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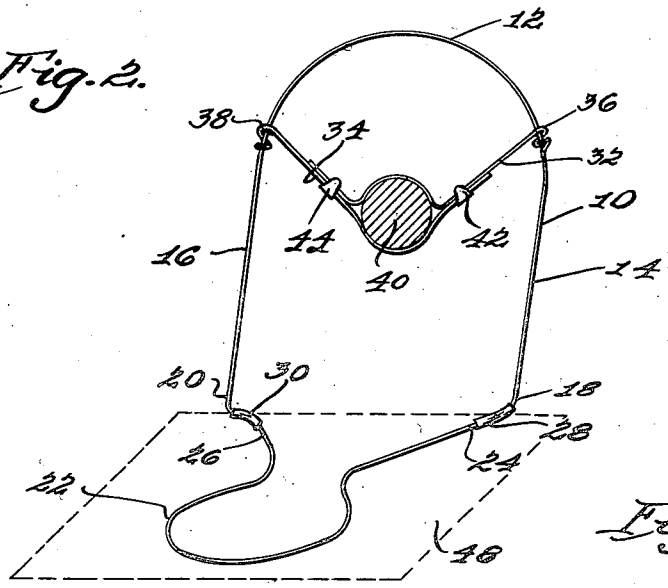


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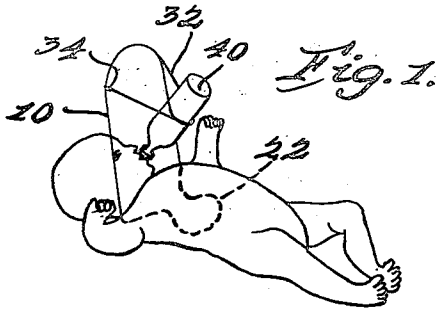
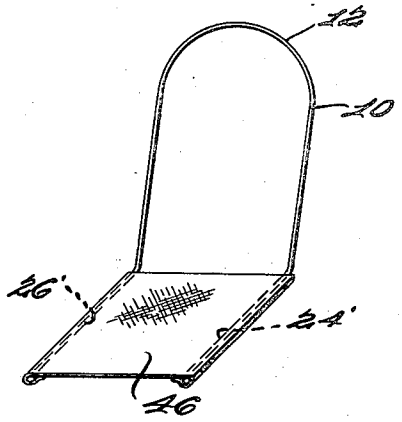


Fig. 1.



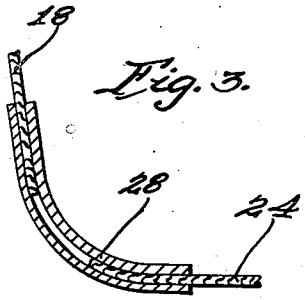


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This invention relates to holders or supports for nursing bottles or similar receptacles and particularly one enabling self-feeding.

In the previous art, too little thought has been given to the application of such supports or holders or to the naturalness of the devices. Further, many of the previous inventions had assumed bed proportions much larger than they actually are, thus interfering with the child's movements and comfort.

This faulty condition accordingly has caused much inconvenience and made it necessary to roll the baby on its side, push it to one side of the bed and in some instances, cause the bodily removal of the baby from the bed before the holder could be positioned.

Another point which has been overlooked in prior devices is the naturalness of my construction, for in the past, the major trend has been toward side feeding, i. e., the bottle is brought in angularly from one side of the baby's body to its mouth. Such an arrangement restricts movement of one arm and at the same time becomes the focal point of interest for the infant's attention, thus distracting from its feeding.

My invention eliminates the above mentioned evils, as the device can be applied within a space less than the width of the baby's body. Further, the location of the support is such that it does not interfere with the infant's arms and in addition holds the bottle in a position similar to one it would assume if held by the outstretched arms and hands of the infant.

My device is normally used while the child is lying flat on its back, although it is not intended to convey the impression that the body is recumbent in a strictly horizontal plane.

An object of my invention is to provide a simple, efficient device unharmful to the baby and easy in application.

Another object is to provide a device that, due to the child's weight on the base member, will support a bottle in the correct suspended position and will, upon release, elevate the bottle in a vertical position out of range of the baby's body.

Still another object is to provide means for adjustably securing the bottle on the suspension member.

A further object is to enable the dismantling of the frame structure for easy transportation.

With these and various other objects in view, the invention will consist of certain novel features of construction and operation as will be more fully described and particularly pointed out in the specification, drawing, and claim appended hereto.

In the drawing, which illustrates an embodiment of the device, and wherein like reference characters are used to designate like parts—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the support showing application of the device diagrammatically enlarged.

Figure 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the device with the bottle shown in cross section for purpose of convenience.

Figure 3 is a fragmentary sectional view of the frame securing means, while,

Figure 4 is a perspective view of a modified frame construction only.

The reference numeral **10** refers to the vertically extending member comprising a curved or hooped top **12** and side members **14** and **16** which are connected to the ends **18** and **20** to a base member **22**, the connection to be at any convenient angle. The ends **24** and **26** are respectively connected to the ends **18** and **20** by pipe sleeves **28** and **30**.

The suspension members **32** and **34**, preferably of elastic material, are connected to the side members **14** and **16** at **36** and **38** in any well known manner. Means for securing the bottle **90** is accomplished by ribbon slides **42** and **44** or any other convenient adjusting and securing means.

In the modification shown in Fig. 4, the side members **24'** and **26'** are enclosed in a fabric member **46**, the structure otherwise being identical.

As indicated in Figure 1, anchorage for the support is secured from the weight of the infant's trunk. The anchor portion extends downwardly from the neck, towards the waistline, the governing length and width being of such proportion as to give satisfactory stability.

The relationship of the anchor portion, which can be made of wire of a definite form is shown by comparison with the child's body area **48**. It might also be a composite arrangement of solid and flexible material or any other construction which will act as an anchor for the vertical extending member.

While the frame can be made of any material of sufficient strength and cross section, wire is preferred and although the two sections are shown secured together it is apparent that the device can be made in one piece.

In the application of the device, the head, neck and shoulders of the infant are merely raised a fraction of an inch and the base member **22** is

slid under the child's back, pushing it downwardly toward the child's waistline until the vertically extending members 14 and 16 contact the shoulders of the child. The neck and head being beyond the plane of the members 14 and 16. The bottle nipple is then inserted in the child's mouth and loop formed and adjustably secured around the bottle.

It is to be observed that the loop can be so located in reference to the bottle that, should the child release the nipple, the bottle would assume approximately a vertical position, thus preclude the spilling of the contents. The child can easily retrieve the bottle and resume its feeding.

It is to be understood that I do not wish to be limited to the exact embodiment as shown, which is merely by way of illustration, and not limitation. Various and other forms will of course be apparent to those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the invention or scope of the claim.

I claim:

A support for nursing bottles comprising an anchor portion adapted to be disposed beneath the body of an infant, an upwardly extending loop portion adapted to surround a portion of the infant's body and a bottle carrier comprising a bottle receiving loop having end straps adjustably secured to the loop member intermediate its ends whereby said bottle may be suspended at varying vertical distances.

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