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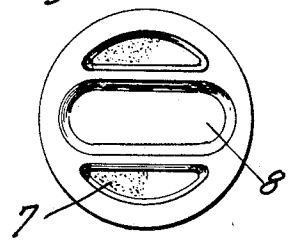


Fig. 1.

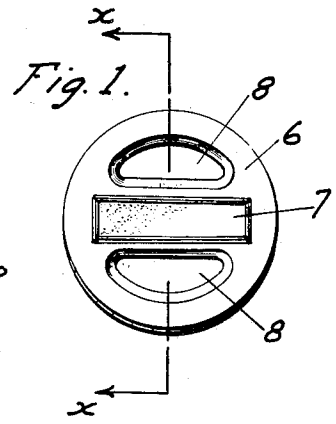


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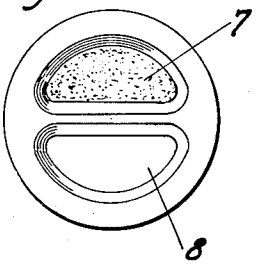


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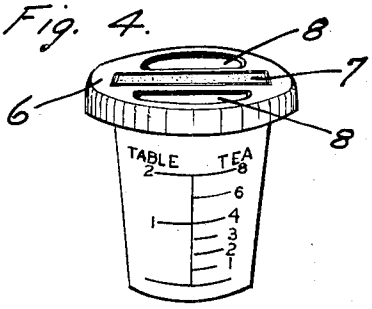
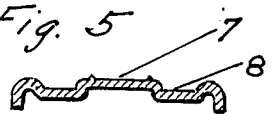


Fig. 5



Section on line "x x"

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In hospital work it is the customary practice to make up medicines in the drug room for different patients and these various medicines are then taken to the individual patient who is either in a ward or in a private room. Obviously, it is necessary that these medicines should be carefully identified with the patient who is to receive them for the reason that, if the wrong medicine were given to a patient, serious results might occur.

At the present time the custom usually employed is to write either the patient's name or the room number on a small card which is placed under the medicine glass. Under that system, the difficulties are that it is quite possible, and it sometimes happens, that the wrong medicine is given to a patient. The reason for this is that, in the drug room where several medicines are being prepared for different patients, even though the proper card is placed under the medicine, occasionally, when it becomes necessary to take these medicines into the ward or into a patient's room, the cards and medicines become misplaced or confused.

The present invention overcomes these difficulties entirely. The invention consists of an article, preferably round, which is made to fit over a medicine glass or tumbler and has means for indicating the patient's name and room number where necessary, and also has means for holding a medicine, either in pill, tablet or capsule form, which has been prepared for the patient.

The invention is illustrated in the following drawing in which:

Fig. 1 is a plan view of the preferred form of the invention.

Figs. 2 and 3 are modifications thereof.

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the device in use on a medicine glass.

Fig. 5 is a cross-section taken on the line X—X of Fig. 1.

The article is usually made of glass although it is to be understood that any other suitable material, such as bakelite or other plastic material, or pressed cardboard, can be used, but glass is the preferred material for the reason that it can be sterilized readily and without injury.

The device consists essentially of a round member about the size of a medicine glass having a flat surface 6. In the middle thereof is formed a flat portion, roughened or frosted by sand blasting or acid etching, suitable for writing on with pencil or otherwise.

On each side are depressions 8, best seen in Fig. 1, for holding capsules or pills or medicines in other forms. On the frosted surface portion 7, there may be written the name of the patient, the room number or other indicia. It will be understood that the name which has been written on the frosted glass portion may be washed or rubbed off, and the name of another patient, or any desired matter, may be written thereon.

In Fig. 2 I have shown a modification of this device wherein the medicine receptacle 8 is shown in the center of the cover and the frosted portions on each side.

Fig. 3 shows one large receptacle and one large frosted portion.

The device is made as shown in Fig. 5, circular in form with a groove on the under-side to coact with the top of a glass.

What I claim is:

1. A medicine glass cover comprising a disc having a depending rim, part of the top portion of said disc carrying a depression therein forming a container for medicine, the wall of said depression adjacent said rim forming with the rim a groove adapted to receive the upper edge of a medicine glass and facilitate seating of said cover thereon and the undepressed portion of said disc providing means for the application of suitable identifying indicia.

2. A medicine glass cover comprising a glass disc having a depending rim, part of the top portion of said disc carrying a depression therein forming a container for medicine, the wall of said depression adjacent said rim forming with the rim a groove adapted to receive the upper edge of a medicine glass and facilitate seating of said cover thereon and the undepressed portion of said disc being formed of frosted glass to provide means for the application of suitable identifying indicia.

3. A medicine glass cover comprising a disc having a depending rim, the top portion of said disc on the opposite sides thereof carrying depressions forming containers for medicine, the walls of said depressions adjacent said rim forming with the rim a groove adapted to receive the upper edge of a medicine glass and facilitate seating of said cover thereon and the portion of said disc intermediate said depressions providing means for the application of suitable identifying indicia.

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