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Fig. 1.

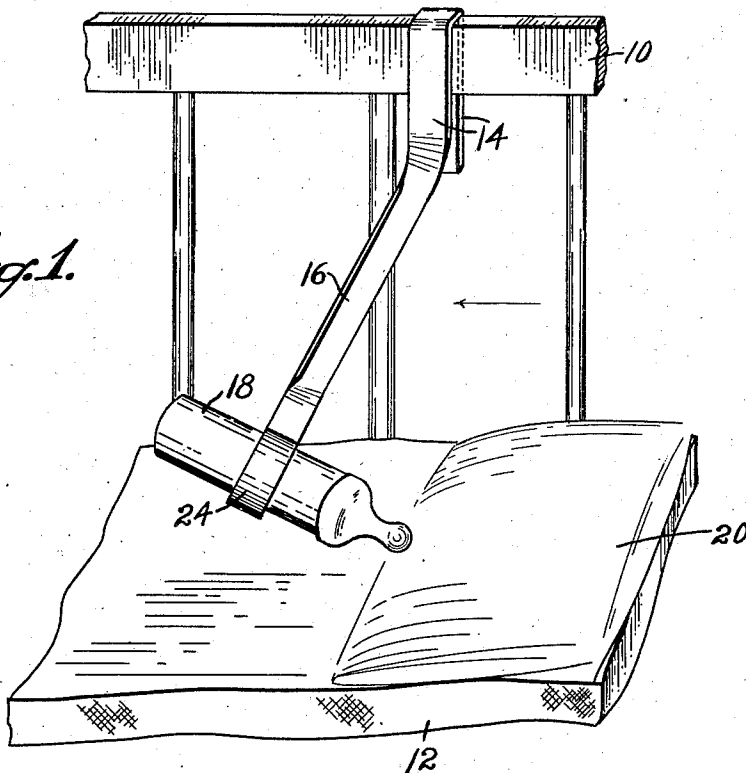
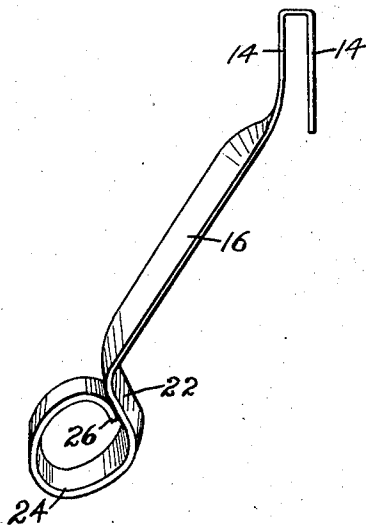


Fig. 2.

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This invention relates to a nursing bottle holder and the principal object of the invention is the provision of a device of the class described which is extremely simple to secure in position on a crib side or the side of a vehicle, such as a baby carriage, and which comprises a structure avoiding the necessity of any adjustments.

Further objects of the invention include the provision of a nursing bottle holder made of a single elongated strip of semi-rigid resilient nature, such as sheet metal or synthetic resins, said strip having a parallel-sided hook for disposition on a crib side or side of a baby carriage or the like, said hook holding at an angle thereto an elongated strip extending down into the crib or carriage, and said strip terminating in a loop for holding the nursing bottle, said loop holding the nursing bottle by friction and being of a nature to accommodate any size of nursing bottle without the necessity for any kind of adjustment.

Further objects of the invention include the provision of a nursing bottle holder comprising an elongated strip of relatively stiff but resilient material having a simple hook means to secure the same to a support and terminating in a closed resiliently expansible bottle holding loop adapted to be held by the strip at a point somewhat above a crib mattress or the like in convenient position to be utilized by the infant.

Other objects and advantages of the invention will appear hereinafter.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings in which

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a device according to the invention applied to a crib side, parts being broken away; and

Fig. 2 is a perspective view looking in the direction of the arrow in Fig. 1.

Fig. 1 shows a crib side having a rail 10 and illustrating the position of a mattress 12 in the crib. The nursing bottle holder comprises a strip of material as shown terminating at one end in a hook having straight sides 14 for disposition on the rail 10. One of the sides of the hook is free ended and the other side extends at an angle, as clearly shown in Fig. 2, in an elongated twisted strip 16, the twist in the strip providing additional rigidity in a substantially vertical direction so that the holder, although resilient, will

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not bend down to too great a degree under the weight of the bottle 18.

Strip 16 is also laterally extended to one side relative to the hook as shown in Fig. 1 so that the supporting hook is disposed more to the right in Fig. 1 than would otherwise be the case, for the purpose of positioning the point of support approximately adjacent the normal position of the head of the infant as disposed on a pillow 20.

The elongated strip 16 extends downwardly at a relatively sharp angle as shown at 22 in Fig. 2 and then continues around in a loop 24 terminating at 26 in juxtaposition to the downwardly extending angle 22. This construction provides for a substantial closing of the loop regardless of the size of the bottle held therein and it will be seen that any ordinary or conventional nursing bottle will be closely frictionally held in the resilient loop 24.

This invention provides a simple bottle holder having a great economy of manufacture and capable of being used substantially without instructions since all that it is necessary to do is to thrust the bottle through the loop 24 and place the hook over a convenient support as shown. The device is easily cleaned and taken care of, and the infant may grasp the bottle and move the same to a limited degree due to the resilience of the material of which the holder is made; and yet, at the same time, the bottle will be held in the required position because its weight will bend the strip 16 very little. Also, it is to be noted that there are no clamps and no adjustments necessary to be made and the entire device is made all in one continuous integral piece. Manufacture may be by stamping, molding, or merely twisting strip stock.

Having thus described my invention and the advantages thereof, I do not wish to be limited to the details herein disclosed, otherwise than is set forth in the claim, but what I claim is:

An article of manufacture comprising an elongated flat strip of relatively, stiff but resilient material, such strip having an integral hook at one end thereof in form of an inverted U, the arms of the U being parallel, one arm of the U being free ended and the other arm of the U continuing in an extension down away from the arms of the U at an angle thereto, said continuing extension terminating in a closed expansible

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loop having a free end overlapping the strip material so that the loop is closed even though expanded to a considerable extent, said loop being disposed well below the U-shaped hook to depend into an enclosure with the hook supported above the loop on a vertical support, whereby the angled extension must lie at an angle to the vertical support to hold a nursing bottle in horizontal spaced relation to the vertical support.

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