

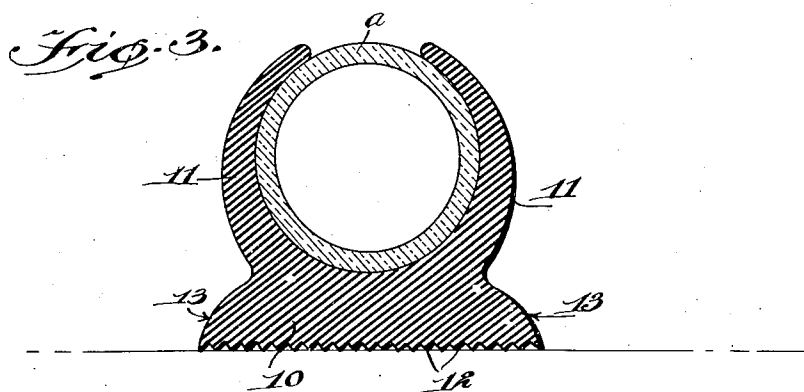
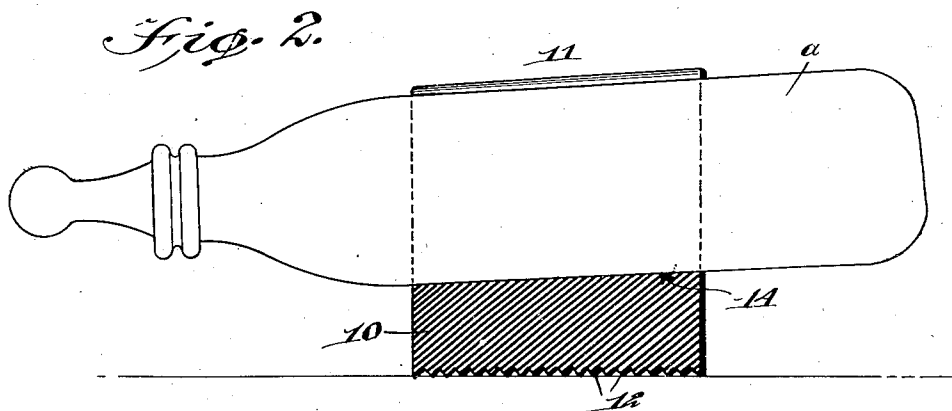
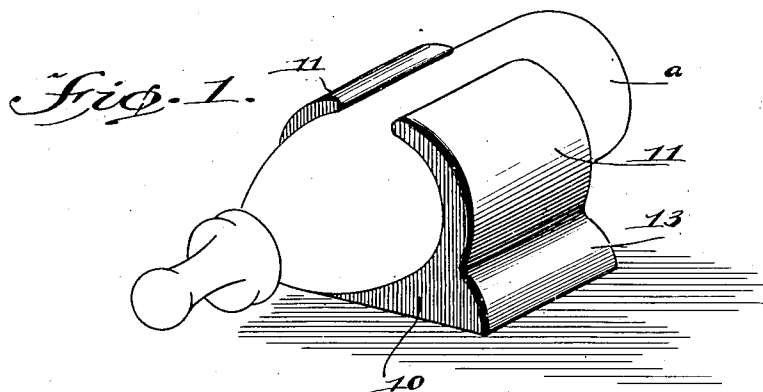
Sept. 24, 1929.

C. N. WOLEVER

1,729,531

ARTICLE REST

Filed Dec. 29, 1927



INVENTOR
C. N. Wolever,
BY *Mumma Leo*
ATTORNEY

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

CHARLES N. WOLEVER, OF FORTY FORT, PENNSYLVANIA

ARTICLE REST

Application filed December 29, 1927. Serial No. 243,372.

This invention relates to improvements in article holders or rests generally, and has for its principal object to provide for a holder, rest or container for fragile articles such as bottles or the like which, during use, will effectively sustain an article in any desired or predetermined position and in a manner that practically eliminates all liability to accidental displacement of the article from the holder, or the latter from set position is prevented or otherwise reduced to a minimum.

Another object of the invention is to provide for a holder of the class set forth, and one of a nature to be particularly useful in supporting a nursing bottle in position, whereby a baby may feed from the bottle in reclining position, without the employment of other means or methods of support for the bottle during such use.

With the foregoing and other equally important objects and advantages in view, the invention resides in the certain new and useful construction and arrangement of parts as will be hereinafter more fully described, set forth in the appended claim, and illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a predetermined embodiment of the device when ready for use,

Figure 2 is a vertical longitudinal section through the holder or rest with a nursing bottle in position thereon, and

Figure 3 is a vertical transverse section taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 2.

Referring to the drawings wherein similar characters of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views thereof, the article holder, as shown therein, comprises generally a base portion 10, and spaced walls 11 rising from the opposite sides thereof, the space between the side walls and above the base portion being shaped to a configuration to conform to that of an article to be received within the same, and whereby a frictional gripping action will be effected on the opposed walls of the article to sustain it against accidental displacement from predetermined position therebetween.

In the preferred form, as illustrated, the

base 10 and the side walls 11 are integrally formed from a single piece of material, preferably of a resilient or flexible nature, such as rubber or the like, so that the side walls 11 will function in the desired manner as hereinbefore indicated for the same, i. e., to frictionally grip the opposed surfaces of an article placed between the same, while the device in its entirety will tend to protect a fragile article, such as a nursing bottle or the like, from possible injury incident to the handling and use thereof, and otherwise prevent, in certain instances, possible breakage or other damage to the same.

The bottom wall of the base portion 10 is flat, and is preferably corrugated, as at 12, to prevent the article holder from slipping from a surface on which it may be positioned when in use. The opposite side edges of the base portion 10 are preferably upwardly and inwardly curved, as at 13, and merge at their upper sides into the lower downwardly and inwardly curving portions of the upper side walls 11. The upper edge portions of the side wall 11 curve upwardly and inwardly toward each other, but are equally spaced apart to either side of the plane of the longitudinal center of the base portion 10. The upper side of the base portion 10, between the walls 11, is continuously curved on an arc of the circle defined by the arcs of curvature of the inner surfaces of the side walls 11, when the holder is to be used for supporting cylindrical articles, such as nursing bottles or the like *a* in position of readiness for use. To facilitate the ready insertion or withdrawal of a nursing bottle or the like into position or from between the side walls 11, the latter are preferably made of gradually decreasing thickness upwardly from their points of juncture with the base portion 10. Thus, the free upper edge portions are of a slightly greater flexibility than the lower portions thereof, and may be readily forced apart for the purposes aforesaid. Also, the upper side of the base portion 10, between the side walls 11, is preferably inclined or upwardly sloped from the front end of the article rest to the rear end thereof, so that, when supporting a nursing bottle or the like

in position of use, the contents of the bottle will be directed toward the neck of the same.

In use, as a holder for nursing bottles or the like, the bottle *a* will be forced into the space between the side walls 11, with the nipped end or neck portion of the bottle projecting forwardly of the forward or front end of the device, when an intermediate portion of the body of the bottle will be firmly gripped, and thereby frictionally held against accidental displacement from position. With the bottle *a* filled with milk or other liquid to be fed to a baby, the corrugated base of the holder will be seated in a suitable position on the bed or other surface on which the baby is lying, when the bottle need not be supported or otherwise be given attention during the feeding operation. By reason of the frictional effect of the corrugations 12, with reference to a supporting surface, the holder will be prevented from slipping from a desired or predetermined position under ordinary conditions of use.

Without further description, it is thought that the features and advantages of the invention will be readily apparent to those skilled in the art, and it will of course be understood that changes in the form, proportion and minor details of construction may be resorted to, without departing from the spirit of the invention or its scope as claimed.

Having thus fully described the invention, what is claimed is:

As a new article of manufacture, a holder for nursing bottles and the like comprising a flat base portion and side walls rising from the base portion formed from a single piece of rubber, said side walls being spaced apart and of a shape to receive and snugly grip a bottle therebetween in a manner to sustain the same in a predetermined position of use, the lower side of the base portion being corrugated to prevent accidental displacement of the holder from said position on a supporting base, the upper side of said base portion between the side walls rising therefrom being sloped toward one end thereof.

Signed at Wilkes-Barre, in the county of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania, this 28th day of December A. D. 1927.

CHARLES N. WOLEVER.