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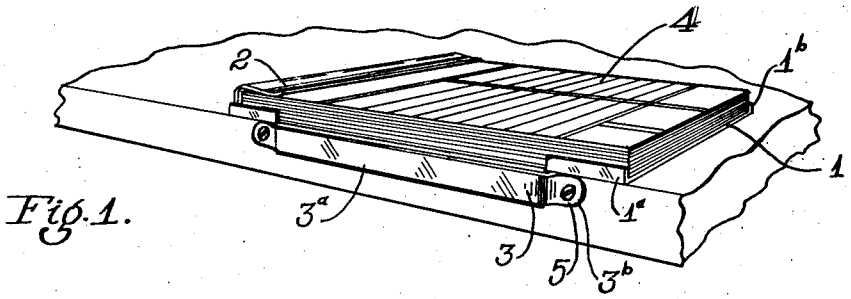


Fig. 1.

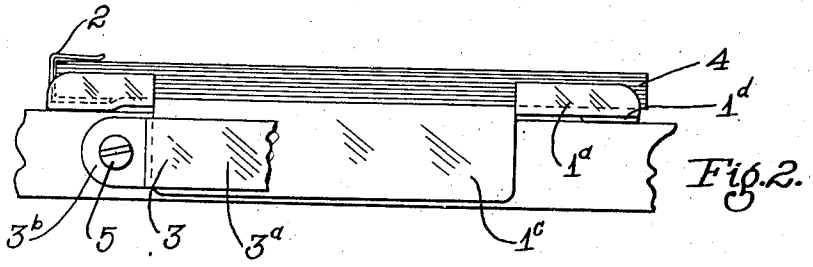


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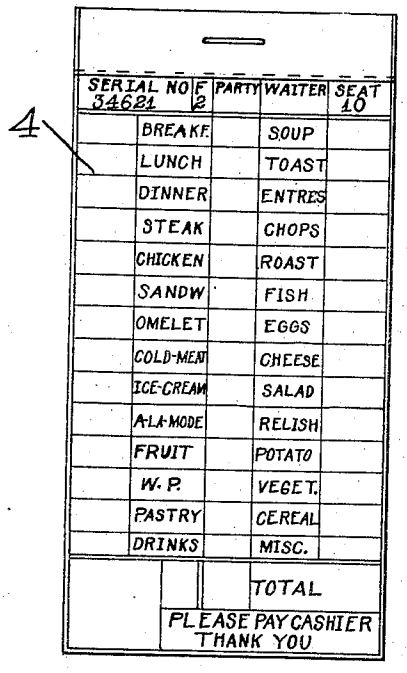


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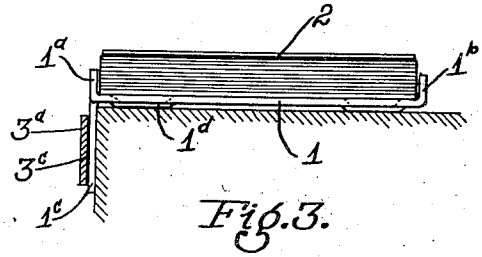


Fig. 3.

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My present invention relates to holders for restaurant checks and the like, and more particularly to such devices adapted to be used in connection with counter service, though not necessarily limited to such service.

The objects of my present invention are: first, to provide a device of this class which may be easily fastened to a counter or table and which may be easily removed therefrom when desired; second, to provide a holder of this class having novel and simple means in connection with the holder itself and the counter or table whereby the holder may be readily fastened or positioned with respect to the counter or table so that the holder cannot be displaced or accidentally removed from the counter or table; third, to provide a simple check holder of this class which may be easily retained in the proper position on the counter or table near the patron for which the holder and checks thereon are designated, so that the holder and checks cannot be readily misplaced even though the holders are removably positioned at their designated places on the counter or table; fourth, to provide a holder of this class which is provided with means whereby the same may be temporarily fastened to the counter or table to facilitate the writing thereon by the waiter of the items charged to the particular patron; and, fifth, to provide as a whole a novel holder for restaurant checks and the like, and one which is simple and economical of construction, durable, and which will not readily deteriorate or get out of order.

With these and other objects in view, as will appear hereinafter, my invention consists of certain novel features of construction, combination and arrangement of parts and portions, as will be hereinafter described in detail and particularly set forth in the appended claims, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the characters of reference thereon which form a part of this application in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my check holder in its preferred form mounted at the inner edge of a counter, shown fragmentarily, with a pad of checks on the holder; Fig. 2 is a side elevational view thereof and showing fragmentarily the means for securing the holder to a counter or table; Fig. 3 is an end elevational view thereof; Fig. 4 is a face view of a check used in the holder.

Like characters of reference refer to similar parts and portions throughout the views of the drawing.

My device, as shown in Figs. 1, 2 and 3 of the drawing, consists essentially of a back plate 1, a pad securing member 2, and a holder positioning means or strap 3.

The back plate 1 forms the main supporting member of my device. It is preferably formed as a channel from end to end with relatively low upwardly extending flanges 1*a* and 1*b* at its long sides forming a long recess in which a pad of checks 4 is positioned and held. At or near one end of the channel of the back plate 1 is positioned the pad securing member 2. This member 2 is preferably of resilient sheet metal of U-shaped cross section and is secured in any suitable manner with one flange to the bottom of the back plate 1 with the channel portion or opening of the securing member 2 directed inwardly. The securing member 2 extends transversely across one end of the plate 1 and is adapted to receive between the flanges thereof the head end of the pad or the secured ends of the checks 4. A portion, and preferably the intermediate portion, of the flange 1*a* of the back plate 1 is cut and bent in the opposite direction to form a downwardly extending lip 1*c* which extends below the main portion of the back plate 1 forming means for locating or positioning the holder in a predetermined plane on a counter or table. This lip is adapted to extend into a long narrow slot on, in, or in connection with the counter or table. In this instance, such long narrow slot is formed by the means 3 which is a metal strap offset intermediate its ends, as indicated by 3*a*, forming lugs 3*b* at its ends which are secured to the edge of the counter or table by screws 5 or other securing means. Thus, there is formed between the offset portions 3*a* and the edge of the table or counter a long slot 3*c* for receiving the lip 1*c* for fixedly locating the holder in a predetermined posi-

tion on the counter or table in front of a particular patron at the counter and in a convenient position thereon so that the waiter can write on the pad without holding the same. Thus, the holder may be readily positioned in a fixed position on the counter and still may be readily removed therefrom when desired.

The bottom of the channel of the member 1 is preferably offset downwardly at the end provided with the check pad securing member 2 so that the head end of the pad may be readily slipped under the upper flange of the securing member 2 without interference with the lower flange. In order to balance such offset, there is preferably provided at the opposite end a corresponding offset or depression 1*d*, in this instance there being shown two of such depressions, the holder being thus held in a horizontal position.

Though I have shown and described a particular construction, combination and arrangement of parts and portions of my holder, and a specific relation thereof to a counter or table, I do not wish to be limited to this particular construction, combination and arrangement, nor to the particular application, but desire to include in the scope of my invention the construction, combination and arrangement substantially as set forth in the appended claims.

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

1. In a restaurant check holder, the combination with a flat substantially horizontal supporting means having a vertical recess therein terminating adjacent the upper surface thereof, a check holder adapted to rest on the upper surface of the supporting means and having a downwardly projecting portion adapted to extend into the recess of the supporting means for removably locating the holder on the supporting means.

2. In a restaurant check holder, the combination with a counter or table having a slot therein adjacent its upper surface, and a check holder comprising a plate adapted to rest upon the upper surface of the counter or table and having a downwardly extending flange extending into the slot for removably locating the holder on the top of the counter or table.

3. In a device of the class described, a plate in the form of a channel having upwardly extending flanges at its long edges, depressions at the opposite ends of the bottom of the channel for supporting the plate in a horizontal position, a pad check securing member secured in one of the depressions of the plate at one end, one of the edges of the plate being bent downwardly forming a positioning means for the plate.

4. In a device of the class described, a plate having downwardly offset portions at its opposite ends, a pad check securing member secured in one of the depressions of the plate, one of the edges of the plate being bent downwardly forming positioning means therefor.

5. In a restaurant check holder, a plate in the form of a channel having upwardly extending flanges at its long edges, one of the long edges only having a downwardly bent portion between the ends thereof forming a positioning means for the plate.

6. In a restaurant check holder, a plate having a short downwardly extending tongue at one edge only and extending a considerable distance along said edge, and means for securing checks to the upper side of the plate.

7. In a restaurant check holder, the combination with a counter or table, a strap secured to one edge thereof and offset between its ends forming a narrow vertical recess, and a check holder comprising a plate adapted to rest on the upper surface of the counter or table and having a downwardly extending flange extending into the recess for removably locating the holder on the top of the counter or table.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Los Angeles, California this 8th day of January 1930.

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