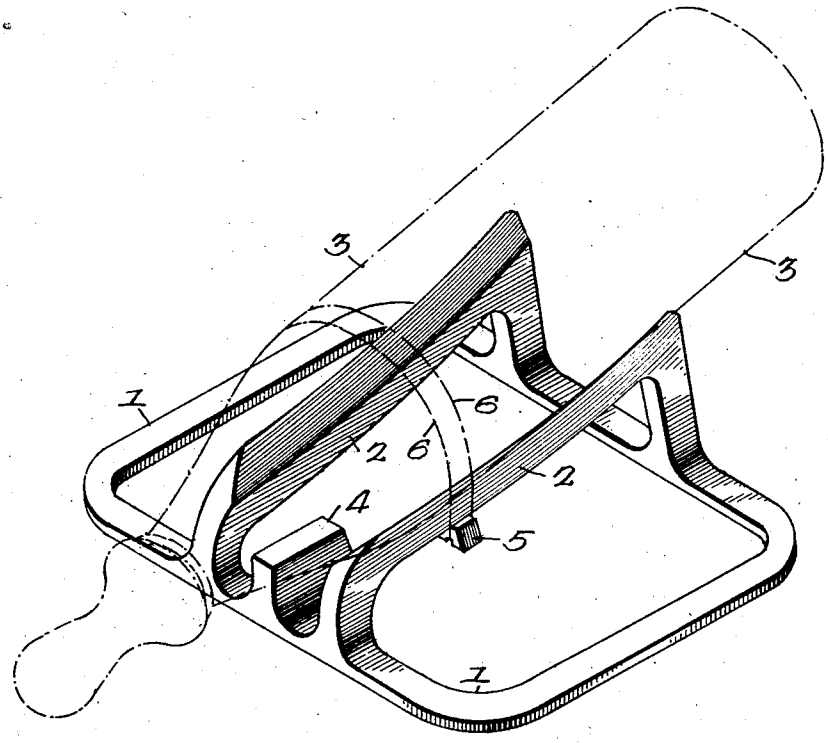
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The object of this invention is to provide a device for supporting a nursing bottle in a suitably inclined inverted position such that the nipple will be presented to the mouth of a reclining infant.

The preferred form of my device I have illustrated in the attached drawing, which shows the device in perspective with a bottle supported thereon, the latter being outlined in broken lines.

Referring to the drawing, it will be noted that the device comprises a suitable base 1 having extending upwardly therefrom two portions 2, 2, in the form of parallel yokes suitably spaced apart and with the upper bottle-supporting portions thereof inclined to the plane of the base 1. The upper bottle-supporting portions of the yokes 2 also are inclined from the outer towards the inner edges thereof, as clearly illustrated, so that the bottle 3 will rest securely against the inclined faces. Intermediate the lower ends of the yokes 2 and extending upwardly from the base 1 is a stop 4, which with the bottle in position as shown engages the under side of the neck of the latter and prevents movement of the bottle down the inclined supports. Each of the yokes 2 is also provided with a lug 5 on the outer side thereof which constitutes an anchor for one end of a resilient retaining element 6, such as a rubber band or spring, whereby the bottle is held firmly down upon its rest.

Obviously the cradle for the bottle may assume other forms than that illustrated, although this is the preferred form by reason of simplicity and ease of manufacture.

The device is so formed that when placed beside the head of the baby, the nipple naturally enters the baby's mouth as he lies in the normal reclining position, and holds the bottle so that the nipple is filled with milk or other contained liquid until the bottle is exhausted.

I claim:

A bottle support comprising an annular base member having at one side substantially vertical uprights and on the other side correspondingly arranged uprights greater in height than those first mentioned, a bar extending from the top of each of the uprights on one side to the respective uprights on the opposite side providing an inclined cradle adapted to hold the bottle, and a stop member intermediate the smaller uprights adapted to retain the bottle in an inclined position in the cradle.

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