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Fig. 1.

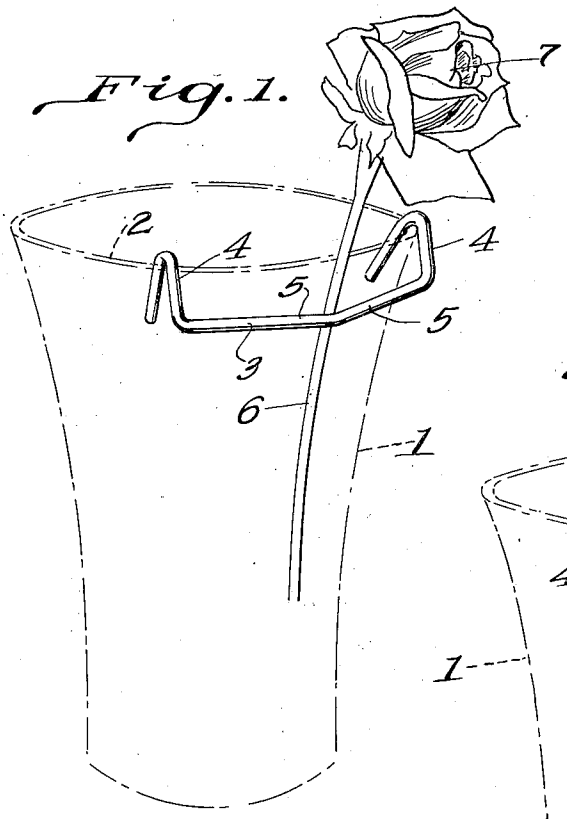


Fig. 2.

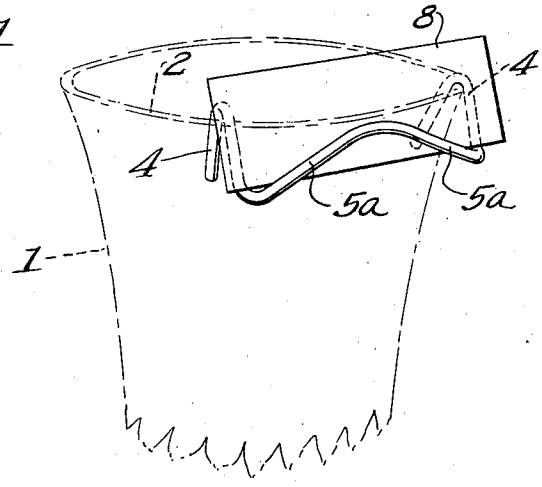
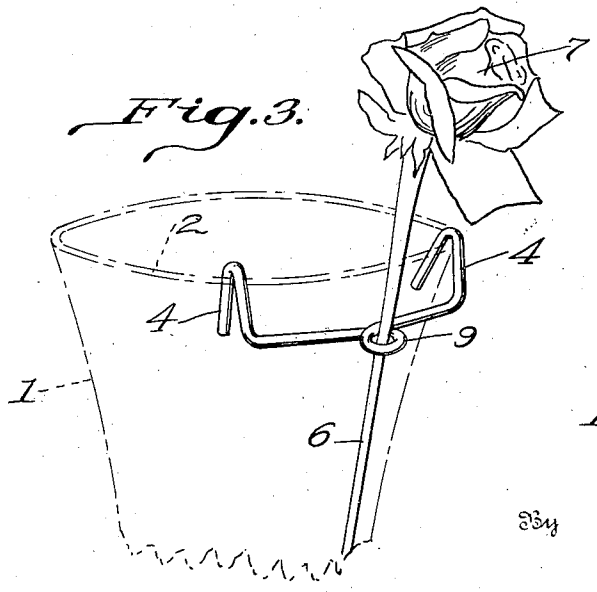


Fig. 3.



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The object of this invention is to provide an attachment for drinking glasses in the form of a novel holder for effecting the support of stemmed flowers, place cards, or other articles which are desired to be supported in association with table glassware.

In the decoration of dining tables, often it is considered desirable to associate with each drinking glass one or more cut flowers. Such flowers may be used not only for their decorative value but also distributed as favors to guests. Again, on many occasions, place cards are used to indicate the positions guests are expected to occupy at a dining table. At present such place cards are deposited on a table contiguous to certain seating positions, where difficulty is encountered in seeing or properly reading the same.

In accordance with the present invention, a convenient and effective support for such articles is provided in the form of a simple holder, composed preferably of clear or colored glass, which is detachably mounted on the rim of a drinking glass, the holder being so shaped that it will receive and effect the desired support of an associated article in connection with such a drinking glass, the support being effected in such manner as to clearly present the article to view.

For a further understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a preferred form of the article holder forming the present invention and illustrating the same in an applied position on a drinking glass;

Fig. 2 is a similar view of a modified form of holder, adapted primarily for the reception of table place cards;

Fig. 3 is a similar view of a further modified form.

Referring more particularly to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates a conventional type of drinking glass or tumbler. To the rim 2 of such a glass, the holder 3 comprising the present invention is detachably applied. In its preferred form, the holder comprises a rod-like length of glass, which may be either transparent or colored, to adapt the same to the coloration of the drinking glass with which it is used.

To mount the holder, the same is provided at each end with inverted V-shaped legs 4, which are adapted to receive between them the side walls and rim of the glass. The legs 4 are connected by integral angularly related rod sections 5, said sections projecting forwardly and angularly from the side wall of the glass 1 to produce a slight gap therebetween for the reception of the stem 6 of a rose or other cut flower, indicated at 7. By virtue of its constructional formation and mounting on the glass rim, the holder tends to rock downwardly so that the rod sections come into frictional contact with the stem 6, thereby holding the associated flower in a desired upright position best adapted for display purposes. Also, by reason of the longitudinal spacing of the legs 4, the latter grip the rim of the glass in such manner that accidental movement of the holder circumferentially around the rim is prevented.

In the form of the invention disclosed in Fig. 2, the rod sections 5a extend upwardly and angularly with respect to each other and, in this form of the invention, the holder is peculiarly adapted for effecting the support on the glass 1 of a removable place card, indicated at 8.

In the form of the invention disclosed in Fig. 3, the rod sections have their meeting ends looped, as indicated to form an eye 9, through which the stem of a flower may be inserted.

It will be observed that the holder forming the present invention may be easily applied to an associated drinking glass or tumbler and when operatively positioned, as disclosed, will effectively support a flower or other light article in association therewith. In fact, the drinking glass may be used for drinking purposes without first detaching the holder, the stability obtained by the form of the holder permitting such an operation to be carried out. It is of course possible to make the holder from materials other than glass, although the latter material is preferred because of its relative economy in manufacture, to the fact that it may be colored as desired and also because it may be readily kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

What is claimed is:

1. As a new article of manufacture, a holder for effecting the support of lightweight objects in association with a liquid-holding vessel, said holder comprising a rod-like strip of glass having hook-shaped ends formed to receive the rim portion of an associated vessel, the intermediate portion of said strip including integral sections disposed in angular relationship in a plane parallel with the edge of the vessel received by said hooks.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a holder for effecting the support of lightweight objects in association with a liquid-holding vessel, said holder comprising a rod-like strip of glass having hook-shaped ends formed to receive the rim portion of an associated vessel, the intermediate

portion of said strip including integral sections disposed in angular relationship in a plane parallel with the edge of the vessel received by said hooks, and an eye formed in said body between said angularly disposed sections, the longitudinal axis of the opening of said eye being at right angles to said plane.

3. As a new article of manufacture, a holder for effecting the support of lightweight objects in association with a liquid-holding vessel, said holder comprising a rod-like strip of glass having hook-shaped ends formed to receive the rim portion of an associated vessel, the intermediate portion of said strip being formed with an eye having the longitudinal axis thereof at right angles to a plane parallel with the edge of the vessel received by said hooks.

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