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MARK EXHIBITING DEVICE FOR TABLEWARE

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FIG. 1

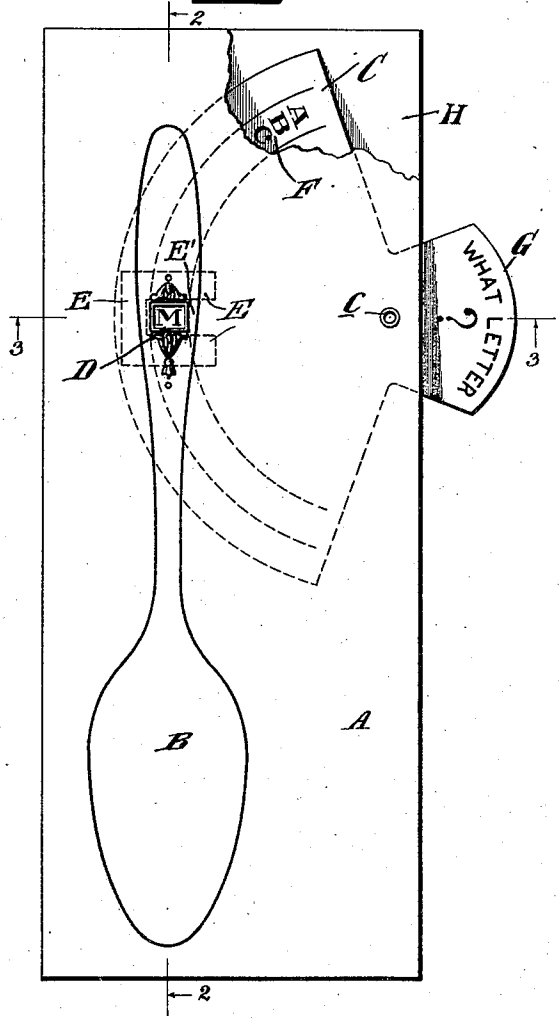


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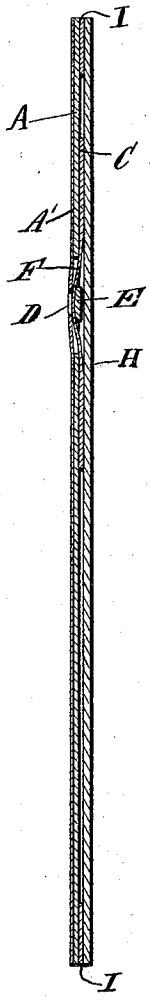


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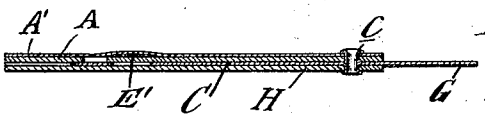


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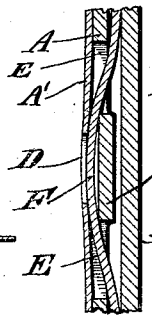
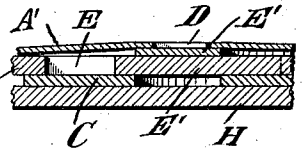


FIG. 5



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MARK-EXHIBITING DEVICE FOR TABLEWARE.

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This invention relates to a device for exhibiting lettering to be used for marking silver and silver plated ware.

Dealers in silver and silver plated ware are often called upon by their customers to mark the articles with a letter or monogram selected by the customer. In making his selection the customer has before him the article to be marked and a chart or sheet bearing different letters of the alphabet, in different types, and also specimens of monograms. The marking is usually done upon a certain part of the article and, in selecting the style of type or monogram, the customer endeavors to visualize the different types or monograms thus shown him on that particular part of the article. This way of selecting the marking to be done is unsatisfactory because it results in loss of time for the dealer and customer, and the latter is often dissatisfied when he finally sees the article marked in the way selected by him.

It is the object of the present invention to produce a device which will avoid all this; the device provided being such that the types or monograms are shown to the customer at the part of the article where the marking is to be done and in such a way that the customer can at once see how the marking of any of the types or monograms will actually appear upon the article when marked. The customer can therefore make his selection of types or monograms more quickly and with greater centainty of being satisfied with the article when finally marked.

This result is obtained by the provision of a device including a member comprising a pictorial or other reproduction of an article of silver or silver plated ware and a second member bearing different letters or monograms, the two members being relatively movable so as to exhibit the letters on the second member through an opening in the first member at the part thereof where the marking would appear on the article.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 is a plan view of one form of device embodying the present invention.

Figure 2 is a longitudinal section of the same on the line 2—2.

Figure 3 is a cross section on the line 3—3 of Figure 1, and

Figures 4 and 5 are sections on an enlarged scale of a portion of the device.

As shown therein A represents a sheet of suitably stiff material, as cardboard, bearing on its front face a picture B of a flat tableware article, as a spoon, which is printed upon a thin sheet A′ pasted to sheet A.

A segmental sheet C is pivoted at *c* to sheet A and this sheet has an extension G by which it may be turned on sheet A. This sheet is also slit at two places in the arc of a circle so as to provide an arc-shaped strip F bearing initial letters or other markings used in the marking of silverware.

At that point in the shank or handle of the pictured article at which such markings are made on the article itself the sheet A′ is provided with an opening D through which the markings on the segmental sheet may be exhibited by turning said sheet.

For the purpose of properly exhibiting the markings at this opening, that is to say near the surface of the pictured article on sheet A′, the sheet A is cut away at E around the opening D to provide a tongue E′ in line with the opening. The inner face of strip F is engaged by this tongue, which therefore holds it against the sheet A′ at opening D and therefore causes the markings thereon to be presented close to the surface of sheet A′ at that opening.

Preferably the sheet A is backed by another sheet H through which pivot *c* of sheet C also passes and this sheet and sheet A are secured together and suitably separated from each other for the turning of sheet C by strips I between and pasted or otherwise secured to the two sheets at their upper ends.

What I claim is:

1. A device for exhibiting markings to be applied to tableware and the like, comprising a member formed of stiff material bearing on its front face a picture of the article to be marked, and having a mark exhibiting opening at the point in said picture where the marking will be done on the article itself, a second member behind the first member and secured so as to be relatively movable thereto, said second member having a pair of parallel slits forming a strip provided with marks to be exhibited through the opening in the first member and means carried by the first member and disposed behind the opening therein for traversing the slits and engaging said strip to press it toward the opening in the first member.

2. A device for exhibiting markings to

be applied to spoons and the like comprising a cardboard member bearing a reproduction of a spoon and the like and having a mark-exhibiting opening at that part of the spoon where the marking is to be applied, an integral tongue member carried by the cardboard member and disposed within the opening therein, a segmental member pivoted to the cardboard member at the rear thereof and provided with two arcuate slits forming an arcuate strip provided with markings adapted to be exhibited through the mark exhibiting opening in the cardboard member, the tongue member projecting through the arcuate slits in the segmental member so as to engage the rear of the arcuate strip and press said strip toward the opening in the cardboard member, and means for moving the segmental member relative to the cardboard member.

3. A device for exhibiting markings to be applied to metal tableware articles comprising a sheet member formed of relatively stiff material and provided with an opening therein, a second sheet member bearing a reproduction of an article to be marked and having a mark-exhibiting opening at the point in such reproduction where the marking will be done on the article itself, said second sheet member being secured to the first member and having their openings substantially concentric, a segmental member pivotally secured at the rear of the first sheet member and provided with an arcuate strip bearing marks to be exhibited through the opening in the reproduction on the second sheet member, and a tongue projecting from the first sheet member into the opening therein and disposed behind the opening in the second sheet member, the arcuate strip movable over said tongue behind the opening in the second sheet member, and means for moving the segmental member relative to the sheet member.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand.

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