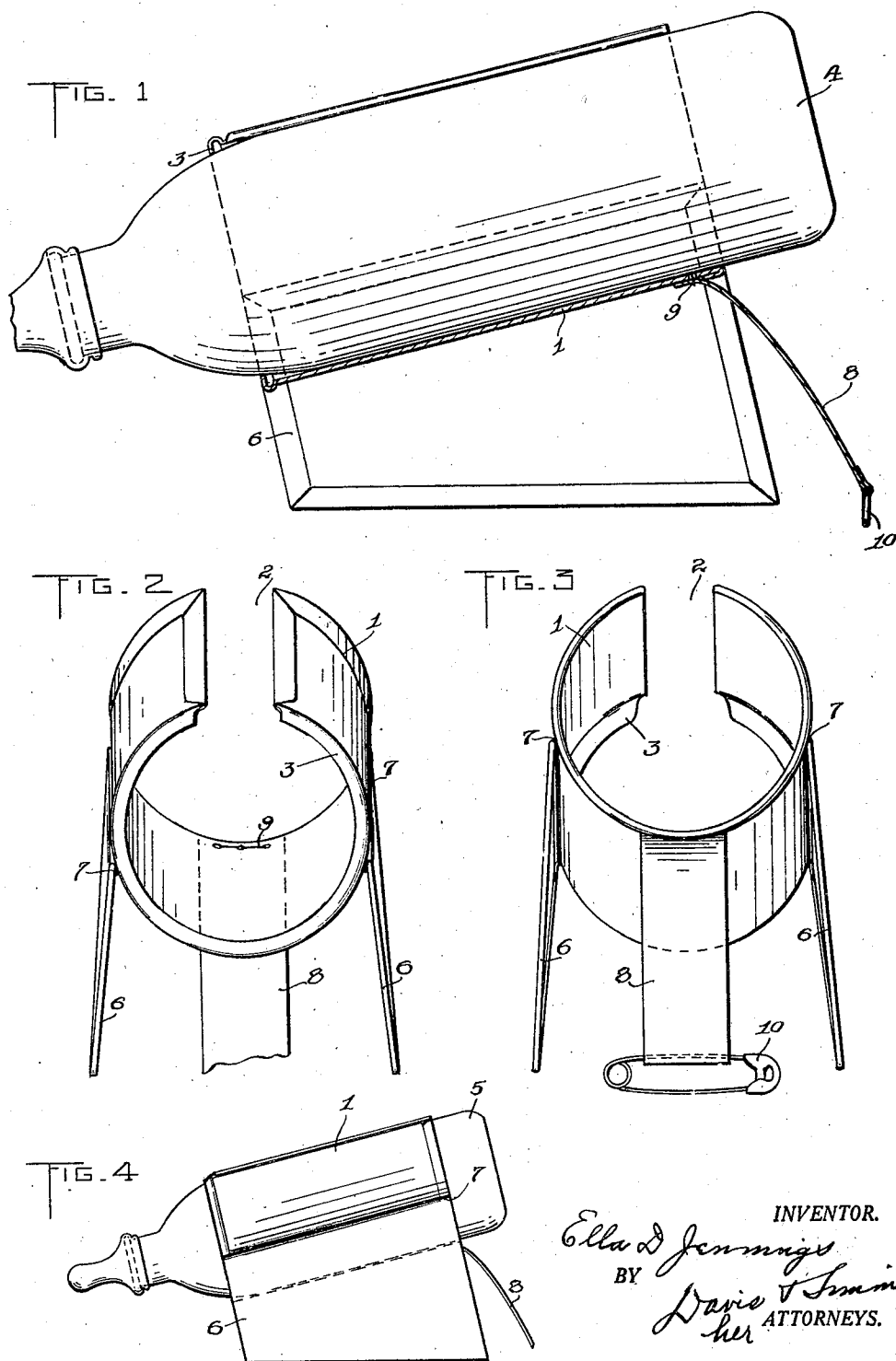


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELLA D. JENNINGS, a citizen of the United States, and resident of Avon, in the county of Livingston and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Nursing-Bottle Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to nursing bottle holders of the type designed to support a bottle in a convenient position for use by an infant, an object of this invention being to provide a holder which is adapted to receive either a flat or round bottle and to support either in a desirable position. Another object of the invention is to provide a holding member in the form of a split tube adapted to entirely surround a standard round nursing bottle and to receive in the split a standard flat bottle. Another object of the invention is to provide supports for the holding member adjustable to permit the bottle to lie at different heights.

To these and other ends, the invention consists of certain parts and combinations of parts, all of which will be hereinafter described, the novel features being pointed out in the appended claim.

In the drawings:—

Fig. 1 is a longitudinal section through a bottle holder constructed in accordance with this invention with a round bottle supported therein;

Figs. 2 and 3 are views of opposite ends of the bottle holder; and

Fig. 4 is a side view showing a flat bottle supported in the holder.

In the illustrated embodiment of this invention, there is provided a holding member 1 in the form of a tube made from sheet metal or other resilient material and provided with a split 2. One end of this tube is formed with an inwardly turned flange 3. If a round bottle 4 is to be held by the holding member, said bottle is slipped through the rear end of the tube until its reduced neck cooperates with the flange 3 which serves to limit the movement of the bottle in the tube. If a flat bottle 5 is to be held as shown in Fig. 4, the tube is spread at the split 2 thereof, the lower edge of the bottle resting upon the inner face of the lower wall of the tube, and the flange 3 cooperating with the reduced neck of such bottle.

In order to support the tube in an inclined position with the rear end in a higher plane than the forward end, a supporting means is provided comprising, in this instance, two supports 6 formed from sheet metal and connected at their upper edges at 7 in such a manner that they may be bent at the point 7 to separate their lower edges and in this way vary the plane at which the tube 1 is supported, so that the nipple may be arranged in proper position for use by the infant.

In order to prevent the child shifting the bottle holder the latter may be provided with a securing means which, in this instance, is in the form of a tape 8 attached by threads 9 to the rear end of the holding member 1 and provided with a safety pin or fastener 10 which may be secured to the clothes of the infant or to the bed clothes.

From the foregoing it will be seen that there has been provided a bottle holder having a holding member which is adapted to secure either a round or a flat bottle of standard form. This holding member is, in this instance, in the form of a tube for receiving the round bottle and having a split in which the flat bottle may be received. A retaining flange is provided at the inward end of the tube to limit the movement of the bottle in the holder. A supporting means is provided which permits the elevation of the holding member to correspond to position of the infant.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:—

A bottle holder comprising a tubular portion formed from sheet metal rolled into tubular form and having its edges separated to provide a slit, one edge of the sheet metal at one end of the tube being turned inwardly to provide a flange which tends to maintain the tubular form of the tube, while permitting the latter to expand slightly in order that it may resiliently engage the walls of the bottle, and supporting legs for said tube, said legs gradually increasing in length from the flanged end of the tube and being adapted to be separated at their lower edges so that the tube may be supported at different heights.

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