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Fig. 1

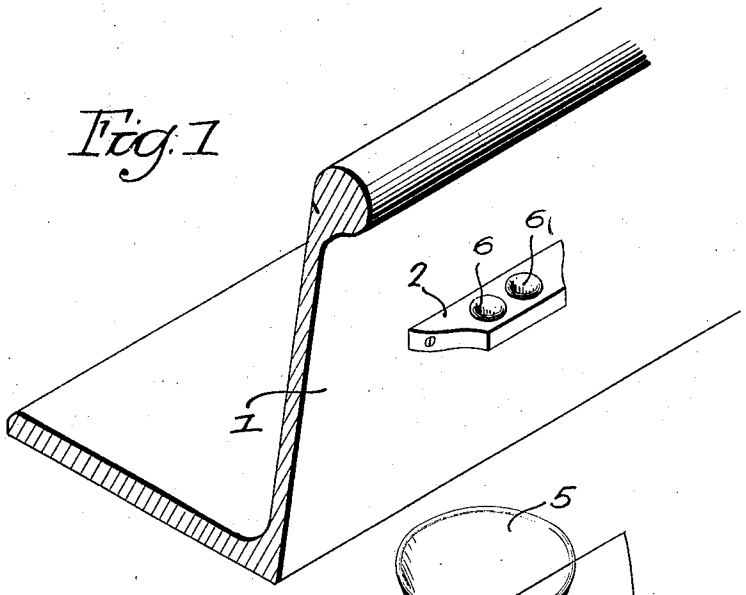


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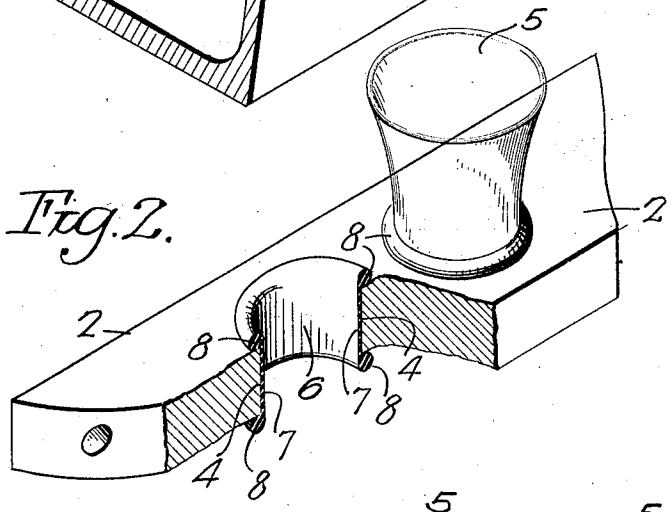


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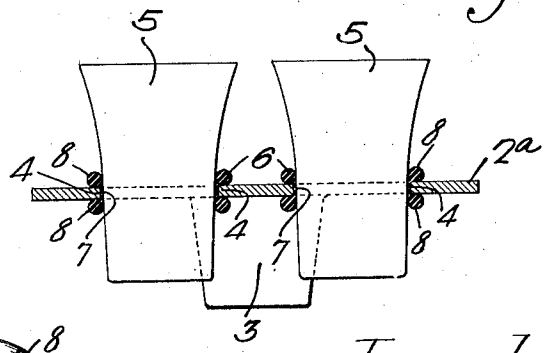


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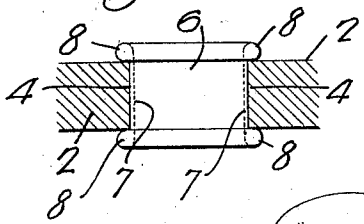
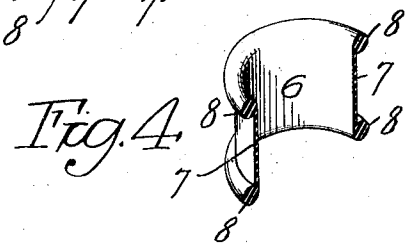


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MARIAN P. DINGEE, a citizen of the United States, residing in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Silencers for Communion-Cup Racks, of which the following is a specification.

One object of this invention is to provide a silencer for racks in which communion cups are held and which will prevent the glass or cup striking the wood or metal work when the cup is placed in the rack.

A further object of the invention is to provide a silencer which can be readily detached from the rack so that it can be cleaned when necessary, and a still further object is to make a silencer which can be applied to racks now in place without enlarging the opening for the cups.

This object I attain in the following manner, reference being had to the accompanying drawing in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional perspective view of a church pew showing a communion cup rack in position;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged perspective view of the rack partly broken away showing one of the communion cups in position;

Fig. 3 is a sectional view of the wooden rack with the silencer in outside view;

Fig. 4 is a detached sectional perspective view of one of the silencers; and

Fig. 5 is a view showing my invention applied to the metal rack for holding the communion cups.

Referring to the drawings, 1 is a church pew; 2 is a rack either permanently secured to the back of the pew or made detachable therefrom as desired. This rack, 2, is usually made of wood, as shown in Fig. 2, but in some instances it is made of metal, as shown in Fig. 5, and may be fixed to the pew, as illustrated in Fig. 2, or may be made detachable, as in Fig. 5, the rack 2^a in Fig. 5 having a tongue 3, which is adapted to a socket in a fixed support secured to the pew. This construction, however, forms no part of my invention. The rack 2 has one or more openings, 4, which extend entirely through the rack that is shown in the figure, and these openings are usually of such diameter that the cup or glass 5 will rest firmly in the rack, as clearly shown in Fig. 2. When these communion cups are used they are placed in the racks and removed therefrom and replaced in many instances, and this causes considerable disturbance during the service owing to the cup coming in contact with the wood or metal rack. In order to prevent any noise, I provide a silencer, 6, which is made as shown clearly in Figs. 3 and 4, having a very thin body portion 7 of rubber and having ribs 8 at the top and bottom. The body portion of the silencer is equal to the width of the rack so that one of the ribs 8 will rest against the upper surface of the rack, while the other will rest against the under surface thereof so as to hold the silencer firmly in the rack, preventing it from being pushed out of the rack when the glass is placed in position, or withdrawn from the rack when the glass is removed. By making the body portion 7 very thin I am enabled to equip the racks that are already in position with the silencer without enlarging the holes. Furthermore, by making the silencer of rubber and thin, the silencer can be readily removed and cleaned and replaced without difficulty. It will be understood that the body portion of the silencer may be of different lengths, depending upon the thickness of the rack. For instance, in Fig. 2 I have shown a comparatively thick rack of wood, and in Fig. 5 I have shown a thin metallic rack, and the body portion of the silencer is of proportional height.

I claim:

The combination of a communion cup rack having a hole therein for the cup, and a silencer made of rubber, having a thin body portion, and having upper and lower annular ribs extending over and under the rack to hold the silencer in position.

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