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FIG. 1

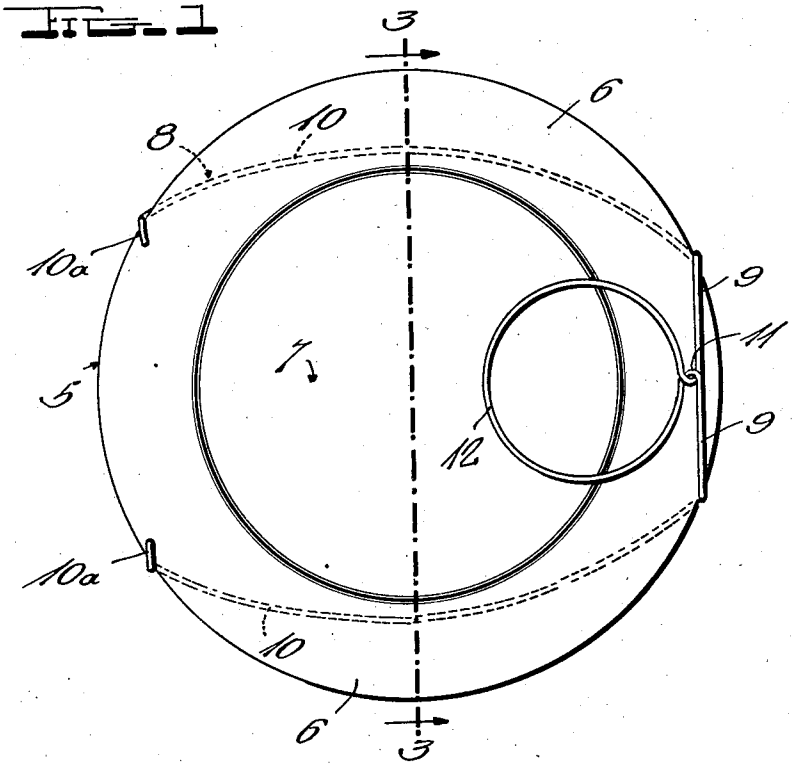


FIG. 2

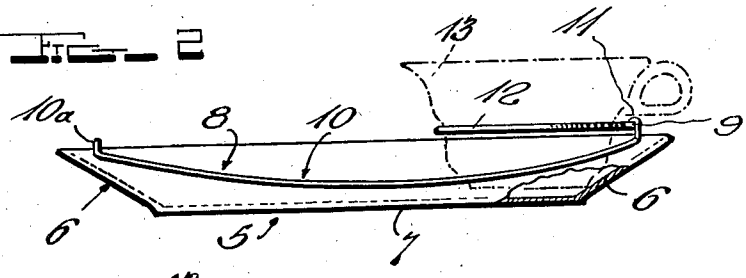


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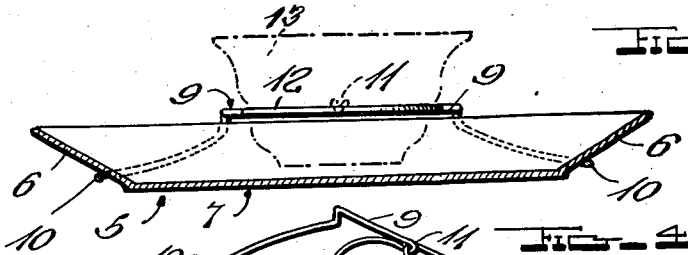
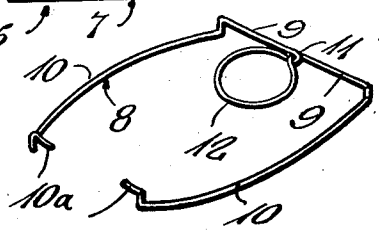


FIG. 4



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My invention relates to improvements in cup or glass seating attachments for plates, and has for its primary object to provide a device as characterized which is simple in construction, inexpensive to manufacture and which may be readily applied to and detached from a dinner plate, luncheon plate, or the like.

A further object of the invention is to provide means for the purpose specified, which when in use, is inconspicuous and will remain effectually in seating association with a plate.

A still further object of the invention is to provide a cup or glass seating attachment for a plate wherein a portion of the plate may and preferably does provide at least partial support for the cup or glass carried by the attachment.

Other incidental objects and advantages of the invention will be readily understood and appreciated by those skilled in the art upon reference to the accompanying drawing which illustrates the now preferred embodiment of my inventive concept. It is to be understood, however, that the invention is susceptible of considerable change in, and departure from, the disclosure in the accompanying drawing without departure from the spirit and scope of the hereinafter appended claim.

In the drawing, wherein the same reference characters have been used to designate the same parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a plan view of a plate illustrating the application of my attachment thereto;

Figure 2 is a cross-sectional view of the structure shown in Fig. 1, and showing a cup in position;

Figure 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but taken at right angles thereto; and

Figure 4 is a perspective view of the attachment.

Referring to the drawing by reference characters, numeral 5 indicates generally a plate having a bottom 7 from which extends an endless upwardly and outwardly extending marginal wall 6, as usual.

The cup or glass holding attachment which is an essential feature of the invention in combination with the plate comprises a preferably spring wire member generally designated by reference character 8, and comprehending a bight portion 9 from which extend the forwardly curved arms 10.

The arms 10 have their free ends terminating in upwardly directed and inwardly extending hook portions 10a which are adapted to overlie the rim of the upwardly extending wall portion

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6 of the plate 5, it being understood, of course, that the arms 10 extend below and in contact with the upwardly and outwardly extending wall 6 of the plate 5.

In further carrying out the invention, the length of wire which provides the bight portion 9 and arms 8 hereinbefore referred to has the intermediate part of its bight portion 9 twisted to provide the inwardly extending glass or cup encompassing loop 12 which is clearly shown in the drawing.

In practice it will be readily understood from an inspection of the drawing that the preferably spring metal member may be readily applied to a plate by slipping the arms 10 under the upwardly and outwardly extending wall 6 of the plate and securing the terminals 10a of such arms over the opposed rim portion of the plate wall 6. This disposes the glass or cup holding portion 12 over and spaced from the bottom 7 of the plate and in superposed relation to at least a portion of the upwardly and outwardly extending wall portion 6. Thus, when the cup or glass 13 is disposed within the loop or confining portion 12, the wall 6 serves to engage and at least partially support the lower part of the cup or glass 13.

As will be appreciated, the device is especially suited for buffet suppers, or luncheons, and is a great convenience in that it obviates the necessity of juggling a shifting cup or glass upon the plate such as 5, which will ordinarily contain a salad or sandwiches, etc.

Figure 2 best illustrates how the hook terminal portions 10a of the arms 10 serve to maintain the down-turned arm carrying ends 10b of bight portion 9 in close engagement with the rim of wall 6 of plate 7.

While my attachment 8 will preferably be made of spring wire, yet nevertheless other materials—preferably, but not necessarily, of a resilient character may be used.

The preferred form of the arms 10 is especially important as will be especially appreciated from an inspection of Figs. 2 and 3 which illustrate the compound downwardly and outwardly bowed form thereof intermediate the portions 9, 10a. This arm 10 formation form not only tends to maintain the top-plate-rim-engaging terminals 10a in the Figure 1 position, but disposes the intermediate bowed portions well inwardly toward plate bottom 7. The result is that careless handling will not unseat the attachment as the user's hand will naturally engage plate 6 at but two

points—to wit, the outer edge of slanting wall 6 and bottom 7.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim is:

A glass holder or like attachment for a plate having an upwardly and outwardly slanting outer portion, said holder comprising in combination a single length of spring rod like material bent intermediate its ends to provide a glass confining loop, one peripheral portion of said loop being adapted to be disposed above a slanting plate side so that the latter will sustain a glass, contacting outwardly extending terminal portions of said loop secured together whereby to provide a double strength loop closing support, the rod portions beyond said loop closing support being

turned laterally away from and in substantial extension of one another to provide a loop support carrier adapted to lie across a portion of a plate rim, downwardly and forwardly bent arms formed from said rod length at opposite ends of said loop carrier portion whereby to underlie a plate and cooperate with the loop carrier to provide a plate confining means, and the outer ends of said arms having upwardly extending hook means adapted to engage a plate rim at points substantially opposed to said loop carrier, said hook means serving to draw and retain the loop carrier and the adjacent arm portions in plate-engaging position.

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