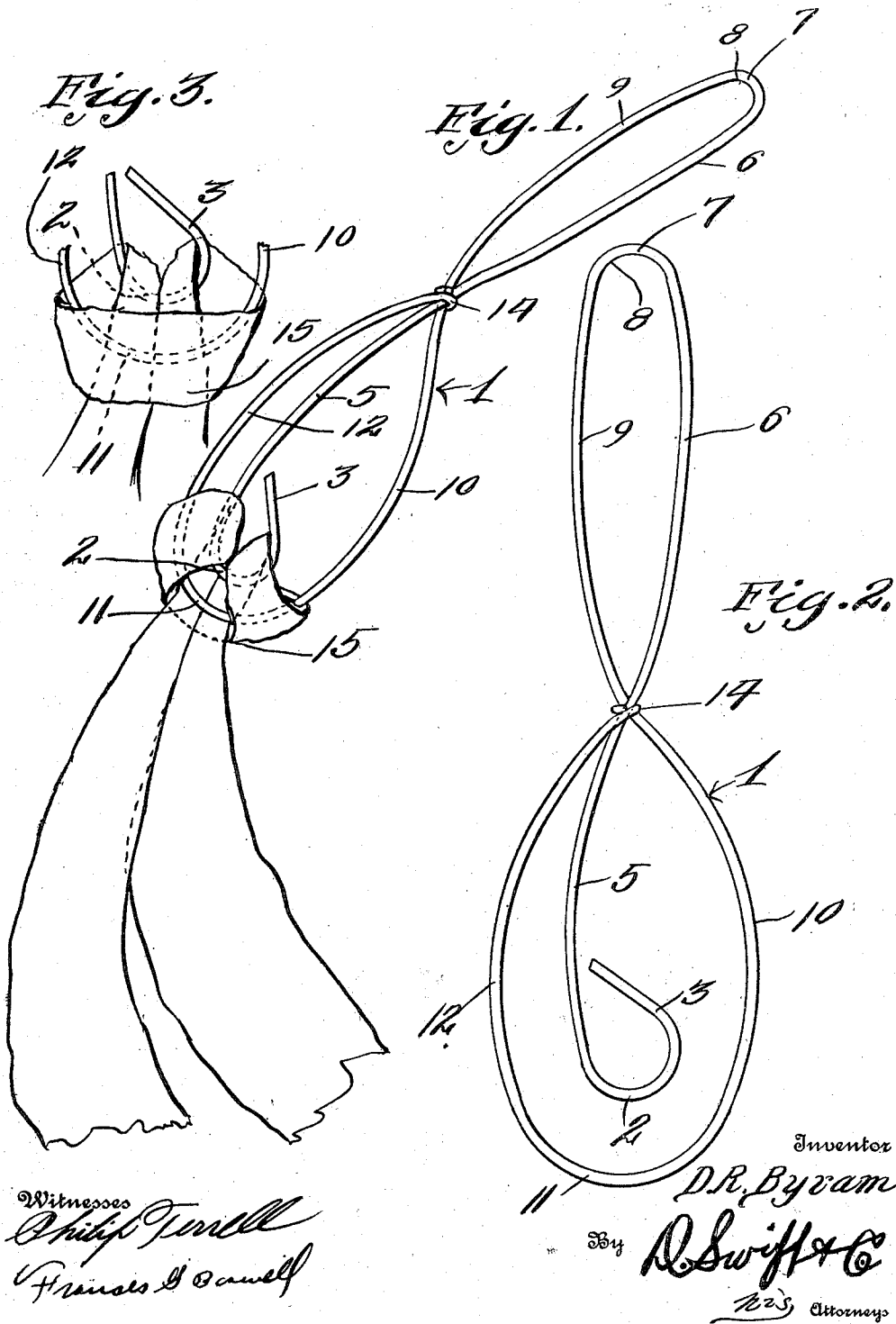


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID R. BYRAM, a citizen of the United States, residing at Tupper Lake, in the county of Franklin and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Dish-Cloth Holder; 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 a new and useful dish cloth holder, and an object of the invention is to provide a device of this nature, in order to permit the use of scalding water without allowing the hand to come in contact therewith, which scalding water not only sterilizes the dishes, but being so hot, the water evaporates and the dishes become thoroughly dry, thereby saving labor by obviating the use of wiping cloths or towels.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holder, which may be easily inserted in a lamp shade or bottle with the dish cloth on one end, so as to thoroughly wash the inner circumference of the bottle or shade.

Another object of the invention is the provision of a dish cloth holder constructed from a single length of yieldable wire material, bent to form a loop at one end of the holder constituting a handle for the holder, the sides of the handle loop being crossed, and one side of which handle loop after being crossed being curved or bent to form another loop at the other end of the holder, to be partly engaged by a loop in a dish cloth. The extremity of one side of this dish cloth loop being turned into an eye for the reception of the side of the handle loop where the sides cross. The other side of the handle loop being extended within said first mentioned dish cloth loop, and having its extreme portion turned into a smaller loop adjacent the end of said first mentioned dish cloth loop, and designed to be partly engaged by the dish cloth. The object in so constructing said dish cloth loop is that the first mentioned dish cloth loop constitutes a body loop, whereas the smaller loop constitutes an auxiliary dish cloth engaging loop, which yields, and owing to the structure of the holder, the dish cloth (which is usually wet when in use)

cannot be drawn so tight that it cannot be unfastened. In other words, to draw the two ends of the dish cloth until its loop tightens, the yieldable auxiliary dish cloth loop will relieve the tension or loosen the loop of the cloth. Furthermore, the auxiliary yieldable loop may be moved to one side or the other toward the opposite sides of the body dish cloth loop, or may be moved to one side or the other at right angles to the opposite sides of the body dish cloth loop, thereby constituting means to loosen the knot in the cloth, so it may be removed or detached.

In practical fields the details of construction may necessitate alterations, falling within the scope of what is claimed.

The invention comprises further features and combination of parts, as hereinafter set forth, shown in the drawings and claimed.

In the drawings: Figure 1 is a view in perspective of the improved holder showing a dish cloth or the like carried thereby. Fig. 2 is an enlarged detail view of the holder showing the dish cloth detached.

Referring more especially to the drawings, 1 designates the holder as a whole, which is constructed of a single length of wire, bent upon itself at one end as at 2 to form the hook 3. The portion 4 of the hook 3 extends away from the hook to form a curved side 5 of the handle 6, and where the curved side 5 terminates at 7, the wire is curved upon itself at 8 to form the other curved side 9 of the handle. The curved side 9 of the handle extends toward said hook 3, and crosses the curved side 5 substantially midway between the hook 3 and the termination of the curved side 5 and forms one side 10 of the guard for the hook 3, which side 10 is curved just the opposite to the curvature of the side 9 of said handle. The curved side 10 of the guard merges into a curved portion 11, and beyond the curvature 11, the wire is curved forming the other side 12 of the guard, and at the extremity 13 of the side 12 a hook 14 is provided, to receive the intersecting or crossing portions of the sides 5 and 9 of the handle, thereby holding the parts in place. In attaching the dish cloth, the cloth is folded to form a loop 15, and the opposite sides of the loop are passed about the sides of the guard and through the hook 3, and then through the

loop 15 of the cloth, as clearly shown in Fig. 1, thereby attaching the cloth, after which the cloth is ready for use.

The invention having been set forth, what is claimed as new and useful is:—

1. A dish cloth holder comprising a single length of spring wire curved upon itself to form a broad loop at one end of the holder and a narrow loop at the other end of the holder, one side of the broad loop formed into an eye where the sides of both loops intersect, so that the sides of both loops will pass through the eye, the narrow loop constituting a handle, and one side of this narrow loop being extended within and conforming substantially to the contour of the broad loop and terminating in a dish cloth holding hook, to which and the end of the broad loop, the loop of a dish cloth is connected.
2. A dish cloth holder comprising a single length of wire having one end bent to form a dish cloth engaging hook, one side of the hook merging into an extension extending from the hook forming one side of a handle,

which side merges into a short curve at the rear of the handle and merges into a second extension forming the other side of the handle, which other side of the handle crosses the first side and extend forwardly of the handle forming a substantially elliptical shaped guard approximately conforming to the shape of said hook and surrounding the hook, the opposite sides of the guard beyond the hook being designed to be engaged by the fold or loop of the dish cloth, the part of the dish cloth beyond the fold or loop thereof being passed through the hook and through the loop of the folded cloth, one side of the guard terminating in a hook to engage the crossing portions of the sides of the handle.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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