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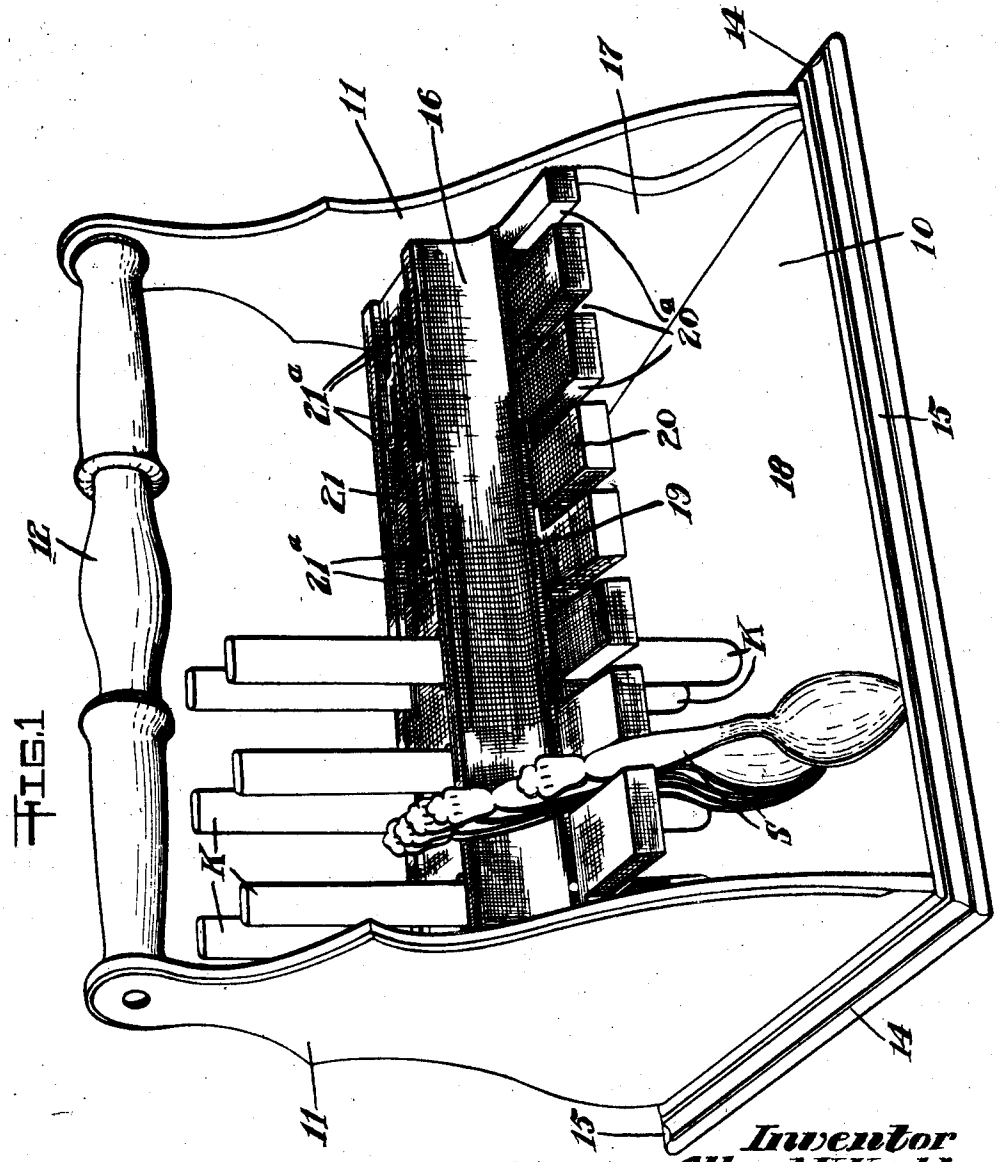


FIG. 1

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FIG. 2

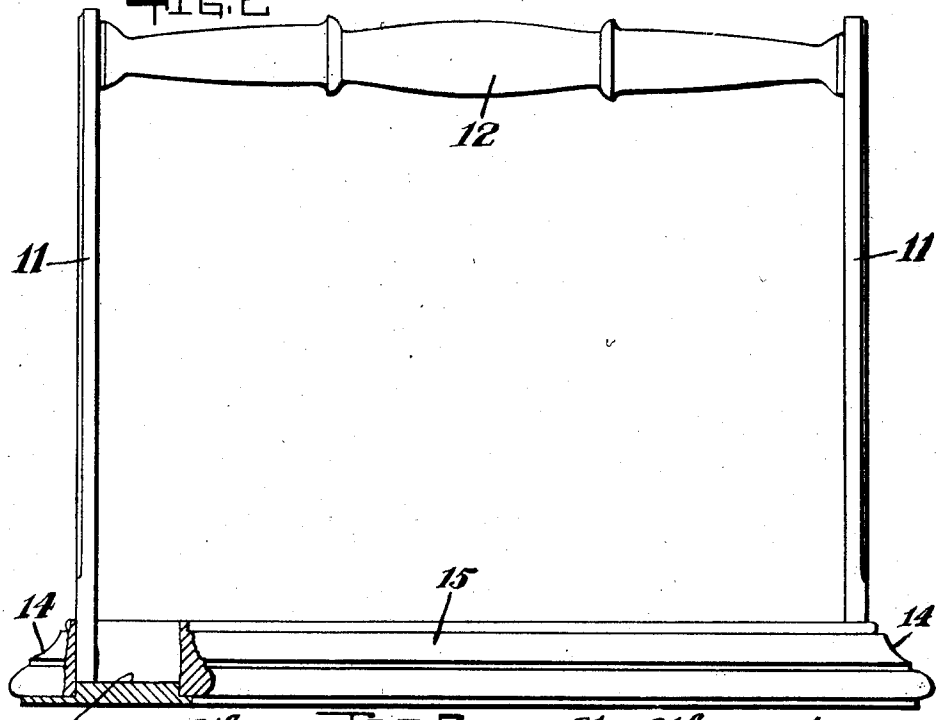


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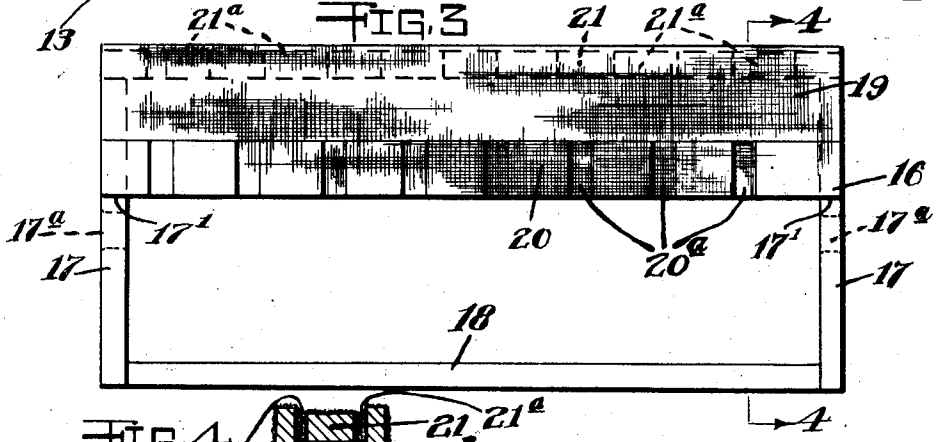
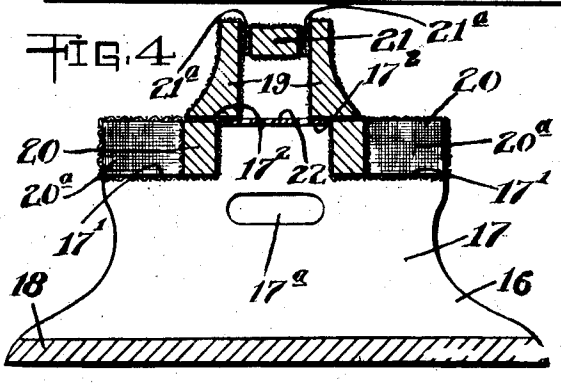


FIG. 4



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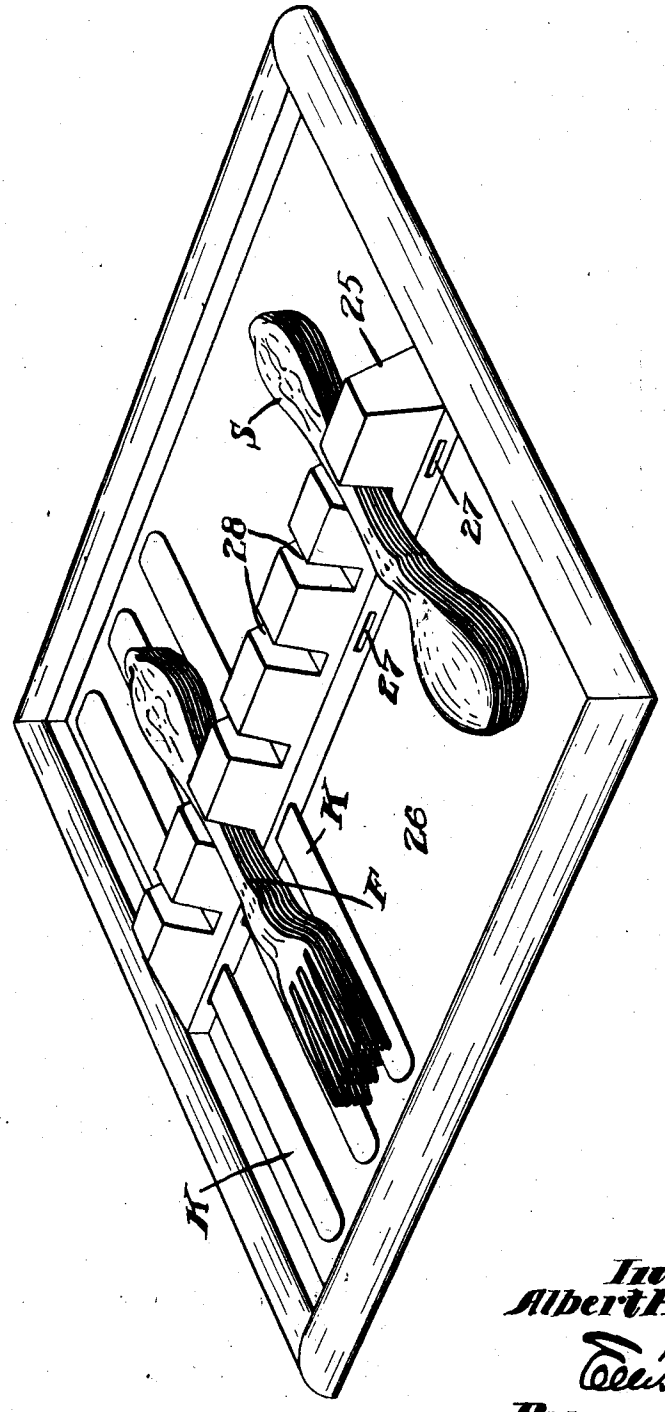


Fig. 5

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This invention relates to a combination display stand and carrying case for such articles of silver as knives, spoons, forks, and the like, and is an improvement upon the device illustrated in my prior application, Serial No. 732,432, to which reference is made as indicating the particular type of display stand involved herein.

While the stand shown in my prior application is generally satisfactory for the display, storage and convenient transportation of these articles, my present device, however, permits a more effective display and increases convenience in storage and transportation.

In my present stand, as in the stand shown in my former application I have provided a device of convenient size and weight which combines the functions of a store display permitting the articles of silver to be stacked vertically on end in the individual compartments provided for them, and a home storage cabinet adapted for convenient transportation from the buffet to the table. In my present device, however, I have provided for a more convenient handling of the articles by arranging the article holder member of the stand as a removable tray which may be readily separated as a unit from the stand and placed on the table with the articles of silver retained therein in convenient assembly for selective withdrawal as desired.

The construction and manner of assembly and use of my improved device, together with an embodiment thereof well illustrating the principles involved, are described and shown in the accompanying specifications and drawings, and the characteristic features of novelty are particularly pointed out in the appended claims. Throughout the specifications and drawings, like reference characters are correspondingly used, and in the drawings:

Fig. 1 is a perspective of a display stand in accordance with my invention.

Fig. 2 is an elevation, partly in section, of the display stand with the silver holding tray removed.

Fig. 3 is a side elevation of the tray, removed from the stand.

Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4—4 of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 is a perspective view of modification.

According to my present invention, the knives, spoons, forks and like articles of silver are stacked vertically on end in prearranged groups in a holding tray which is removably mounted in a combination display stand and carrying case. By stacking the articles vertically, a considerably greater number of articles may be displayed in a stand of usual size as compared with the ordinary silver chest, and by arranging the tray as a removable holder which can be separated from the display stand when desired, the articles themselves may be more conveniently handled in setting the table.

In the embodiment selected herein as illustrative of my invention, the numeral 10 indicates generally a display stand of characteristic type. Rising from the base 13 of the stand is a pair of end uprights 11 which are connected at their upper ends by a carrying handle 12. The base 13 itself is set within an ornamental molding 14—15.

Set snugly within the enclosure defined by the base 13 and molding strips 14—15, is a removable silver holding tray, indicated generally at 16, and consisting of a pair of end uprights 17 rising from a base 18. The upper ends of the uprights 17 are stepped or shouldered as indicated at $17'$ and 17^2, Fig. 4, on either side of its vertical median line to support pairs of spaced holder strips 19 and 20 which are thus disposed, at different elevations horizontally between the uprights.

The strip pair 20 is provided with a series of spaced open-ended slots 20^a within which spoons S may be stacked vertically on end, as indicated in Fig. 1, with the bowls of the spoons resting on the base 18, and the upper ends of the spoons resting against the outer faces of the strips 19.

Between the strips 20 and resting on the upper ends of the uprights 17 is arranged a knife and fork holder bar 21, which is provided adjacent either edge with a series of vertical slots 21^a within which knives K or forks may be inserted endwise with the blade ends of the knives resting on the base 18 of the tray.

If desired, the entire tray may be covered with plush or the like, as indicated in Figures 1, 3, and 4. In this form of my invention, the bowl ends of the spoons abut against the molding strips 15 which thus constitute stops effective to position the spoons substantially vertically of the tray, and the end members 17 of the tray itself may be provided with finger holes 17^a by

means of which the tray may be conveniently carried from place to place. If desired, a guide strip 22 (Fig. 4) may be fixed beneath the knife holder bar 21. This strip is provided with a slot series alined with the slots 21ª and through which the blade ends of the knives project, thereby guiding and steadying the knives in their upright position.

In the form of my invention shown in Fig. 5, I have provided a variation in which the articles of silver are disposed horizontally rather than vertically of their holder. In this figure, the holder block 25 is mounted on a flat base 26 and is provided with a spaced series of transversely disposed slots 27 constituting pockets for the reception of knives K or forks F. Above the slot series 27, the block 25 is provided with a series of spaced vertical slots 28 constituting pockets for the reception of sorted groups of spoons S. The slots 27 and 28 thus position the articles of silver horizontally with respect to the base 26 and preferably these slots are so arranged in relation to each other that the handles of the various articles inserted therethrough will all be visible without overlapping, thus providing for the maximum effectiveness of display.

The holder shown in Fig. 5 may be used either in conjunction with the display stand shown in Figs. 1 and 4, or independently thereof.

Various other modifications in the construction and manner of use of my invention may obviously be resorted to if within the limits of the appending claims.

What I therefore claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

1. In a device of the class described, a base, and a horizontally disposed holder supported thereon and provided with a series of spaced slots for the reception of articles of silver, and with a superposed series of spaced slots for the reception of other articles of silver disposed at right angles to said first named slot series.

2. In a device of the class described, a base, and a horizontally disposed holder supported thereon and provided with a series of spaced slots for the reception of articles of silver, and with a superposed series of spaced slots for the reception of other articles of silver, the slots of one series being disposed at right angles to and staggered with relation to the slots of the other series.

3. A holder for articles of silver, comprising a pair of horizontally disposed strips arranged at different elevations to each other, the lower strip having a spaced series of vertical slots therein constituting pockets for receiving and maintaining spoons in endwise assembly, and the upper strip supporting the backs of the spoons, and a knife holder bar arranged in rear of said upper strip and provided with a series of slots along the edge thereof adjacent said upper strip to receive a plurality of knives, the handles of said knives being disposed vertically adjacent said upper strip.

4. A holder for articles of silver, consisting of a pair of spaced horizontally disposed strips arranged opposite to each other and each provided with a spaced series of vertical slots for the endwise reception of articles of silver, a pair of similarly disposed strips surmounting said first named strip pair and affording backing for the articles disposed in the slots of said first-named pair of strips, and a holder bar disposed between said last-named strip pair and vertically slotted at each edge to provide a series of pockets for the endwise reception of other articles of silver.

5. A holder for articles of silver, consisting of a pair of spaced horizontally disposed holder strips arranged opposite to each other and each provided with a spaced series of vertical slots for the endwise reception of articles of silver, a pair of similarly disposed strips surmounting said first-named strip pair and affording backing for the articles disposed in the slots of said first-named pair of strips, a holder bar disposed between said last-named strip pair and vertically slotted at each edge to provide a series of pockets for the endwise reception of other articles of silver, and a guiding and steadying bar disposed beneath said holder bar and provided at each edge with slots registering with the slots of said holder bar.

6. In a device of the class described, a carrying stand comprising a base, and end uprights, and a removable holder unit having legs adapted to rest on said base and having a pair of horizontally disposed strips arranged one above the other, the lower strip being provided with a spaced series of vertical slots for the endwise reception of groups of spoons and the upper strip constituting a support for the backs of the spoons disposed within said slots, and a holder bar disposed in rear of said upper strip and vertically slotted at its edge against said strip to provide a series of pockets for the endwise reception of knives or forks, the base of said carrying stand having a stop surface against which the bowl ends of the spoons are adapted to abut.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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