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Fig. 1.

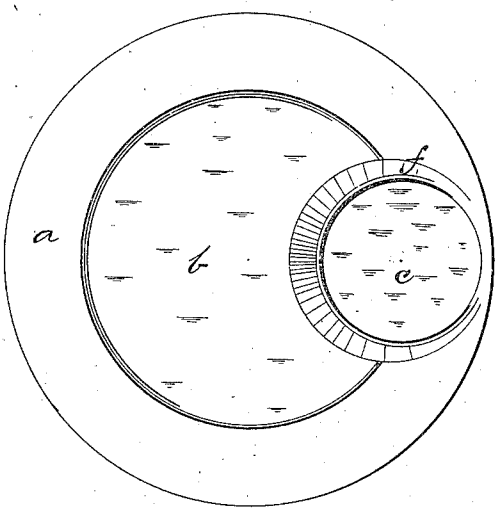


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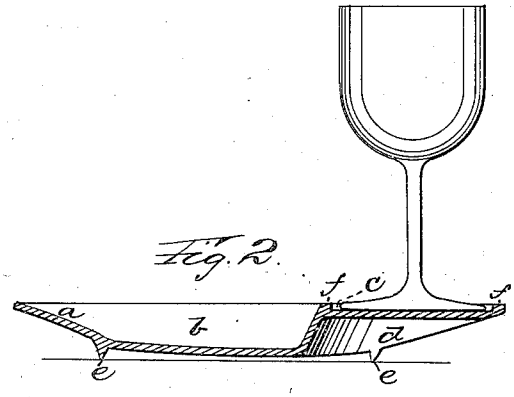


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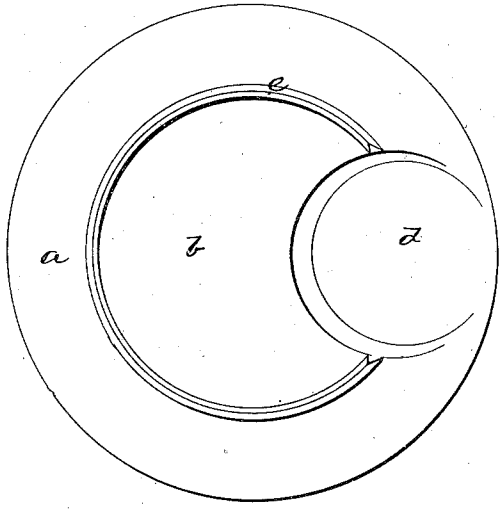
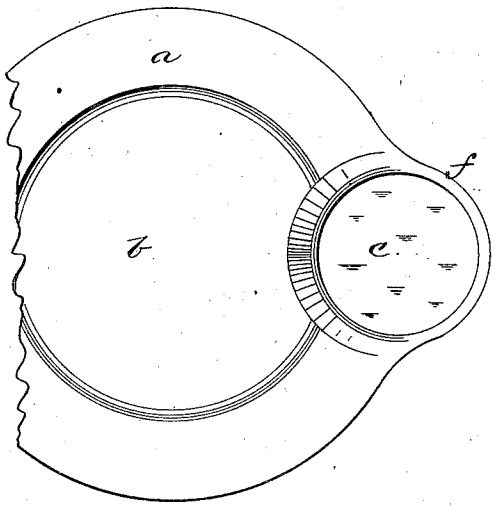


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RODMOND GIBBONS, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented and made certain new and useful Improvements in Party Plates; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description and specification of the same, reference being had to the drawings forming part thereof.

The object of my invention is to obviate at social entertainments the inconveniences and damage to clothing incident to serving and managing at the same time away from a table two or more kinds of refreshment, such as are usually supplied for guests—say one, a beverage served in a wine-glass or tumbler, the others including what partakes of the character of custard or cream, or of a stew or a salad with a fluid dressing or gravy, and which are commonly served on a plate, which does not admit of a resting-place for the wine-glass or tumbler free from contact with the said gravy or dressing.

It is known that in serving two or more kinds of refreshment, as above mentioned, at the same time away from a table in a crowded company without a salver it requires the use of both hands and involves the imminent risk of spilling. It is also known that a person receiving such plate and glass with such refreshments is generally obliged when sitting to hold the glass constantly in one hand and rest the plate on the lap while partaking of said refreshments, and that when standing no person can conveniently or safely manage both such plate and glass in partaking of such refreshments.

My invention relates to means for overcoming these difficulties; and it consists of what I call a "combination party plate," the certain parts of which are fully set forth in and claimed at the end of this specification.

In order that persons skilled in the art may understand, construct, and use my invention, I will proceed to describe it, referring to the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view of my invention, showing the glass-stand eccentrically located on the plate. Fig. 2 is a central cross-section of the said plate and glass stand, and also represents a wine-glass in elevation. It shows a depression in the top of the stand to set the glass in and a recess on the under surface beneath to provide for the proper nesting and piling of the plates. Fig. 3 is a bottom view of Fig. 1, showing the circular shape of the recess beneath the glass-stand. Fig. 4 shows in plan view the glass-stand placed farther from the center of the plate and extending partly beyond the circumference of the plate.

a is the outer rim of the plate.

b is the central portion or platen.

c is the circular depression in the stand on the plate for holding a glass above the dishing part of the plate.

d is the recess beneath, produced by raising up the material of the plate to form the glass-stand.

e is the beading on the lower surface of the plate for the plate to rest upon.

f is the rim surrounding the circular depression *c*, which prevents the glass from moving sidewise, and is substantially as high as the rim of the plate or a little higher, so as to prevent the liquid in a stew, salad, or other food that may be served on the plate from flowing over the rim and flooding the surface of the glass-stand.

It will be observed that the glass-stand in my plate is so constructed as to form also, and of itself, a hand-hold for the plate, (by "hand-hold" I mean a part the most convenient to grasp with the hand,) and thus it is made to serve a twofold purpose; also, that said glass-stand is so near the verge of the rim of the plate that it enables any person holding the plate to securely grasp or hold at the same time a wine-glass or tumbler when placed on the stand, and to release the same at will with a slight movement of the forefinger and thumb without changing the position of the hand or losing full control of the plate, and thus to perform a double service with one hand, and that the resting-place of the glass or tumbler, with plate in hand, being between the thumb and forefinger of the hand grasping the plate, (the hand being in the most natural position,) the said glass or tumbler may be repeatedly taken from the stand and returned to its secure resting-place without the use of the eyes or any conscious exertion of the will.

From the foregoing it will be understood

that after the usual helping of terrapin, stewed oysters, ices, or any kind of refreshment may have been put on the plate described, a glass or a tumbler of wine or other beverage may be set upon the glass-stand *c*, and that the construction of my invention is such as to enable a person to take both plate and glass in one hand, and with thumb or with thumb and forefinger he can conveniently hold the bottom of the glass or tumbler and carry both plate and glass through a crowded company with the minimum risk of accident. It will also be understood that any person, whether standing or sitting away from a table, will be enabled to hold both plate and glass in one hand and partake of the two or more kinds of refreshment at will without inconvenience and with the minimum risk of accident.

I am aware that plates with different food-receptacles and with a glass-stand are not new, and I therefore do not broadly claim such; but my plate being constructed with special reference to enabling a person to hold both plate and glass in one hand so that the glass cannot be tilted when carrying or manipulating the same.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

As a new article of manufacture, a plate provided at one side with a hand-hold the top of which forms a glass-stand, substantially as set forth.

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