

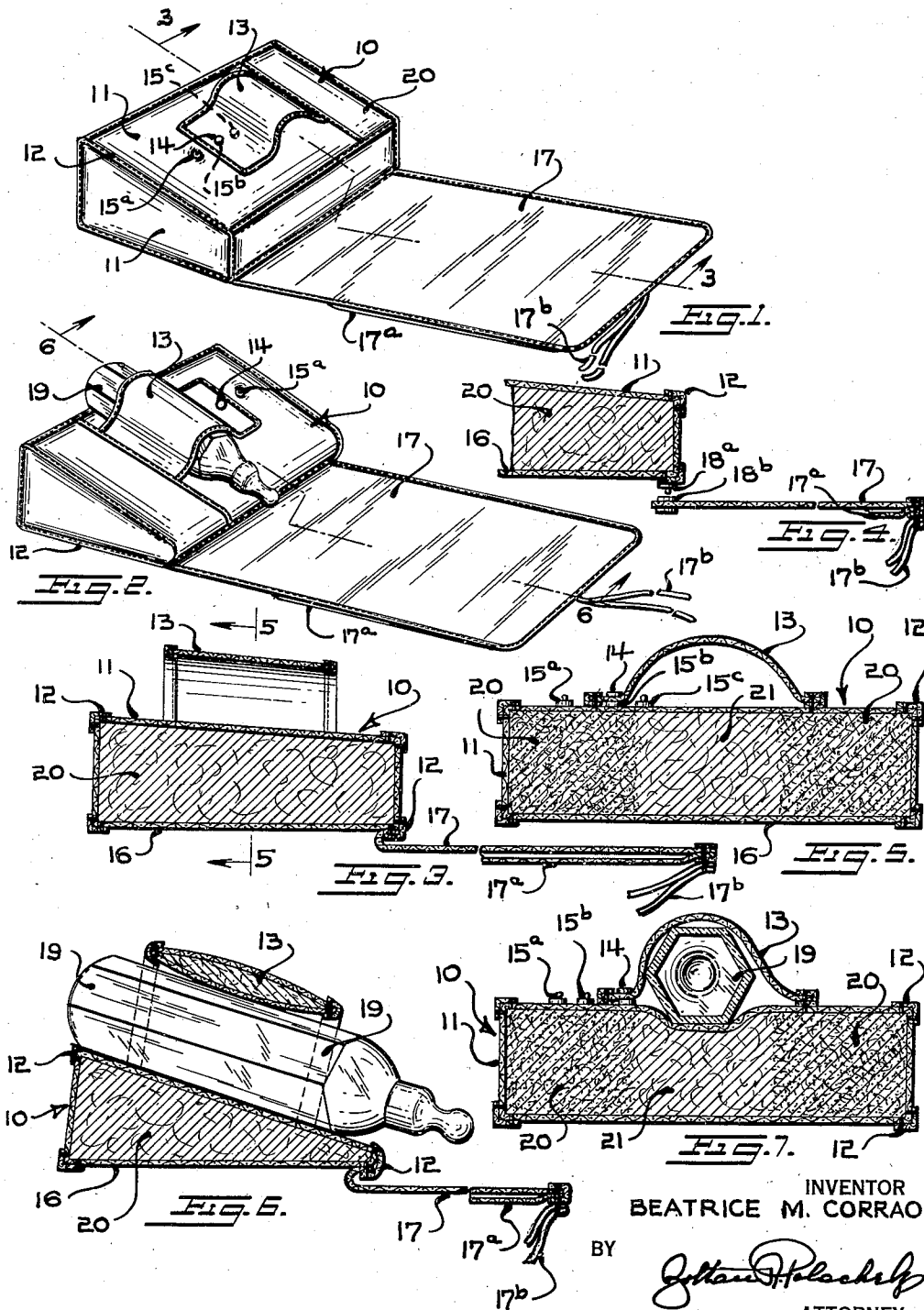
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This invention relates to a new and improved holder for baby bottles. It has particular application to baby bottle holders which will keep a baby's nursing bottle in suitable angular relation for nursing and which may conveniently be placed in position where a baby can benefit from it no matter what its position in the crib.

The baby bottle holder made in accordance with this invention is extremely simple in manufacture and in use and will be found to be a very helpful necessity for every mother having a baby receiving milk from a bottle. When using the bottle holder, heretofore necessary tedious work of feeding the baby while guiding the bottle by hand is entirely eliminated. In addition the new device can also be used as an extremely satisfactory pillow for a baby or otherwise as suitable support for infants or adults and can be readily sterilized between use. In spite of all these advantages the product of the invention is extremely simple, cheap to make and inexpensive in use and will give satisfactory service over extremely long periods of time when made from satisfactory raw materials.

In its simple form the invention consists of a wedge shaped cushion which provides an inclined resting place for a baby bottle held between the cushion and an attached adjustable sleeve. There is also an attached flap which can be placed under the nursing baby so as to stabilize the position of the device in the crib which is thus locked into place by the weight of the infant.

For further comprehension of the invention, and of the objects and advantages thereof, reference will be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, and to the appended claims in which the various novel features of the invention are more particularly set forth.

In the accompanying drawings forming a material part of this disclosure:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of the device made in accordance with the invention.

Fig. 2 is a like view of the device showing it with the bottle in position.

Fig. 3 is a central vertical section through line 3—3 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 4 is a detail of a like view showing a slight modification of the invention.

Fig. 5 is a vertical section through line 5—5 of Fig. 3.

Fig. 6 is a vertical section through line 6—6 of Fig. 2.

Fig. 7 is a section as Fig. 5 but showing yet another modification of the invention.

In accordance with the invention 10 is a wedge

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shaped pillow enclosed by six water proof, completely sterilizable fabric or film walls 11 often joined together by seams 12 and holding above its central section in parallel of the slope of the wedge an attached sleeve 13 which should be adjustable on one side by means of snap button 14 which can cooperate with snap buttons 15^a, 15^b and 15^c located on top of the wedge shaped pillow 10 in positions adjustable so as to make sleeve 13 which is rigidly attached to the top wall of the pillow 10 on the other side fit various sizes and makes of nursing bottles. The base wall 16 is extended along the narrower side of the wedge to end in an elongated extension flap 17 which in one modification of the invention shown in Fig. 4 may be detachable and detachable to the cushion 10 by means of snap buttons 18^a and 18^b or simply joined rigidly to the cushion by one of seams 12 as shown in Fig. 3.

The flap 17 is provided with a bottom pocket portion 17^a for keeping bottles, diapers or other articles therein. A tying tape 17^b is secured to the free end of flap 17 for tying the flap 17 around the baby bottle holder, when not in use.

The bottle 19 shown in several of the views will have an even better resting place on the wedge shaped cushion 10 where the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 7 is utilized which employs relatively hard and dense fillings 20 in the portions of the cushion 10 which are not directly below the baby bottle but which employs relatively loose and soft fillings directly below the baby bottle so as to give the latter freedom of movement. It will be noted that the device in accordance with that embodiment of the invention permits a relatively soft and flexible positioning of the baby nursing bottle 19 but will be also provided with a hard and relatively unyielding surface should the baby's head lean against it which is in accordance with the best recommendations of the child care experts of the United States Dept. of Labor.

In actual use baby bottle 19 will usually be heated up to or slightly above a desired temperature. It will then be inserted, usually nipple down, into the space between adjustable sleeve 13 and the wedged pillow 10 adjusting the operative width of the sleeve 13 to a desired point by choosing the correct snap button 15^a, 15^b or 15^c, etc., to cooperate with button 14 on the sleeve 13.

Should it be desired to store the bottle 19 for some time before use it will be found practical to wrap the whole device into extension 17 so as to keep the bottle at its desired temperature for a longer period of time.

Otherwise the pillow 10 is simply placed in posi-

tion near the infant's mouth and extension 17 is put down flat directly below the infant, or often more conveniently below a sheet which supports the infant. Minor adjustments of the bottle position may often be made by the infant's mouth but the bottle is still securely held and will not fall or yield when used in connection with this invention.

While the primary purpose of the invention is to hold a bottle in fixed nursing position, it has also been noted that it may often be used to advantage where secure positioning for infected, swollen or lacerated parts of a child's body is desired and the device will be found particularly useful where arms or legs are thus afflicted.

From the above it will be seen that a nursing bottle holder has been provided which has many inherent advantages absent from earlier devices and which will be found of great advantage wherever special problems are presented in the nursing of infants. The new device is thoroughly practical, very economical and will be found very helpful by those who use it.

While I have illustrated and described the preferred embodiments of my invention, it is to be understood that I do not limit myself to the precise constructions herein disclosed and the right is reserved to all changes and modifications coming within the scope of the invention as defined in the appended claims.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by United States Letters Patent is:

1. A practical baby nursing bottle holder comprising in combination: a wedge shaped cushion providing an inclined resting place for a baby bottle and a sleeve attached to a top wall of said cushion on one side and attachable to the same top wall on the other side by means of adjustable fastening means, said wedge shaped cushion having an elongated flexible film extension flap

which can be put below an infant's body while said infant is nursing.

2. A practical baby nursing bottle holder comprising in combination: a wedge shaped cushion providing an inclined resting place for a baby bottle and a sleeve attached to a top wall of said cushion on one side and attachable to the same top wall on the other side by means of adjustable fastening means, said wedge shaped cushion having an elongated flexible film extension flap which can be put below an infant's body while said infant is nursing, said extension flap being removably attached to the main body of said cushion.

3. A practical baby nursing bottle holder comprising in combination: a wedge shaped cushion providing an inclined resting place for a baby bottle and a sleeve attached to a top wall of said cushion on one side and attachable to the same top wall on the other side by means of adjustable fastening means, said wedge shaped cushion having an elongated flexible film extension flap which can be put below an infant's body while said infant is nursing, said extension flap being removably attached to the main body of said cushion, and including a bottom pocket portion for keeping articles therein and a tying tape at its free end for tying said flap around said bottle holder.

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