

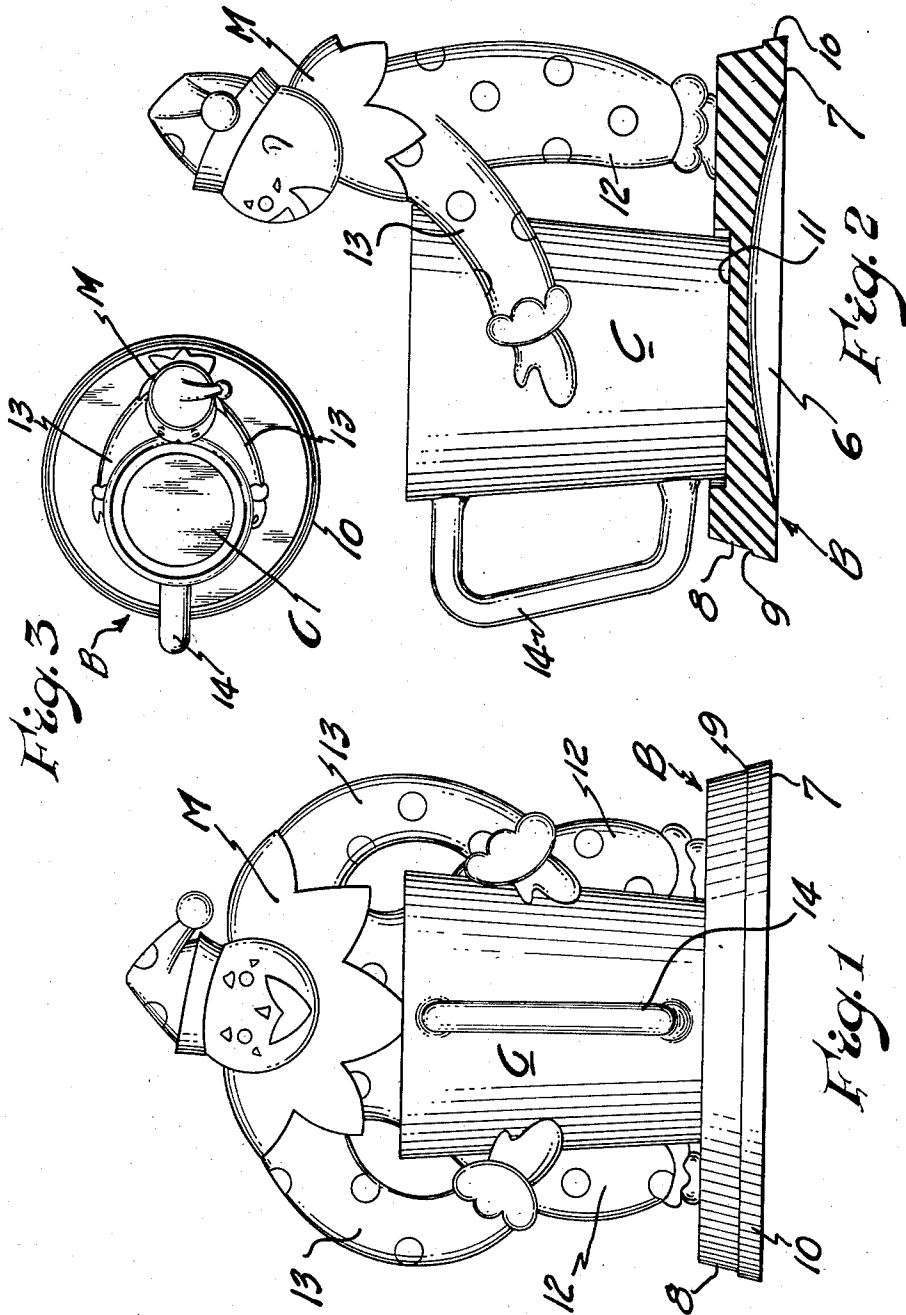
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This invention relates to cup holders and the like for use by young children learning to drink milk and liquids of all kinds.

One of the prime objects of the invention is to design a very simple, practical and attractive holder for supporting and holding a cup, mug or similar receptacle to prevent tipping and accidental spillage of milk or other liquids when the holder is placed on a table or other support before the child.

Another object of the invention is to provide a very simple and inexpensive cup support that holds a cup or other receptacle in position, and provides means engageable with the sidewalls of the cup or receptacle to prevent excessive, sharp tilting of the cup when contacted by a young child waving its arms, or a spoon or other object held in its hands.

Another object is to provide a unique cup support which yieldably grips the table or other support on which it is mounted to prevent it being pushed or pulled out of position by the child.

A further object is to provide a cup support which can be readily manufactured and assembled, which is ornamental in design to attract and hold the attention of the child, and which can be mass produced with the consequent savings resulting therefrom.

A further object still is to provide a cup holder for use by young children which can be yieldably secured to a table or other support, and in which the cup cannot be accidentally overturned or tilted sufficiently to spill the contents therefrom.

With the above and other objects in view, the present invention consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, hereinafter multiply described, illustrating the accompanying drawing, and more particularly pointed out in the appended claim, it being understood that changes may be made in the form, size proportion, and minor details of construction, without departing from the spirit, or sacrificing any of the advantages of the invention.

In the drawing:

Fig. 1 is an elevational view of my cup support with a cup in position thereon.

Fig. 2 is a side elevational view thereof, the base being shown in section.

Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the holder.

Referring now more particularly to the drawing in which is shown the preferred embodiment of my invention. The letter B indicates a preferably molded base preferably formed of rubber or other resilient material, the bottom face of the base being concave as at 6 to provide a flat circular rim section 7 which, when pressure is exerted on the face of the base, expel the air therefrom, causing it to function similar to the conventional suction cup and adhere firmly to the surface of the table or other support (not shown) on which it is mounted.

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In the present illustration the base is shown as circularly in outline 1 but it would be readily understood that it can be of any other desired shape or size to suit the manufacturer and the trade.

The edge of the base is slightly angled as at 8 and is shouldered as at 9 to form a lower rim 10 which is somewhat ornamental and also provides for greater flexibility when anchoring the base on a smooth surface such as a table (not shown).

A cup shaped depression 11 is provided in the upper face of the base B and is of a diameter sufficient to accommodate a cup C or other receptacle, such as a mug or the like (not shown).

A manikin M is provided on the face of the base B, the legs 12 of which are secured thereto in any approved manner, this manikin also being formed of a resilient material so that it is yieldable on the base, the arms 13 being outspread so as to contact the side of the cup C or other receptacle, said manikin being formed and decoratively painted so as to be attractive to young children learning to drink milk from a cup or mug, and it will be noted that when the cup is in position on the base, the upper edge or lip of the cup bears lightly against the chest of the manikin, the lower edge of the cup being held in the depression 11 and the arms 13 yieldably limit any sidewise tilting or tipping of the cup.

A child learning to drink, is attracted, due to his or her familiarity with toys, by the manikin and is always anxious to have the cup removed or placed in position between the outspread arms with the manikin overhanging and seeming to look into the cup.

In normal practice the child's mother or the child, grasps the cup handle 14, raises the cup upwardly and inwardly so that it clears the base and arms, and it is then placed to the child's mouth for drinking, after which the cup is again returned to the holder by placing it between the outspread arms and lowering it into the depression 11, and if the child should swing its arms and accidentally strike the cup or manikin, they would yield slightly, but not sufficiently to overturn the cup and spill the milk or liquid, nor will either be in any manner marred. The suction base will of course prevent displacement of the assembly.

From the foregoing description it will be clearly obvious that I have perfected a very simple, practical and ornamental cup support and holder for use when teaching young children to drink.

What I claim is:

A cup support of the character described comprising: a circular suction base formed with an off-center depressed area in the upper surface thereof to accommodate a cup therein, a manikin formed of resilient material secured on said base adjacent said depressed area and formed with outspread yieldable arms for yieldably engaging the side wall of a cup when placed in position in said depressed area, with the upper edge of the cup in engagement with the chest of the manikin and the head of the manikin overhanging the open upper edge of the cup.

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