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Fig. 1.

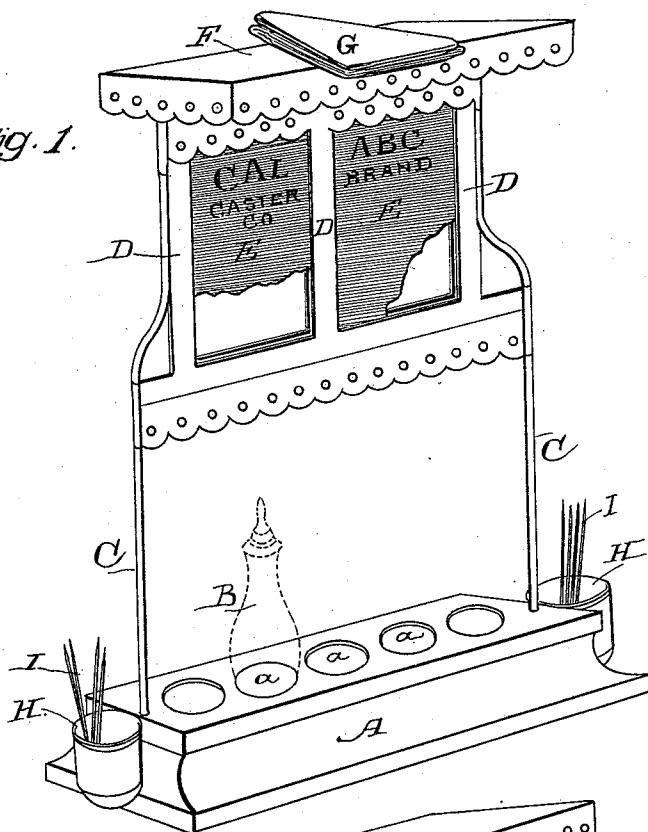
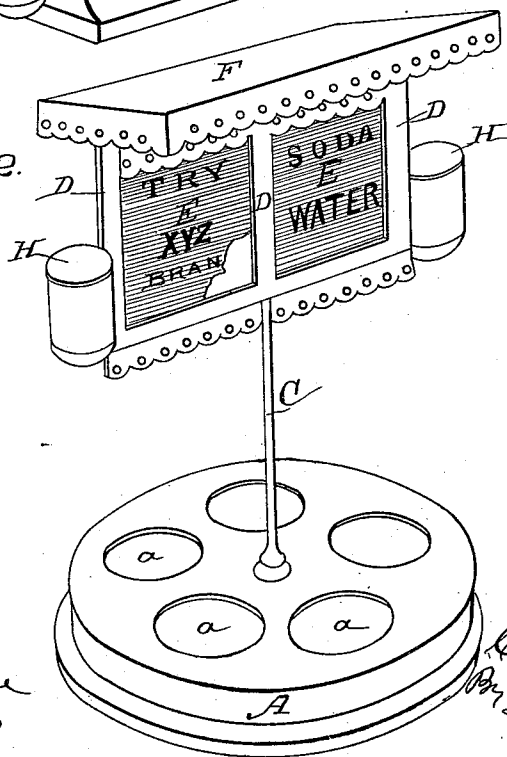


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES E. LARRABEE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Berkeley, county of Alameda, State of California, have invented an Improvement in Advertising-Casters; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

My invention relates to the class of table-casters; and it consists in a base for the reception of the caster-bottles, an upright frame rising from said base and formed or provided in its upper portion with means for holding and displaying advertising sheets or placards, said frame being surmounted by a shelf upon which to place the napkins, and having also disposed upon it, in convenient position, other receptacles for containing articles, such as toothpicks.

The object of my invention is to provide an attractive article of table furniture having for its principal idea of utility that of a caster, to which is joined the further purposes of a support for napkins and receptacles for other articles, all combined with a simple and practicable means of displaying an advertisement in an attractive and forcible manner.

Referring to the accompanying drawings for a more complete explanation of my invention, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my caster. Fig. 2 is a perspective view showing a slight modification thereof in the matter of form.

A is a suitable base to receive the caster-bottles B. It is here shown as having in its top a number of sockets *a* for the reception of said bottles. In Fig. 1 this base is of an oblong shape, while as shown in Fig. 2 it is round. I do not confine myself to these shapes, as others may be adopted, according to particular ideas of taste and general fitness.

Rising from the base is an upright frame C, of any suitable form or construction. I have here shown two forms. That of Fig. 1 consists of two side standards, while in Fig. 2 it consists of a single central standard. In the upper portion of this frame is a means, of any suitable character, adapted to hold and display a placard or other advertising sheet. The form of receptacle I deem best for this purpose is that here shown—to wit, grooved

framing-strips D, in which the cards E are held. There may be as many of these placard-frames as may be desired. I have here shown two, the base of each being open, so that the card may be pushed up through, said card being held in place in the frame in any suitable manner. It is the design to print these cards upon both sides, so that, as the caster will occupy the middle of the table, the advertisement may be seen by the parties occupying opposite sides.

On the very top of the frame C is a shelf F, upon which the napkins G are to be placed.

Secured to the caster at one or both sides thereof and either at the ends of the base, as shown in Fig. 1, or higher up at the ends or sides of the frame, as shown in Fig. 2, are the small receptacles H for the toothpicks I.

The whole device may be made as ornamental as may be desired, and while serving a useful furnishing purpose for the table will display advertising-matter with considerable effect.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. An advertising caster comprising a frame adapted to contain caster bottles, an open bottom frame of grooved framing strips adapted to contain advertising cards, a broad flat shelf surmounting the frame and serving as a support for napkins, and a vertical support rising from the base and supporting the frame at such an elevation that a clear space is provided between the bottom of the frame and the caster bottles.

2. The combination, of a base, an upright frame rising therefrom and consisting of side standards and grooved framing strips between the upper portions of the standards adapted to receive advertising cards, said standards supporting at their top a broad flat shelf adapted to hold napkins, and receptacles fixed to the base adapted to contain toothpicks.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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