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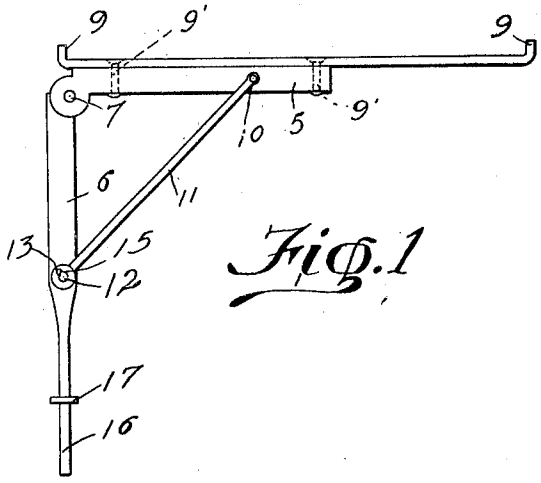


Fig. 1

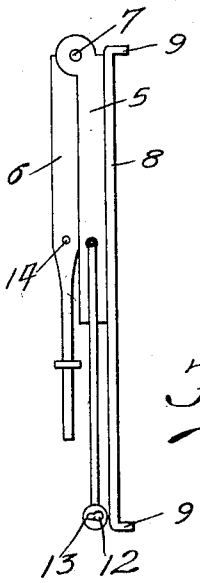
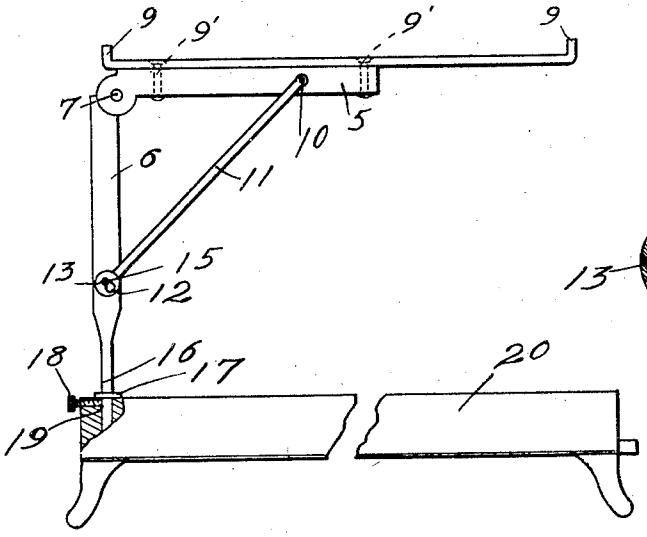


Fig. 2

Fig. 3



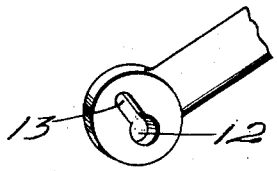


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, Mrs. SUSAN H. MILNE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Santa Barbara, in the county of Santa Barbara, State of California, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Plate or Dish Holders; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to plate or dish holding attachments for stoves and it has for its object to provide a construction that will be extremely simple and cheap of manufacture so that it may be sold at a low cost as an attachment for the usual portable electric stove and which may be easily disconnected and folded into small compass when not in use. A further object of the invention is to provide such an arrangement as will permit of the supporting of plates over the stove for warming or to the rear of the stove, as may be desired and without necessitating removal from the stove.

Referring to the drawings,

Figure 1, is a side elevation of the device,

Fig. 2, is a view showing the device in its folded position,

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 1 showing the holder applied to a toaster,

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary perspective view of the rigid rod.

Referring more particularly to the drawings, the invention comprises a bracket which bracket consists of a post 6 and an arm 5 which are pivoted together as at 7 and are adapted to be folded in contact with each other as shown in Fig. 2. Secured to one of the faces of the arm 5 of the bracket is a dish or plate supporting tray 8, the peripheral edge of which is flanged as at 9 to retain the dish or plate against accidental displacement. This tray 8 is secured to the said arm 5 by means of rivets or the like 9′ which pass through said arm and through the tray as shown in Fig. 1. Pivoted to the prop 5 at one end at 10 is a rigid arm 11, the other end of which is provided with a key-hole opening 12 whose narrow end 13 stands transverse to the length of the prop, and outstanding from the post 6 is a rivet or the like 14 which is provided with a head 15. The opening 12 is adapted to receive the head 15 of the rivet 14, and after the head 15 has been passed through its larger end the prop is dropped to cause its narrow end 13 to engage the body portion of the rivet to support the arm 5 in its operative position.

The lower end of the post 6 is reduced as at 16 and is provided with a shoulder 17 the purpose of which will be hereinafter described.

The reference numeral 20 designates an electric toaster or similar device and one of its side frames is provided with a socket 19, and threaded into the frame is a set screw 18 which is adapted to pass into the said socket 19 at right angles thereto.

In operation, the reduced end 16 of the post 6 of the bracket is inserted in the socket 19 until its shoulder 17 engages the top of the side frame. When the parts are in this position the set screw 18 is tightened up to secure the bracket against movement relative to its support.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the present invention provides a means by which a plate may be supported above the heating element of a cooking device for the purpose of keeping the contents of the plate warm, and at the same time support the plate in such a manner that it in no way interferes with the operator. It will of course be understood that when desired, the set screw 18 may be loosened and the holder swung so as to carry the tray from over the stove or toaster or to hold it only part way over, to suit the specific requirements.

While the present invention shows the device attached to an electric toaster, it is of course understood that in lieu of an electric toaster a gas or oil cooking stove might be used, it only being necessary to provide the latter with an aperture to receive the reduced end of the bracket member 6.

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

A dish holder for the purpose described comprising a post having a reduced and shouldered lower end adapted to be seated in a socket in a heater, an arm pivoted to the upper end of the post and carrying a tray, a headed rivet outstanding from one side

of the post, and a prop pivoted at one end to said arm and having in its other end a key-hole opening whose larger end is adapted to pass over the head of the rivet and whose narrow end stands transverse to the length of the prop for engagement with the shank of said rivet, as described.

In testimony whereof, I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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