

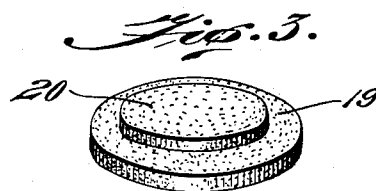
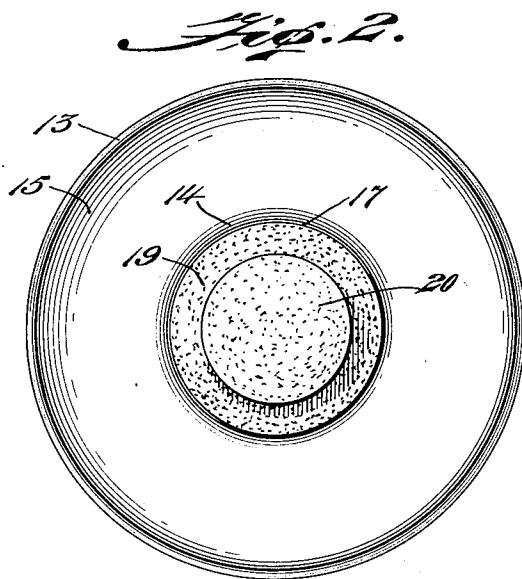
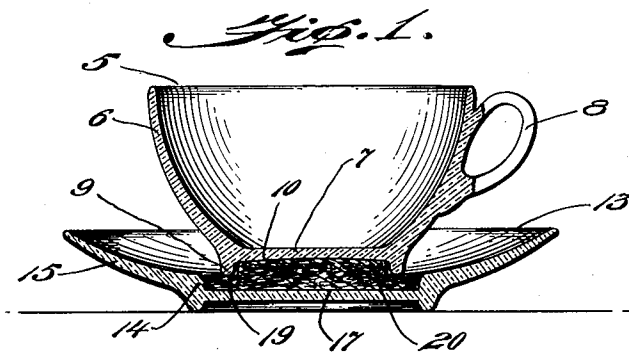
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My invention relates to cups, and to saucers supplemental thereto.

An essential object of my invention is to dispose of a maximum quantity of the liquid which overruns or is spilled from the cup into the saucer so as to prevent drip from the cup or saucer upon the table or the wearer's clothing.

A further object is to attain this result in a structure adapted to prevent accidental displacement of the cup relatively to the saucer.

Other objects are facility of removal of the absorbent member, combined with sightliness and inconspicuousness of the same.

To the above ends essentially my invention consists in such parts and in such combinations of parts as fall within the scope of the appended claims.

In the accompanying drawing which forms a part of this specification,

Figure 1 is a vertical central section of a cup and saucer embodying my invention,

Figure 2, a top plan view of the saucer with the combined absorbent and cup retaining member in operative position, and

Figure 3, a perspective view of the absorbent member removed from the saucer.

Like reference characters indicate like parts throughout the views.

The cup 5 comprises a side wall 6 of any usual preferred shape, together with a bottom 7, and, in this instance, a handle 8. A depending annular downwardly directed bead or shoulder 9 upon the bottom 7 combines with the latter to form a resultant circular cavity or depression 10 of any preferred cross section contour.

My novel supplemental saucer 13 comprises a bottom 14 and an inclined side or flange 15. In the upper face of the bottom is a circular transversely rectangular recess 17.

Detachably seated in the recess as a sliding fit with a measure of friction is a disk 19 provided centrally of its top face with an in-

tegral circular elevation 20 of less diameter than the disk or base 19. The top of the disk is flush with the upper face of the saucer bottom 14, and the elevation 20 loosely fits in the cavity 10 of the cup. The material of the member comprising the base 19 and elevation 20 is blotting paper or other absorbent material.

The cup normally rests loosely upon the margin of the base or disk portion 19 of the absorbent member, and is removable therefrom without withdrawing the base from its recess 17. The liquid is removed from the saucer by the action of the absorbent member. Substitution for a saturated or used absorbent member is effected by removing the cup and manually grasping the elevation 20 and lifting the base from its recess.

The elevation 20 is an important feature of the absorbent member since without it the base has insufficient capacity for an adequate quantity of liquid under normal circumstances. At the same time this elevation 20 performs the additional function of preventing the accidental displacement of the cup, while being entirely concealed.

It will be noted that the entire absorbent member is limited exclusively within the area of the bottom 14 of the saucer and does not extend over any portion of its side or flange 15 and thus does not obscure any ornamentation present upon the latter.

I claim:—

1. For use with a cup having a bottom provided with a depression; a saucer adapted to support the cup comprising a bottom provided with a recess and a side, and an absorbent member comprising a base detachably seated in the recess, and an elevation upon the base adapted to register in the depression.

2. For use with a cup having a bottom provided with a depression; a saucer comprising a bottom and an inclined side, the second bottom body being provided with a re-

cess, and a member composed of absorbent material comprising a base detachably seated in the recess with its top flush with the top of the saucer bottom, and an elevation upon the top of the base and disposed centrally thereof adapted to loosely enter the depression.

3. For use with a cup having a bottom provided with a depression; a saucer adapted to support the cup comprising a bottom provided with a recess and a side, and an absorbent member wholly contained in the recess and extending into the depression.

In testimony whereof I have affixed my signature.

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