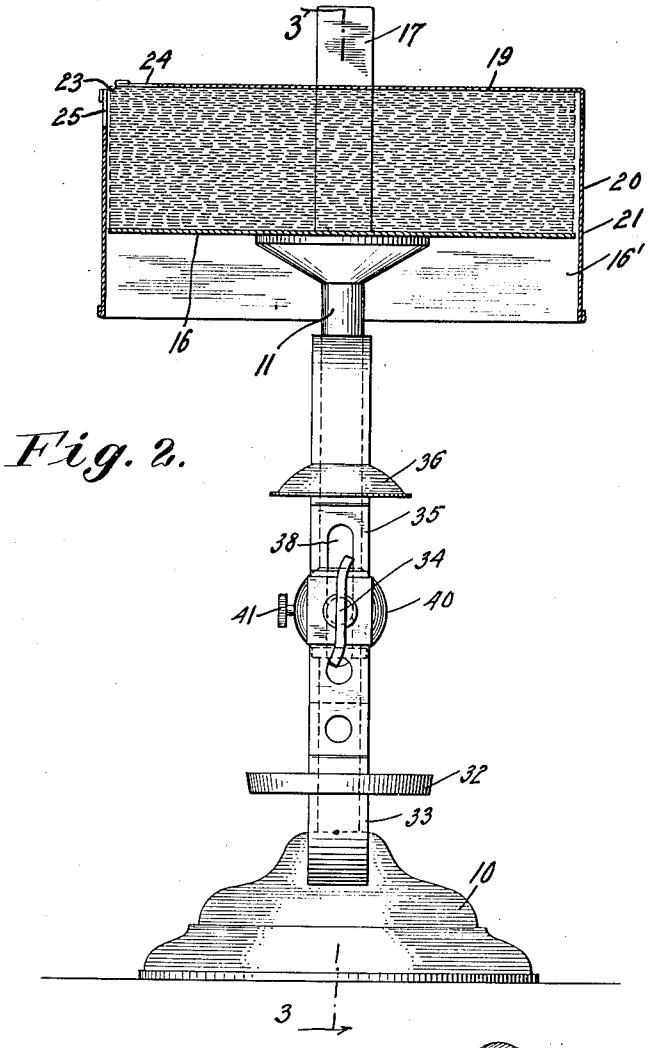


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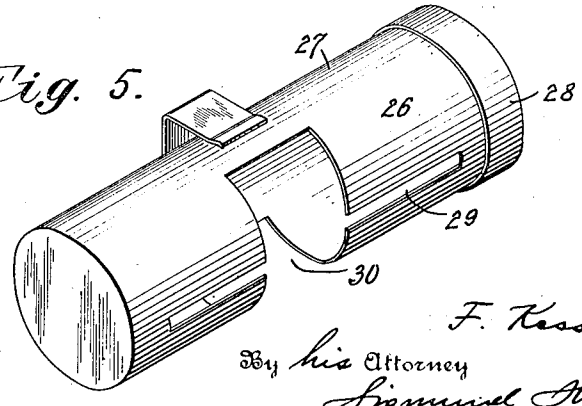


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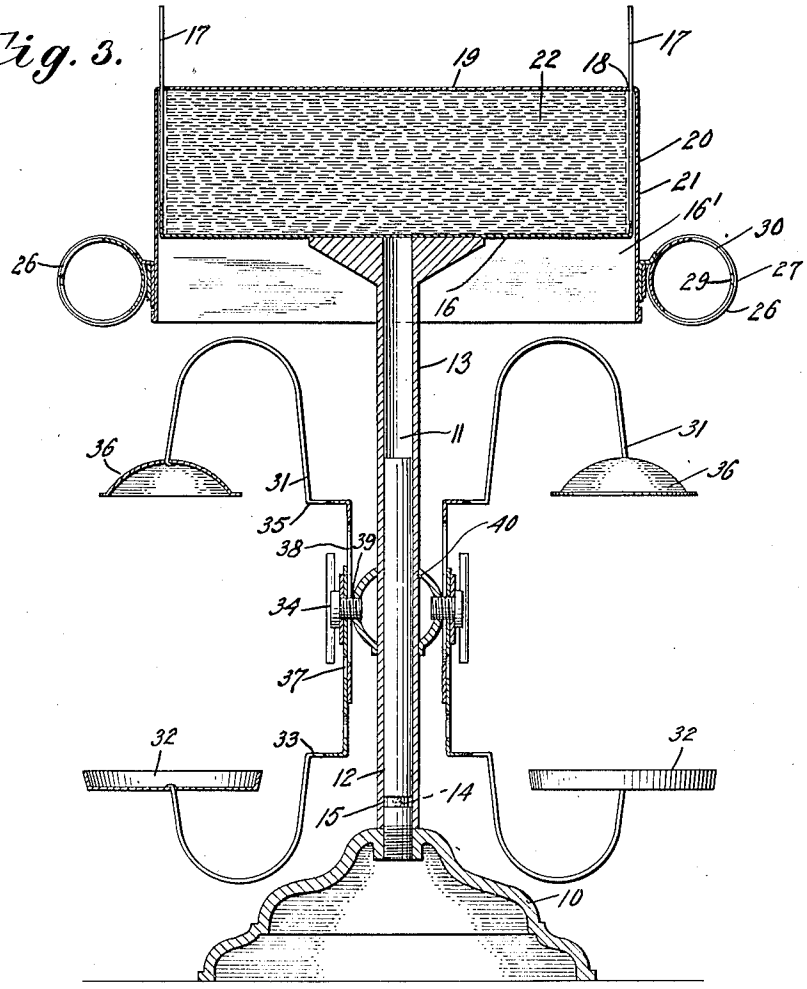
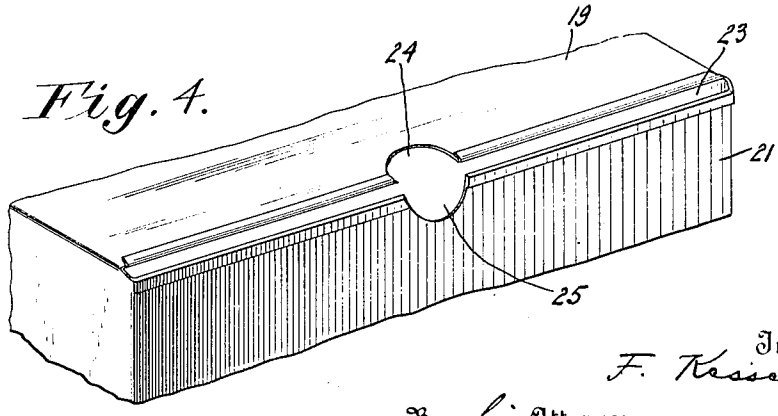


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRED KESSEL, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the city of New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supports for Table Articles, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to improvements in supports for table-articles.

The main object of the invention is to provide a simple and inexpensive support having a plurality of table articles mounted thereon, to each of which convenient access can be had by a person in proximity thereof irrespective of the position of the support in relation to such person.

Another object of the invention is to provide a device of the character described which is sanitary in that the articles supported thereby are covered, that is to say protected against dust and foreign matter, while others are of the single delivery type.

With these and other objects in view, which will more fully appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, the same consists in the combination, arrangement and construction of parts hereinafter described, pointed out in the appended claims and illustrated in the accompanying drawings, it being understood that many changes may be made in the size and proportion of the several parts and details of construction within the scope of the appended claims without departing from the spirit or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

Generally speaking, the invention consists of a support, carrying a napkin-holder, one or more toothpick-receptacles and a plurality of condiment-holders.

One of the many possible embodiments of the invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:—

Figure 1 is a front elevation of a support constructed in accordance with the present invention; Fig. 2 is a section taken on line 2—2 of Fig. 1, on a smaller scale; Fig. 3 is a section taken on line 3—3 of Fig. 2; Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a portion of the napkin-holder with its discharge opening; and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of one of the toothpick-receptacles.

In the drawings, the numeral 10 indicates a heavy base, made of any suitable material and being of any suitable configuration. From this base rises a vertical standard 11, comprising two sections, denoted by the numerals 12 and 13. The section 12 is made in the form of a cylindrical bar, that is fixedly attached to the said base, and over this bar is drawn the section 13, in the form of a tube, the latter being rotatable upon the said fixed section. To prevent a disengagement of the two sections of the standard, there extends through the tube 13 a screw 14, the inner end of the said screw being seated in a peripheral groove 15 in the section 12 of the said standard. This arrangement permits the tube 13 to be rotated upon the cylindrical bar 12.

The tube 13 carries a napkin-holder 16', comprising a horizontal quadrangular plate member 16, that is fixedly attached to the said tube and is provided at two of its opposite edges with upwardly extending guide strips 17. These strips extend through apertures 18 in the top plate 19 of a cover 20. This cover comprises the said top plate and downwardly projecting flanges 21, the latter inclosing the plate member 16. Upon this plate member are stacked properly folded napkins 22, for instance paper napkins, the top plate 19 of the cover 20 resting upon the said stack, and forming with the plate member 16 and the flanges 21 a closed receptacle, protecting the napkins from dust, etc. The cover 20 is provided with a delivery opening 23, in the form of a narrow slot, that extends throughout the width of the cover at one of the meeting edges of the top and a flange 21 thereof. This slot is of a height sufficient to permit of the withdrawal of a single napkin from the napkin-holder, and merges into registering finger openings 24 and 25 in the top 19 and a flange 21 thereof, through which the user may insert two fingers to grasp the napkin on top of the stack.

The napkin-holder is preferably made of sheet metal, the cover forming a follower, presenting automatically its delivery opening to the top napkin of the stack, irrespective of the height of said stack.

To each of two opposite flanges of the napkin-holder cover is attached in any suitable manner a toothpick-receptacle 26. Each of these toothpick-receptacles comprises a closed container 27, having a detachable cover 28, through which the toothpicks are

inserted. In the wall of the toothpick-receptacle is formed a delivery slot 29 and finger openings 30, merging into the said slot. The slot of each toothpick-receptacle is of a length that exceeds somewhat that of the toothpicks therein and of a width permitting at a time of a withdrawal of a single toothpick. The finger openings 30 are disposed intermediate the ends of the delivery slot 29, so that a person, withdrawing a toothpick, may touch the center portions of a number of picks, but will be unable to come into contact with the points thereof, that is to say that those portions which are applied to the teeth when the pick is made use of.

There being two toothpick-receptacles symmetrically arranged on the cover of the napkin-holder, they obviously do not interfere with the proper operation of the said cover. On the other hand, the toothpick-receptacles and the articles therein, being of a substantial weight, aid in causing the said cover to keep the stack of napkins in flat condition.

To the section 13 of the standard is attached a plurality of condiment-holder supports, in the present case two, denoted by the numeral 31. Each of these supports comprises a dish-shaped base 32, attached to a resilient bracket 33, that is connected by a clamping screw 34 with a resilient bracket 35, carrying a cover 36. The base 32 and cover 36 are spaced apart in registering positions, for a purpose hereinafter to be described. The clamping screw 34 extends through longitudinal slots 37 and 38 in the brackets 33 and 35, respectively, and meshes with threads of a hole 39 in a member 40, that is shiftably disposed upon the section 13 of the standard, a clamping screw 41 serving to hold the said member 40 in any desired position upon the section 13. The distance between the base 32 and the cover 36 of a condiment-holder support may be adjusted according to the height of the condiment holder. For making such adjustment, obviously, the clamping screw 34 is first loosened, after which the base 32 and cover 36 are shifted to the desired positions and the screw 34 set to clamping position. The slots 37 and 38 above mentioned permit of such adjustment.

The operation of this device is as follows:—In order to put a stack of napkins upon the plate member 16, the cover 20 is removed from said plate member. After a stack of napkins has been placed upon the plate member, the cover is put in place by inserting the guide strips 17 into the apertures 18 therein. The toothpicks are placed into the receptacles 26 by detaching the covers 28 thereof. The condiment-holders, denoted in the drawings by the numeral 42, are placed upon the bases 32 by either depressing such bases, or by lifting the covers 36. When in place, the covers 36 prevent foreign matter from entering the condiment-holders through the perforations in the caps 43 thereof.

The support, with the articles thereon, is placed upon a table. A person, occupying any position around the table, has convenient access to the articles on the said support by turning the section 13 of the standard in the desired direction. Napkins may be withdrawn, one at a time, from the napkin-holder through the delivery opening 23, which is always in alinement with the top napkin of the stack.

The toothpicks are withdrawn from the toothpick receptacles in the manner above described.

The condiment-holders are removed from the support by either depressing the base 32 until the cap 43 thereof clears the cover 36, or by forcing the cap 36 upward until the bottom of the condiment-holder clears the base 32.

The support is sanitary in that the napkins are fully covered, foreign matter is prevented from entering the condiment holders through the perforations in the caps thereof, and the points of the toothpicks cannot be touched, while in the toothpick-receptacles, by persons withdrawing the same.

It is obvious that, while herein two toothpick-receptacles and two condiment-holder supports have been described, any other number may be used, at will.

What I claim is—

1. A device of the character described, comprising a base, a standard rising therefrom, and a napkin-holder upon said standard including a plate for supporting a stack of napkins, upwardly projecting guides on said plate, and a flanged cover inclosing said plate, said cover being provided with apertures through which said guides extend and with a delivery slot extending through the width of said cover and positioned adjacent the top thereof.

2. A device of the character described, comprising a base, a standard rising therefrom, and a napkin-holder upon said standard rotatably mounted in relation to said base and including a plate for supporting a stack of napkins, upwardly projecting guides on said plate, and a flanged cover inclosing said plate, said cover being provided with apertures through which said guides extend and with a delivery slot extending through the width of said cover and positioned adjacent the top thereof.

3. A device of the character described, comprising a base, a standard rising therefrom, and a napkin-holder upon said standard including a horizontal plate for supporting a stack of napkins, upwardly

projecting guides on said plate, and a flanged cover resting upon the top of said stack and inclosing the latter in coöperation with said plate, said cover being provided with apertures through which said guides extend and with a delivery slot extending through the width of said cover and positioned adjacent the top thereof.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York, and State of New York, this 6th day of July, A. D. 1918.

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