

J. W. Patten,
Knife and Fork Holder,

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Fig 1.

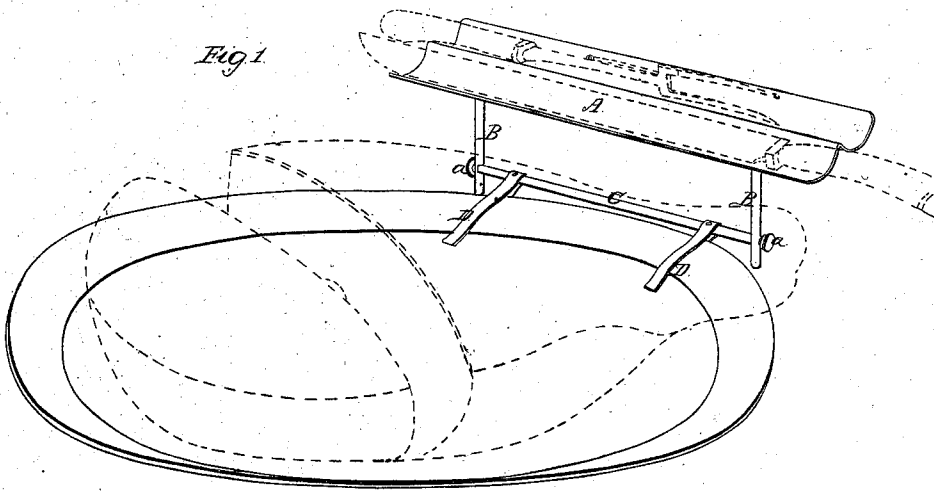
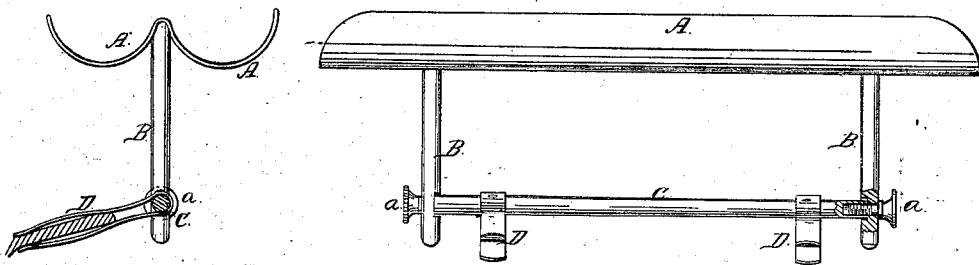


Fig 3.



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IMPROVED KNIFE-AND-FORK HOLDER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN W. PATTEN, of North Greenbush, in the county of Rensselaer, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Knife-and-Fork Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view, showing the improved knife-and-fork holder applied to a plate.

Figures 2 and 3 show more particularly the construction of the holder.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

By my invention, I provide a portable knife-and-fork holder, which can be readily applied to the edge of almost any plate, dish, or other vessel, and, when desired, detached from the same; said holder consisting of a table or shelf for receiving a knife and fork, which is mounted upon posts that are provided with clasp-fingers, and means for adjusting the table or shelf in a horizontal position, so as to adapt it for being properly held when applied to almost any plate or vessel, as will be hereinafter explained.

To enable others skilled in the art to understand my invention, I will describe its construction and operation.

In the accompanying drawings, A represents a shelf, which may be made of metal or other suitable material, either of the form shown in the drawings, or of any other convenient form for receiving and supporting a knife and fork, as represented in fig. 1. This shelf is mounted upon two perpendicular posts or rods, B B, between the lower ends of which a rod, C, which is parallel to the shelf, is secured by set-screws *a a*.

To the rod C, spring-fingers D D are secured, which project from the rod at right angles to it, and serve as

clasps for receiving and embracing the edge of the plate or pan, and securing the holder to the same.

As it is intended to have the improved holder applicable to various forms of dishes and pans, I attach the rod C to the posts B B, by means of set-screws *a a*, which pass loosely through the posts, and are tapped into the ends of said rod, as shown in fig. 3. By loosening the set-screws *a a*, the rod, with its spring-fingers D D, can be adjusted, and the latter set at any desired angle.

Each one of the spring-fingers D consists of a piece of spring-metal, curved as shown in fig. 2, so as to receive the rim or edge of a plate or pan, and clasp the same with sufficient firmness to support the shelf A, and the weight which is put upon it, thus allowing the shelf to be quickly attached to or removed from an object.

I do not confine myself to the precise construction of the parts constituting the portable knife-and-fork holder herein described, as the form and construction of these parts may be changed or modified, without departing from the principle of my invention.

Having described my invention,

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

1. The longitudinally-supporting device A, mounted on a standard or standards, B B, which extend up from a rod, C, substantially in the manner and for the purpose described.

2. The combination of the longitudinal supporting-device A, standards B B, rod C, and spring-clamp or clamps D D, substantially in the manner described.

3. The rod C, with clamp-screws *a* fitted to the standards of supporting-device A, substantially as described.

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