To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTHONY F. BRAUTIGAM, a citizen of the United States, residing in Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented and useful Improvements in Carriers for Bottles, etc., of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a carrier whereby milk bottles or similar articles may be conveniently carried by the hand and it has for its object the provision of a device of this character which is very simple and inexpensive in construction, which can be readily and quickly applied to and removed from a bottle and which will securely hold the bottle and itself to slight variations in the size of the same without affecting the efficiency of the device.

In the accompanying drawings: Figure 1 is a side elevation of a milk bottle equipped with my improved carrier. Figure 2 is a fragmentary side elevation of the same viewed at right angles to Fig. 1. Figure 3 is a perspective view of a bottle carrier embodying my invention. Figure 4 is a horizontal section taken on line 4—4, Fig. 1. Similar characters of reference refer to like parts throughout the several views.

Although my improved bottle carrier may be employed for carrying various bottles or similar articles the same is shown in the drawings applied to a milk bottle having a wide body 10, a contracted neck 11 at the upper end of the body and an annular collar or rim 12 around the exterior of said neck.

The carrier containing my improvements is preferably constructed from a single piece of wire and consists generally of an upright handle 13 which is grasped by the hand and a horizontal ring 14 connected with the handle and detachably mounted on the neck of the bottle below the collar thereof. The handle 13 is of substantially U-shape and comprises two upright arms 15, 15, and an upwardly curved bow 16 connecting the upper ends of said arms. The ring is split and one of its ends is connected integrally with the lower end of one of the handle arms forming an angle or corner 17 at the junction between the same. The other end of the ring is provided with an integral hook 18 which is adapted to engage detachably with said corner. The lower end of the 55 other handle arm is provided with an integral eye 19 which permanently embraces the supporting ring at a point diametrically opposite the split in this ring and the corner connection between the same and the handle.

In applying this handle to the bottle the ring is first opened by detaching the hook from the corner connection. The split ring may now be easily passed around the neck of the bottle below the collar after which the hook is engaged with the corner connection, thereby completing the attachment of the carrier to the bottle. When thus assembled the supporting ring engages with the underside of the collar on the bottle upon lifting the latter by the carrier, the size of the ring being so determined that the same at this time cannot slip upwardly off the neck, thereby permitting of carrying the bottle conveniently and safely.

By detaching the hook from the corner connection the carrier may be quickly removed from the bottle to permit of more easily serving the contents in the same as well as enabling the same to be cleaned more thoroughly.

Owing to the simplicity in construction of this carrier the same can be produced at low cost, the same is strong and durable so that it can be used repeatedly and owing to the security with which the same may be attached to the bottle liability of dropping and breaking the latter is practically avoided.

I claim as my invention:

A bottle carrier constructed from a single piece of wire which is bent to form an upright U-shaped handle having two vertical upright arms and a bow connecting the upper ends of said arms, a horizontal supporting ring having a single split one end of which is integrally connected with the lower end of one of said arms and forms a corner therebetween, a hook formed integrally on the other end of said ring and engaging detachably with said corner, and an eye formed integrally with the lower end of the other arm of said handle and permanently embracing said ring diametrically opposite the hook thereof.

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