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MEDICINE GLASS COVER

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Fig. 1

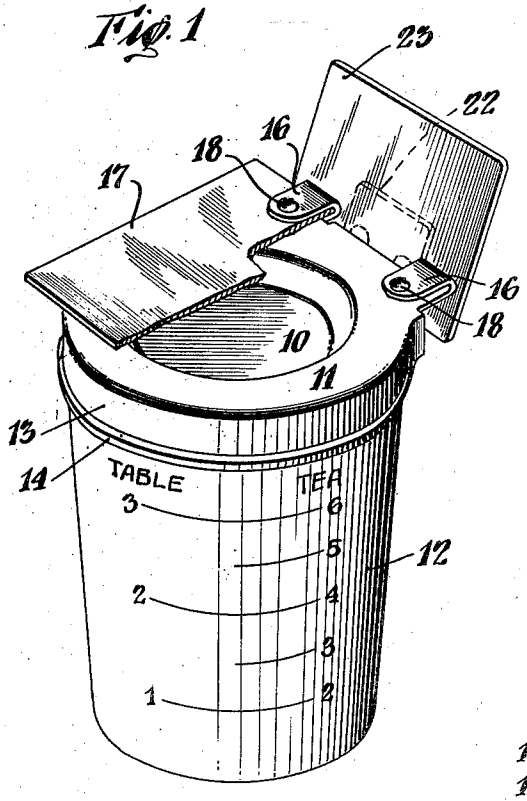


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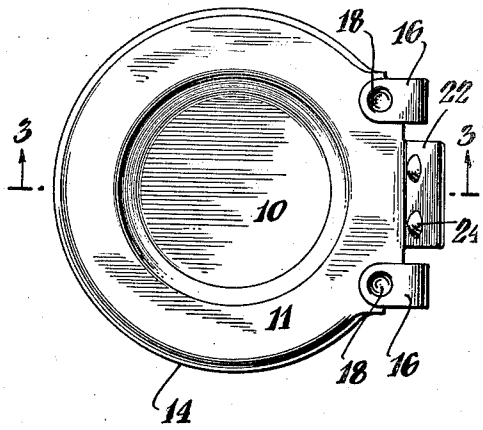


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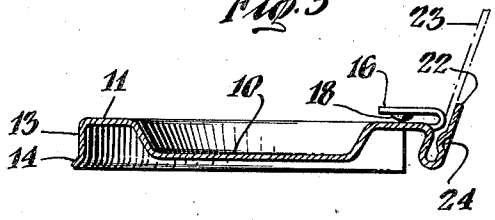
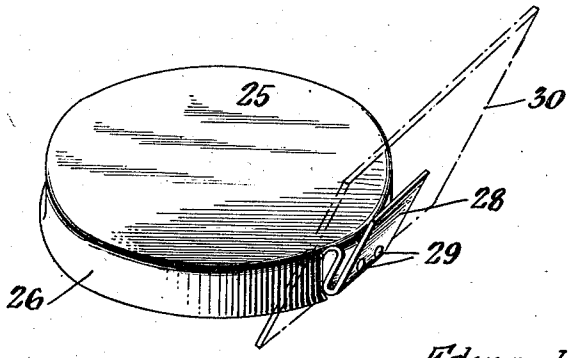


Fig. 4



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This invention relates to a medicine glass cover for use in hospitals or the like where a plurality of different medicines are made up at one time for delivery to different patients and has for its object to provide a cover of the above type to which one or more identifying cards may be detachably secured for designating the names of the patients and the particular time or times at which the medicine is to be given or other desired data.

This invention is an improvement upon that described and claimed in my Patent No. 2,031,892.

In accordance with this invention the medicine glass cover is provided with at least two sets of clips, one of which is adapted to hold a card flat over the top of the cover and the other of which is adapted to hold a card in an upstanding position.

The invention is particularly adapted for use in hospitals using an identifying system comprising a set of colored cards, the color of the card indicating the particular time or times at which the medicine is to be given. A red card, for example, may indicate that the medicine is to be given every four hours; a blue card that the medicine is to be given before meals; a buff card that the medicine is to be given after meals, etc. In such a system the medicine is ordinarily made up in a central medicine room and the cards are placed over the tops of the glasses. It is evident, however, that the cards may be blown off or dropped or otherwise misplaced, in which event, there is a liability that the medicines may be interchanged. The present invention avoids this possibility by providing a cover which is seated on the top of the glass and to which the cards are secured in such manner that there is no likelihood of the cards being accidentally removed. After the medicine has been given the card is placed in a box provided for that purpose until the next indicated time for giving the medicine. After the treatment has been completed, the cards are permanently stored or may be destroyed.

The present type of cover is particularly useful where more than one identifying card is required. In certain instances, for example, it may be desired to use more than one card so as to indicate both the time of the medicine and some other instruction to the nurse which is to be carried out at the same time. Two cards could also be used to designate both a liquid medicine to be put in the glass and a tablet or capsule to be put in the central depression of the cover and to be taken simultaneously. The invention accordingly provides for arranging both cards so that the insignia thereon remains visible.

Various other objects and advantages of the invention will be apparent from the following description taken in connection with the accompanying drawing in which a particular embodiment thereof has been set forth for purposes of illustration only.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a medicine glass cover and card holder constructed in accordance with the present invention showing the same in position on a medicine glass;

Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the cover;

Fig. 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Fig. 2; and

Fig. 4 is a perspective view of a modified form of the cover.

Referring to the drawing more in detail, the cover is shown in Figs. 1 to 3 as made of a sheet of metal which is stamped to form a central depression 10, an elevated ring-like surface 11 which seats over the rim of the medicine glass 12 and an external downwardly extending flange 13 which extends over the outside of the medicine glass. The flange 13 may be provided with a bottom bead 14 which provides a neat and convenient finish for the cover.

The flange 13 extends around the entire front part of the cover. At the rear of the cover, however, the flange 13 is broken away and the metal is bent upwardly and over the top of the medicine glass cover to form clips 16 in which a card 17 or the like is adapted to be inserted. The clips 16 may be provided with central depressions 18 which are adapted to grip and hold the card against the top surface of the cover. The clips 16 are so formed that the card 17 lies flat against the top surface and forms a closure for the central depression 10 which may be used to receive pills, capsules or the like.

Between the clips 16 a portion of the blank is bent downwardly and then upwardly to form a third clip 22 which is open at the top and is adapted to receive and hold an upwardly extending card 23. Depressions 24 may be stamped into the clip 22 so as to more securely grip the card 23. The clip 22 is preferably formed so that it terminates downwardly above the bottom of the flange 13, whereby it does not come in contact with the supporting surface when the cover is removed from the medicine glass.

While the above described cover has been shown as having clips 16 and 22 adapted to receive and hold two identifying cards, it is to be under-

stood that the clips 16 may be omitted if desired, in which case only the upstanding card 23 will be supported by the cover. It is also to be understood that the particular shape of the cover may be varied as desired and that the central depression 10 may be omitted in certain instances.

In the embodiment shown in Fig. 4 the cover is shown with only the support for the upstanding card and without the central depression. This type of cover comprises a flat top 25 having a downwardly extending flange 26 which is adapted to extend around and seat over the edge of a medicine glass in the manner illustrated in Fig. 1. The rear central part of the flange 26 is cut away and in place thereof the metal is bent downwardly and upwardly to form a clip 28 similar to the clip 22 above mentioned. This clip 28 is likewise provided with a pair of depressions 29 for gripping a card 30 and is arranged to hold the card in an upstanding position.

It is to be understood that the invention may take various other forms and that certain specific embodiments thereof have been shown for purposes of illustration only. The invention is only to be limited in accordance with the following claims when interpreted in view of the prior art.

What is claimed is:

1. A one-piece medicine glass cover comprising a plate having a downwardly extending flange adapted to seat over the edge of a medicine glass, said flange extending around a portion only of the periphery thereof, a pair of clips located adjacent the ends of said flange, said clips being struck out of the metal of said plate and being bent over the top of said plate so as to hold a card substantially flat thereon, and a third clip located between said first clips, said third clip being struck out of the metal of said plate and being bent downwardly and then upwardly to receive a card and hold the same in an upstanding position.

2. A one-piece medicine glass cover comprising a plate having a central depression adapted to seat within a glass and forming a receptacle for medicines, a depending flange extending around a portion of the periphery thereof and cooperating with the walls of said central depression to form a groove adapted to receive the upper edge of a glass, clips formed on said plate between the ends of said depending flange, said clips being bent over the top of said plate to hold a card or the like against the top of said plate and an additional clip located between said first clips and bent downwardly and upwardly to receive and hold a card in an upstanding position, whereby the insignia on both of said cards are visible and whereby the first card serves as a cover for said depression.

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