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Fig. 1.

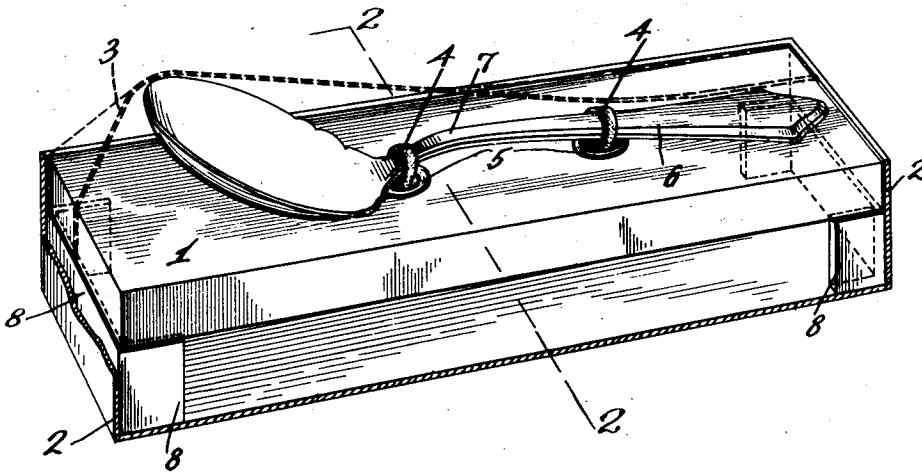
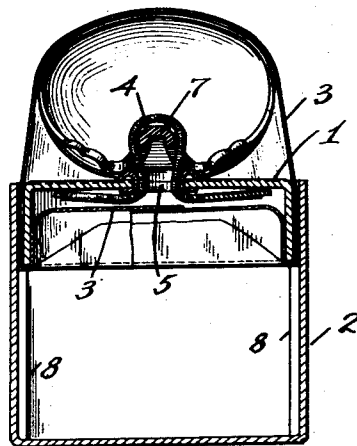


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN LOLO LEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Sherrill, county of Oneida, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Display Devices for Flat Tableware, fully described and represented in the following specification and the accompanying drawings, forming a part of the same.

This invention relates to improvements in silverware display devices.

One of the objects of the present invention is to provide a device of this kind comprising a carrier for the article to be displayed and means for detachably securing the article thereto as to prevent movement thereof in any direction, while permitting ready detachment of the article when desired. Another object is to provide a container adapted to receive and support the support in position for display or in inverted position for shipment or storage.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating a device embodying the present invention, and

Figure 2 a transverse section thereof on the line 2—2 of Figure 1.

Referring to said drawings, 1 represents the article carrier, 2 a container therefor, 3 an envelope or covering of transparent material, preferably impervious to atmospheric moisture, covering the carrier 1 and the article thereon so as to protect the latter from the atmosphere and at the same time permit display and inspection thereof from all directions. For the purpose of providing for such display and inspection the carrier 1 is preferably in the shape of an inverted box having depending flanges at its sides and ends.

The means for securing the article to this carrier consist of a pair of clips 4, formed preferably of some flexible metal and having a covering of some suitable textile material which, being interposed between the article and the metal of the clip, will protect the former against any discoloring effect from the latter. The legs of these clips 4 pass through openings in the carrier 1 and

are bent or extend outwardly on the inner side thereof as shown in Figure 2; these openings being preferably provided with metal eyelets 5.

The clips 4 and the openings therefor in the carrier 1 are so disposed lengthwise of the carrier and relatively to the article to be secured thereto as to engage the article at bulging or deflected portions 6, 7 lengthwise of the article, so as to not only hold the article down against the surface of the carrier but also prevent endwise and side-wise movement thereof along said surface.

This is of importance in any kind of a carrier for silverware article but it is of particular importance where such articles are provided with transparent sealing envelopes, as in the present case, because such envelopes are necessarily very thin and somewhat fragile and therefore are liable to be torn or broken by the article unless it be secured to its carrier against movement in any direction.

The container 2 combined with the carrier 1 is provided interiorly at its ends with stops 8 on which the ends of the carrier 1 may rest either in obverse position, for the display of the article thereon or in reversed position for shipment or storage. This container is of such depth as to receive the carrier 1, when reversed, with the article extending downward into the container, without the article on the carrier coming in contact with the bottom of the container. The distance between the upper ends of the supports 8 and the top of the container 2 is about equal to the depth of the flanged sides and ends of the carrier 1 so that when the latter is in obverse or display position (as shown) or in reversed position the carrier will be about flush with the upper edge of the container.

The container 2 therefore may be used for the display of the article on the support 1 and also for the shipment of the article and for its storage as, for example, on the shelves of the dealer.

What is claimed is:

A display device for a tableware article comprising a carrier and means detachably connecting the article thereto, in combina-

tion with a container provided interiorly with means for supporting the carrier in its obverse and reverse positions, said container being of such depth and said engaging means so positioned therein as to support the carrier in its obverse position with the article thereon projecting above the con-

tainer and in its reverse position with the article projecting downwardly into and out of contact with the container.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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**JOHN LOLO LEE.**