

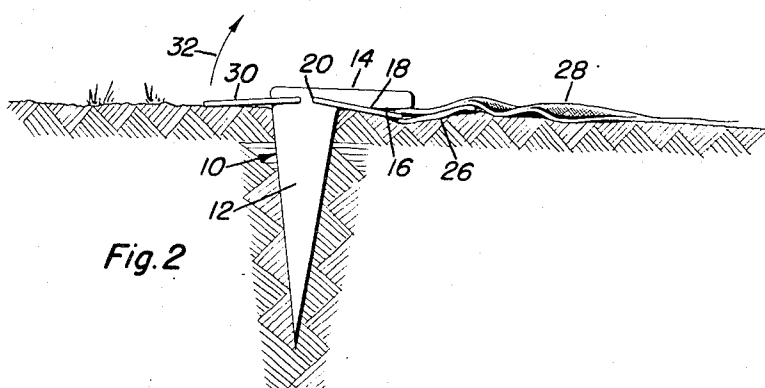
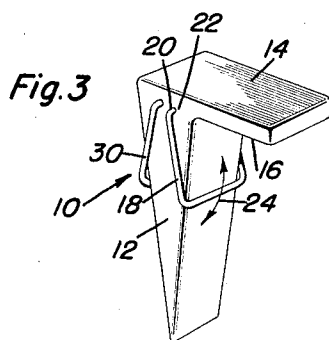
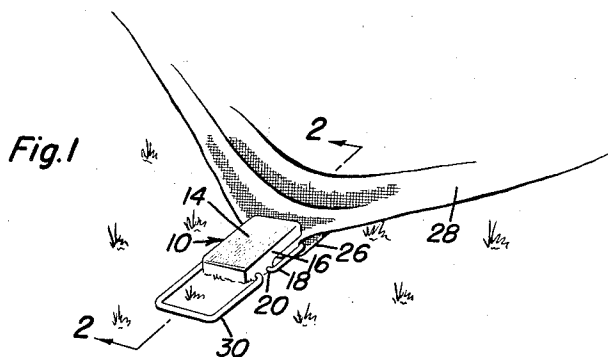
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This invention relates to new and useful improvements and structural refinements in holders for picnic cloths, etc., and the principal object of the invention is to provide a device of the character herein described, which may be conveniently and effectively employed for securing picnic cloths, napkins, etc., to the ground.

This object is achieved by the provision of a holder which embodies in its construction a peg adapted to be pressed in the ground and provided with a laterally projecting head, while a keeper is pivotally attached to the peg under the head and is intended to receive a portion of the cloth so as to firmly sustain the same in position between the head and the ground.

An important feature of the invention, therefore, resides in the structural arrangement of the peg including the keeper, while another feature involves the provision of means whereby the peg may be expeditiously withdrawn from the ground when the use thereof is no longer desired.

Some of the advantages of the invention lie in its simplicity of construction, in its efficient operation, in its pleasing appearance, and in its adaptability to economical manufacture.

With the above more important objects and features in view, and such other objects and features as may become apparent as this specification proceeds, the invention consists essentially of the arrangement and construction of parts as illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of the invention in use;

Figure 2 is a sectional detail, taken substantially along the plane of the line 2—2 in Figure 1; and

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the invention per se.

Like characters of reference are employed to designate like parts in the specification throughout the several views.

Referring now to the accompanying drawings and detail, the invention consists of a picnic cloth holder which is designated generally by the reference character 10 and embodies in its construction a downwardly tapered peg 12 which is adapted to be pressed almost entirely into the ground as shown in Figure 2 and is provided at the upper end thereof with a laterally projecting, enlarged head 14 having a substantially flat under surface 16.

A keeper 18 comprises a substantially U-shaped wire rod having inturned, opposing free end portions 20 rotatably positioned in opposite end portions of a transverse bore 22 which is formed in the upper portion of the peg 12 adjacent to the head 14, whereby the keeper 18 may be swung upwardly and downwardly relative to the peg, as indicated at 24 in Figure 3.

When in operation, a corner portion 26 of a picnic cloth 28 is passed through the keeper 18 and doubled under itself, whereupon the peg 12 is pressed into the ground so that the corner por-

tion of the picnic cloth is frictionally clamped between the ground and the flat under surface 16 of the head 14, thus firmly sustaining the picnic cloth in position.

Needless to say, several holders are employed for this purpose, preferably one at each corner of the cloth, and means are provided for expeditiously withdrawing the pegs from the ground when the use of the invention is no longer desired, these means comprising a loop-shaped wire member 30 which is similar to the keeper 18 and is pivotally mounted on the peg 12 adjacent the keeper 18 under the head 14, as shown. When the holder is in use, the member 30 simply lies flatly on the ground as shown in Figures 1 and 2, but when the peg 12 of the holder is to be withdrawn, the member 30 is swung upwardly as shown at 32 in Figure 2, so that it affords a loop or finger piece for pulling the peg out of the ground.

It is believed that the advantages and use of the invention will be clearly understood from the foregoing disclosure and accordingly, further description thereof at this point is deemed unnecessary.

While in the foregoing there has been shown and described the preferred embodiment of this invention it is to be understood that minor changes in the details of construction, combination and arrangement of parts may be resorted to without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

Having described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

1. A picnic cloth holder, comprising a downwardly tapered peg adapted to be pressed in the ground, a laterally projecting enlarged head provided at the upper end of said peg and having a substantially flat undersurface, and a substantially loop-shaped keeper swingably attached to said peg under said head, whereby a corner portion of a cloth may be inserted in the keeper and frictionally held between the undersurface of said head and the ground.

2. The device as defined in claim 1 wherein said peg is provided under said head with a transverse bore, said keeper comprising a substantially U-shaped wire rod having inturned opposing free end portions rotatably positioned in opposite end portions of said bore, the right portion of said rod being engageable with the underside of said head.

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