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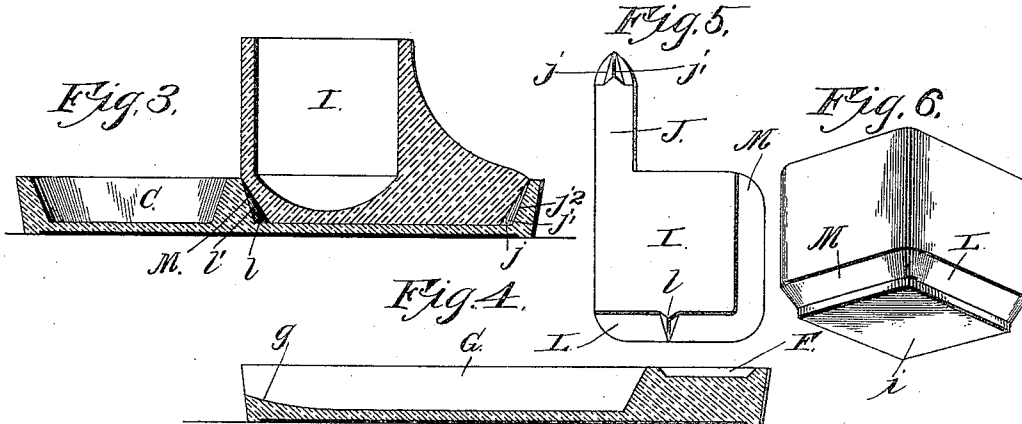
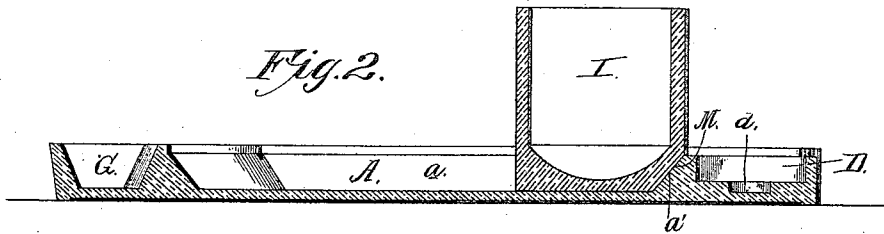
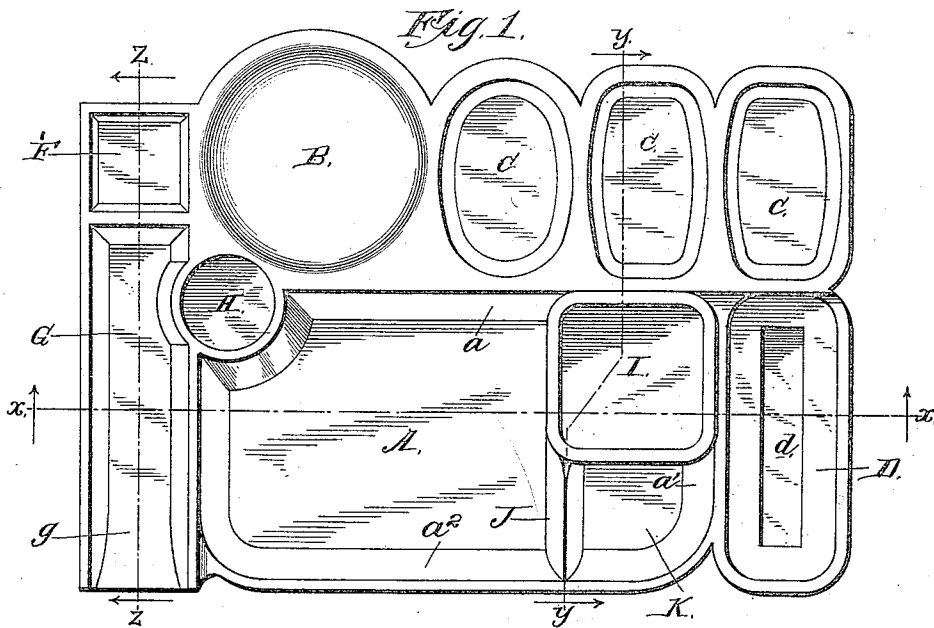


Fig. 7.
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM C. GASKILL, of Kansas City, Jackson county, Missouri, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Plates or Platters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part hereof.

My invention relates to plates or platters, and has for its object to produce, as a new article of manufacture, a dish provided with receptacles for all of the articles which go to form the usual dinner or other meal served in restaurants.

With this object in view, my invention consists in its peculiar and novel construction, and combination of parts, as will be herein-after described and claimed.

In order that my invention may be fully understood, I will proceed to describe it with reference to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1, is a plan view of a plate or platter constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2, is a vertical sectional view taken on the line $x-x$ of Fig. 1. Fig. 3, is a vertical transverse sectional view, taken on the line $y-y$ of Fig. 1. Fig. 4, is a vertical transverse sectional view taken on the line $z-z$ of Fig. 1. Fig. 5, is an inverted plan view of the detachable soup bowl. Fig. 6, is a detail perspective view of a slightly modified form of the same. Fig. 7, is a detail perspective view of a portion of the dish, and showing it formed to receive the soup bowl shown in Fig. 6.

My invention is designed particularly for use in restaurants, chop houses, &c., where a regular dinner or other meal is served to all guests, and where lost time is a serious inconvenience.

As is well known, where the ordinary side-dishes are used, it oft-times happens that the waiter fails to supply the guest with one or another of the articles, because being in a rush, and having his tray filled with dishes he does not notice the omission, and leaves the guest just served to supply another. When the guest first served notices the omission, the waiter usually is beyond recall, and some time elapses before the guest is supplied with the missing article, be it what it may.

My invention obviates this loss of time, by insuring to every guest in one serving, every article of the dinner or other meal, and the proper supply of spoons, knife and fork, and napkin.

Referring now to the drawings, where similar letters refer to corresponding parts in all the figures, a plate or platter formed of the usual dishware, or other suitable material, consists of a meat receptacle A, a bread plate or receptacle B, vegetable receptacles C, a receptacle D, to receive a glass of water, and a cup of coffee or other liquid, a butter receptacle F, a receptacle G, for spoons, knife and fork and napkin, and a receptacle H for a small cream pitcher or jug. These various receptacles, are arranged preferably as shown, the liquid receptacle and the receptacle for knife and fork, &c., being preferably at the right and left respectively, of the meat-receptacle A; but it is to be understood, I do not limit myself to any particular arrangement or number of receptacles. The inner wall of each receptacle preferably converges downward in the manner usual to dishes corresponding to the various receptacles, so that the articles may be easily removed therefrom.

The bottom of the receptacle G, is preferably inclined upwardly at g , to cause the knife, fork and spoons to rest in an inclined position, and bear at their forward ends against the inner end-wall g' , of said receptacle. By thus supporting these articles they are prevented slipping from position should the dish or platter be supported slightly out of a horizontal plane.

The liquid receptacle D, is provided with a recess or cavity d , to receive any water or other liquid spilled or overflowed from the glass or cup. By thus affording a drain for the water, the chances of injury to the diner's apparel, are lessened.

In order to provide a temporary receptacle for soup, and for crackers, I form a bowl I with the forwardly projecting and integral arm J. This bowl is adapted to rest upon the meat-receptacle at its inner right hand corner, and is arranged so that the arm J shall project forwardly to the front margin or wall of the meat-receptacle as shown clearly in Fig. 1. The arm J when thus arranged, forms a sub-re-

ceptacle K for crackers, this sub-receptacle being partitioned off from the remainder of the receptacle, by the arm J.

In order to prevent the accidental displacement of the soup bowl from its proper position upon the meat-receptacle, the two sides opposite the arm J, are beveled or inclined at L and M, to correspond with and fit snugly against the correspondingly inclined walls a and a' , of the meat-receptacle, and the beveled or inclined side L is provided with a projection l which enters a correspondingly shaped notch l' of the wall a , and the forward end of the arm J which is beveled at its under side at j , is also provided with a projection j' , which enters a correspondingly shaped notch or recess j'' , of the inner beveled side a^2 of the front wall of the meat receptacle. By this arrangement, it will be seen that the soup bowl fits snugly between the front and back walls, and is thus prevented from slipping forward or backward, and by having the projections entering the correspondingly shaped notches, of the plate or receptacle, is prevented having any accidental lateral displacement. I may prefer, however, to dispense with the cracker receptacle, as a bowl of crackers is generally within convenient reach of all guests. Therefore it will be necessary or desirable that I provide other means for preventing the accidental displacement of the soup bowl, which in this case will not be provided with the arm J. In this instance, the bowl will be provided with a depending portion preferably rectangular, as shown at i , and this portion will fit snugly within a correspondingly shaped recess i' , which will be formed in the right hand inner corner of the meat-receptacle, as clearly shown in Fig. 7.

In practice, it will be an advantage to have one person or more if necessary to supply these dishes or plates with the necessary articles, so that all the waiters will have to do will be simply to carry them to the various guests.

Should one of the dishes or receptacles be overlooked by the person supplying the

dishes, it will be at once noted by the waiter, and can be remedied before conveyed to the guest, so that it will not be necessary to make two trips for any one person. The use of these dishes will not only prevent loss of time by having to make more than one trip for a dinner, but will allow a single waiter to do the work of from three to five, where the several independent side dishes are employed.

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

1. A dish, divided by partitions into various food receptacles, and a receptacle for napkin, spoons, knife and fork, which is open at its front end, and has the bottom at its front end extending obliquely upward as at g , substantially as and for the purpose set forth,

2. A dish, divided by partitions into various food receptacles, in combination with a soup-bowl resting in one of said receptacles, and having an arm extending to the front wall of the dish, and subdividing the said receptacle to form a cracker-receptacle, substantially as set forth.

3. A dish, comprising a receptacle having an annular wall notched at two points in its side, and a soup-bowl within said receptacle, having a projection engaging one of said notches, and an arm projecting from the soup-bowl having a projection engaging the other notch, substantially as set forth.

4. A dish, divided by partitions into various food-receptacles, a receptacle opening at the rim of the dish and having its bottom at this point inclined, and a receptacle for a glass and a cup, having a drain cavity in its bottom, in combination with a soup-bowl removably occupying one end of one of the receptacles, substantially as set forth.

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

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