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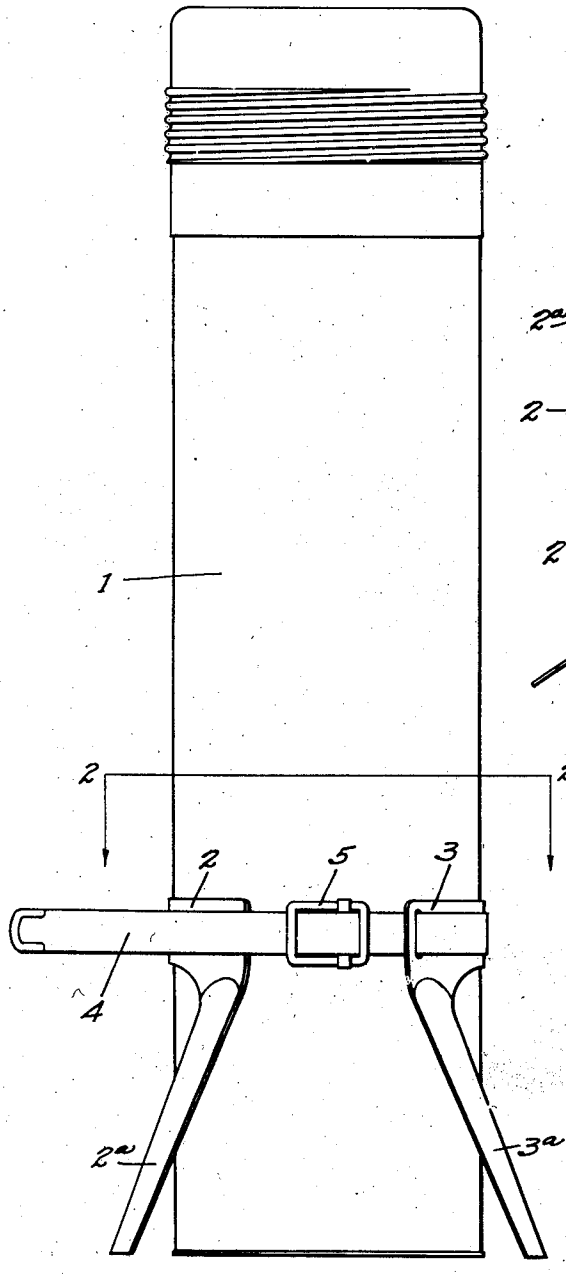


Fig. 1

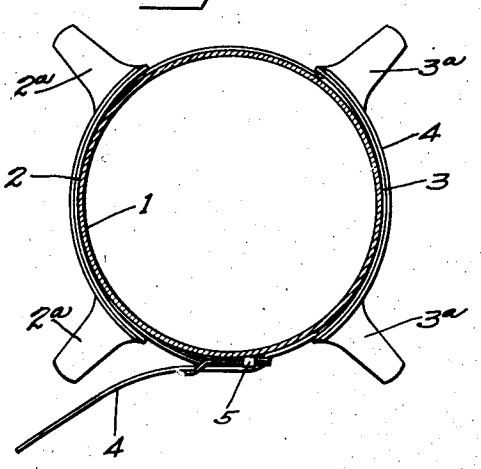


Fig. 2

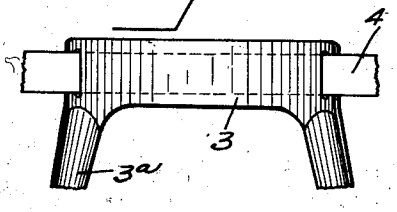


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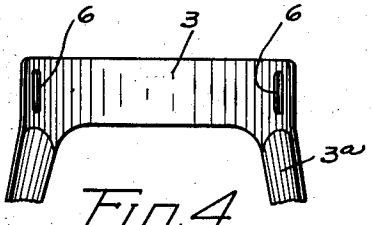


Fig. 4

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HARRY C. DOWNEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Springfield, in the county of Clark and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Supports for Containers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to improvements in supports for containers such as bottles, small cans, and the like, the holder being more particularly adapted as a support for round containers such as thermos bottles.

The object of my invention is to provide a support which may be readily attached and removed from the bottle and also one which can be readily adjusted for different sized bottles to enable it to be tightly clamped thereto.

A further object of the invention is to provide a support which may be applied to the surface of the article to be supported, such as a highly polished thermos bottle, without marring the surface of the same.

A further object of my invention is to provide a support of the character referred to which will be simple in construction and effective for the purpose for which it is designed.

In the accompanying drawings:—

Figure 1 is a side view of a thermos bottle with my improved support shown applied thereto.

Fig. 2 is a section on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is a view of the inner side of a portion of one of the supporting members with the flexible securing band applied thereto.

Fig. 4 is a similar view with the band removed.

In said drawings, 1 represents the article to be supported, a thermos bottle in the present case. My support consists of a plurality of members, 2 and 3, preferably two in number and a flexible band 4 and its buckle 5. Each member is formed with a curved inner face conforming substantially to the arc of a circle whose center is the axis of the container, and has at each end a vertically-extending slot 6. Projecting downwardly from each end of each supporting member is a leg 2^a, 3^a, preferably of a concavo-convex form to lend strength to the same and projecting outwardly at a slight angle to the main portion of the member. The combined length of the two supporting members will be considerably less than the circumference of the smallest container to be supported.

My support is applied to the container in the manner illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. The flexible band, which may be of leather or fabric, after being threaded through the slots 6 so that the main portion thereof which encircles the supporting members will be on the outside thereof, is drawn taut and secured by the buckle 5, which may be of any ordinary kind; the support being so applied that the lower ends of the legs 2^a and 3^a will be substantially in the same plane as the bottom of the container as shown in Fig. 1, so that the container will rest upon its own bottom with the legs arranged about the same to prevent tilting. Those portions of the strap which lie between the slots 6 and the extreme ends of the respective supporting members, it will be seen, will come in direct contact with the surface of the container so that they will act as cushions and prevent the supporting members themselves, which are of metal, from coming in tight contact with the container, thus obviating any danger of marring the surface thereof. By the arrangement described, it will also be seen that the support may be adjusted to any sized container within the limits for which it is designed to be used. By the use of my support, a container such as a thermos bottle may be set upon the ground or other uneven surface without danger of tipping.

Having thus described my invention, I claim:—

1. In a support of the character described, a plurality of metallic supporting members each provided with legs extended to rest upon the ground or other surface, and a flexible non-metallic band threaded through said members to clamp them to a container so that portions of said band will lie between said members and said container to act as cushions, and means for securing said band.

2. In a support of the character described, two supporting members of curved form, each member having a plurality of legs, a flexible band encircling said members to clamp them to a round container, and means for securing said band.

3. In a support of the character de-

scribed, a plurality of supporting members each provided with a plurality of legs, each supporting member being of curved form and having a slot in each end thereof, and a flexible band threaded through said slots, together with means for securing said band.

4. In a support of the character described, a plurality of supporting members of curved form, integrally formed downwardly extending legs for each member, each member having a slot near each end thereof, a flexible band threaded through said slots with the main portion thereof encircling the outside of each of said members, and means for securing said band.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of July, 1919.

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