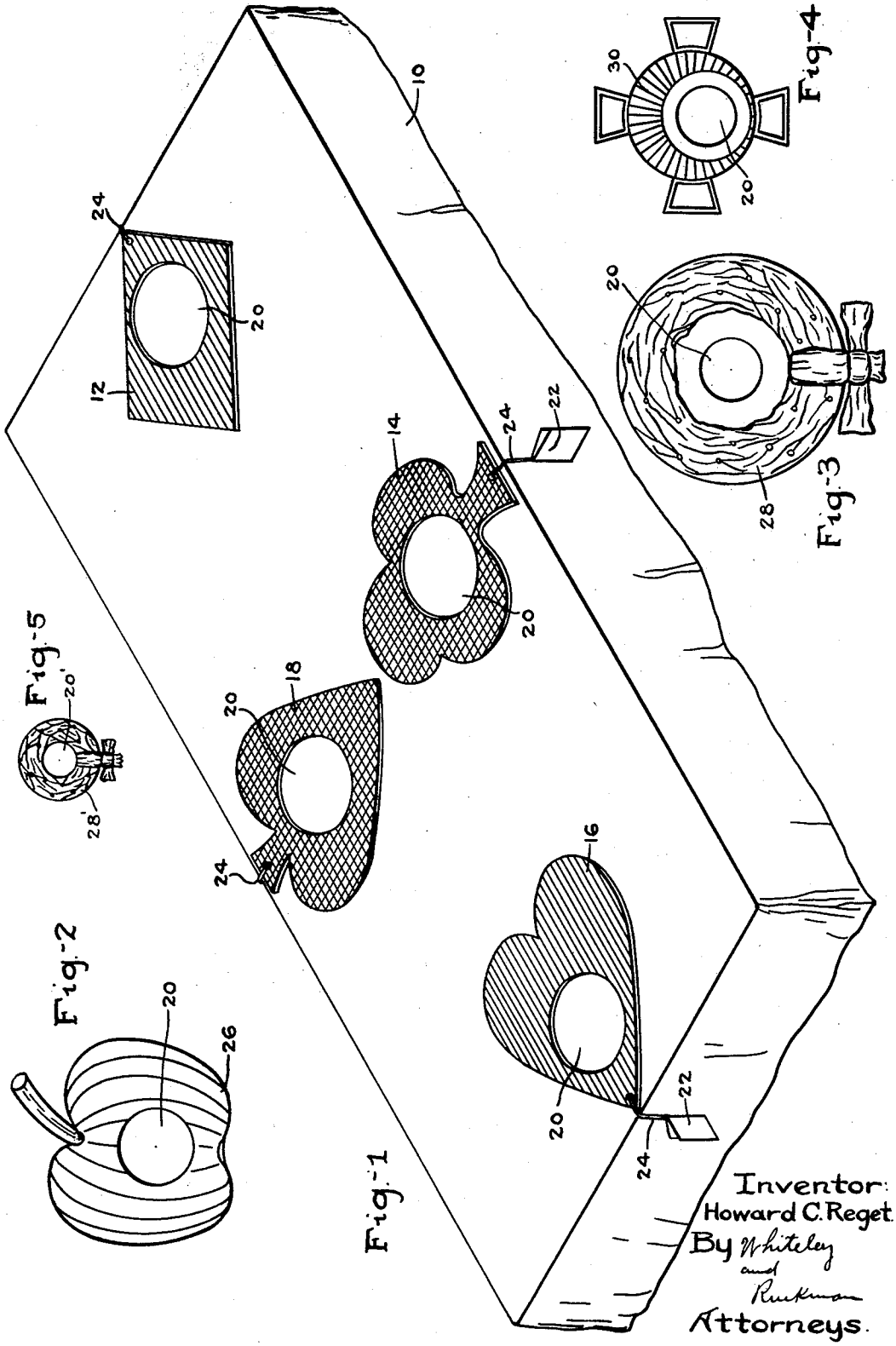
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My invention relates to decorative table devices. An object of the invention is to provide a plate holder for each guest at card parties and other parties, the plate holder being of a decorative nature so as to produce a pleasing effect when placed on the table, especially when the latter is provided with a white cloth. Another object is to provide a device of this character which has a central opening adapted to receive the base of a plate so that the plate rests upon the table and is prevented from sliding around as it would if placd on a tray. Another object is to provide a device of this character which is flat and has its sides extending beyond the plate sufficiently to catch food which is dropped or spilled close to the plate.

The use of my invention provides a method of decorating dining tables which consists in providing plate holders of a plurality of distinctive shapes and in a plurality of colors and of a size to project beyond the margins of the plates and protect the table cloth, and arranging the plate holders one for each guest so that different designs and different colors will appear in succession about the table. For card parties the plate holders will be formed in the several designs and colors of the card suits and arranged one for each guest so that the suit colors will appear in alternation and the several suit designs in succession about the table.

The full objects and advantages of my invention will appear in connection with the detailed description thereof, and the novel features of my inventive idea will be particularly pointed out in the claims.

In the drawing which illustrates some of the forms in which my invention may be embodied,—

Fig. 1 is a perspective view showing the use of some forms of my device in connection with a cover for a dining table. Fig. 2 is a plan view of another form of the device. Fig. 3 is a plan view of a further form of the device. Fig. 4 is a plan view of a still further form of the device. Fig. 5 is a view of a smaller design similar to Fig. 3 adapted to be used for a water glass.

In carrying out my invention I provide plate holders which are made of any suitable sheet material such as cardboard, papier mache or celluloid, the holder having a central opening of the proper size to receive the base of a plate with the sides of the holder extending beyond the plate sufficiently to catch food spilled close to the plate. The material of the holder is preferably of a water-proof nature in order that it may be readily washed.

Fig. 1 shows my invention adapted for use in connection with bridge parties or other card parties. Referring first to this figure of the drawing, the numeral 10 designates a cover or cloth as it appears when placed on a dining table. In this figure the numerals 12, 14, 16 and 18 respectively designate holders which are cut in the shape of card suit designations, namely, diamonds, clubs, hearts and spades, one of the holders being placed in proper position for each guest. The holders are provided with centrally located holes 20 adapted to receive the base of a plate. As shown in Figure 1, the holders when used for card parties have score cards 22 attached thereto by cords 24. The upper surfaces of the holders 12 and 16 are preferably red, while the upper surfaces of the holders 14 and 18 are preferably black to correspond with the suits of cards.

Fig. 2 shows a holder 26 provided with a central hole 20. This form of the device is made to represent a pumpkin, and is suitable for Halloween parties.

Fig. 3 shows a holder 28 provided with a hole 20. This form of the device is made to represent a wreath, and is suitable for Christmas parties, etc.

Fig. 4 shows a holder 30 provided with a hole 20 and is made to represent an emblem, and is therefore suitable for lodge parties, etc.

I claim:

1. A decorative table device comprising a piece of sheet material having a central hole for receiving the base of a plate with the sides of the material extending beyond the plate and given an ornamental effect.

2. A decorative table device comprising a piece of flat water-proof material having a central hole for receiving the base of a plate

with the sides of the material extending beyond the plate and given an ornamental effect.

3. A decorative table device comprising a piece of flat material having a central hole for receiving the base of a plate with the sides of the material extending beyond the plate and shaped in the form of the suit designation of a playing card.

4. A decorative table device comprising a piece of flat material having a central hole for receiving the base of a plate with the sides of the material extending beyond the plate and shaped in the form of the suit designation of a playing card, the upper surface of the material being colored to correspond with the color of the suit.

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