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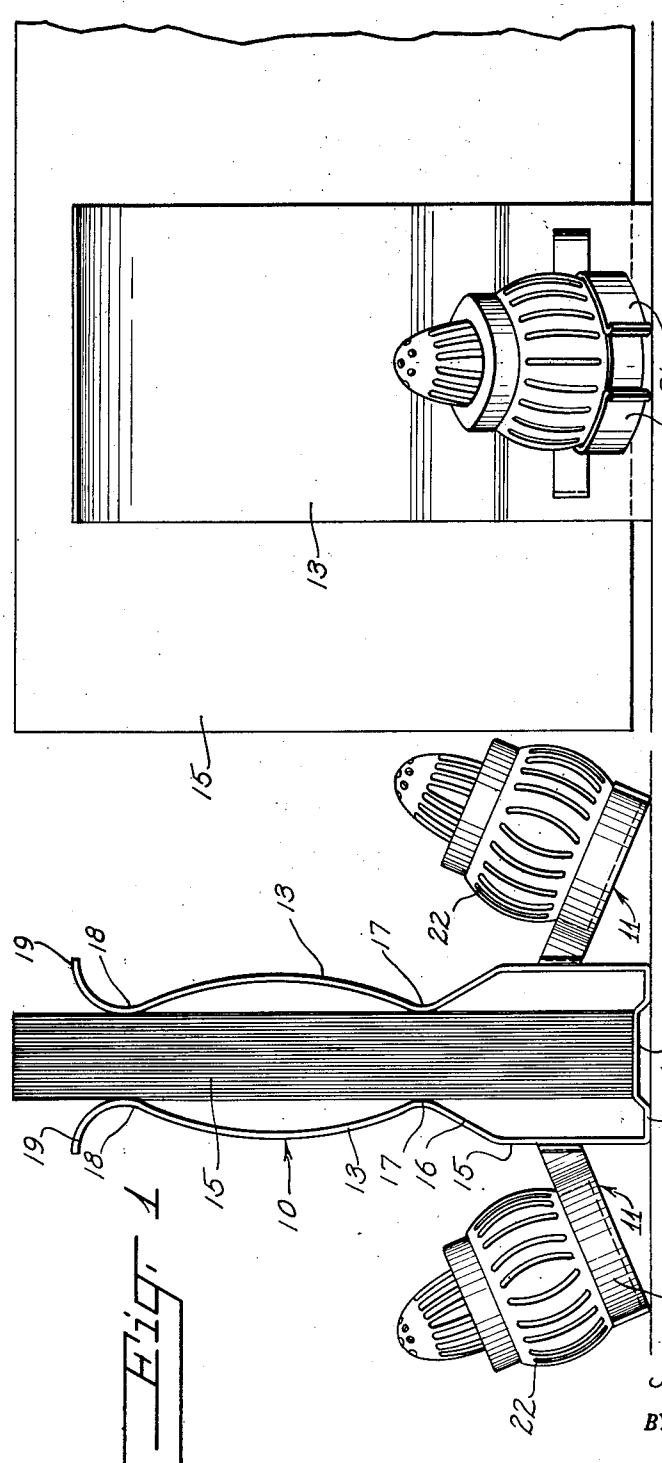


Fig. 1

Fig. 2

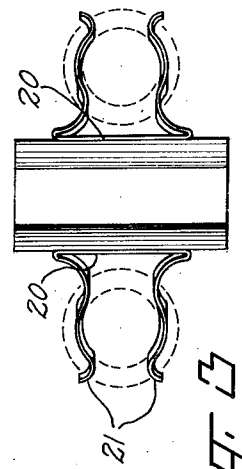


Fig. 3

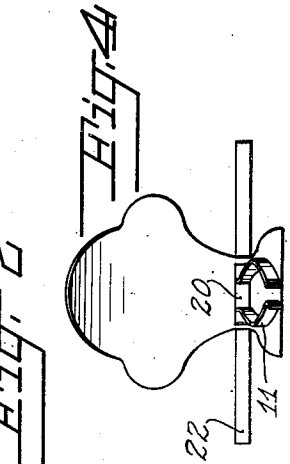


Fig. 4

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This invention relates to improvements in castors for use on dining tables, and more particularly to an improved castor especially adapted for use on restaurant tables and designed to hold a pair of salt and pepper shakers and a package of paper napkins.

It is among the objects of the invention to provide an improved castor which will prevent loss of salt and pepper shakers by providing a suitable support or receptacle in which they are normally retained, which will hold an entire package of paper napkins in proximity to the salt and pepper shakers and in a manner such that one napkin may be removed at a time while the remainder of the package is resiliently held in place, which rests solidly upon a table top and is not easily upset, and which is simple in construction, economical to manufacture and neat and attractive in appearance.

Other objects and advantages will become apparent from a consideration of the following description in conjunction with the accompanying drawing, wherein:

Figure 1 is an end elevation of a castor illustrative of the invention.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the castor illustrated in Figure 1.

Figure 3 is a top plan view of the castor illustrated in Figures 1 and 2; and

Figure 4 is a side elevation of a somewhat modified form of castor illustrative of the invention.

With continued reference to the drawing, the numeral 10 generally indicates a napkin retainer having shaker-retaining rings or spring clips, generally indicated at 11, connected thereto.

The retainer 10 is preferably generally rectangular in shape and is formed from a single piece of thin resilient material, such as sheet metal, bent to U-shaped form so that it has a bottom-closure member 12 and a pair of substantially parallel side members 13, the top and ends being open.

The bottom member 12 has a longitudinally-extending raised portion 14 intermediate its length of a width to receive one edge of a package 15 of paper napkins, the bottom member having a total width greater than the thickness of the package of napkins so that the bottom ends of the side members 13 are spaced from the side of a napkin package supported in the retainer. The bottom portions of the side members are substantially straight, as indicated at 15, and are disposed substantially perpendicular to the bottom member 12 at the edges thereof and above the straight portions the side members are bent

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inwardly, as indicated at 16, to provide oppositely-disposed curved portion 17 spaced apart a distance to resiliently engages the opposite sides of the napkin package 15. Above the portion 17 the side members are curved outwardly convex and contact the opposite sides of the napkin package at the upper edges of the convex portions, as indicated at 18. Above the package-contacting portion 18 the side members are curved outwardly, as indicated at 19, to facilitate the insertion of napkin packages into the retainer and the withdrawal of single napkins therefrom.

The rings or clips 11 are preferably formed of narrow strips of resilient sheet metal and have straight intermediate portions 20 attached to the outer surfaces of the straight lower portions of the side members 13 somewhat above the bottom edges of the side members and have concave arms 21 extending outwardly from the ends of the intermediate portions to receive the cylindrical bases of the salt and pepper shakers 22, the outer ends of the arms 21 preferably being curved outwardly to facilitate the insertion of the shaker-base portions into the clips. As is clearly shown in Figure 1, these rings or clips 11 extend outwardly and downwardly from the respective side members 13 so that their outer sides have their bottom portions in contact with a common plane which also contacts the bottom surface of the bottom 12 of the napkin retainer 10 to firmly support the castor on a tabletop against tipping or upsetting.

In the modified arrangement shown in Figure 4 the side members are given an ornamental, curved, plan-form shape and a napkin-package support 22 is secured between the side members substantially at the level at which the shaker clips 11 are connected thereto. Otherwise, the construction of the modified form is generally the same as that illustrated in Figures 1, 2 and 3, as described above.

The invention may be embodied in other specific forms without departing from the spirit or essential characteristics thereof. The present embodiments are, therefore, to be considered in all respects as illustrative and not restrictive, the scope of the invention being indicated by the appended claims rather than by the foregoing description, and all changes which come within the meaning and range of equivalency of the claims are, therefore, intended to be embraced therein.

What is claimed is:

1. An article holder comprising an upright U-shaped retainer having an elongated, flat bottom

portion and a pair of spaced apart, substantially parallel side members extending upwardly from respective longitudinal edges of said bottom portion, the top and ends of said retainer being open, and a pair of supplementary article holding structures secured one structure to the outer side of each of said side members above the plane of said bottom portion, said structures extending outwardly and downwardly from the corresponding side members and having their bottom edges at the sides thereof remote from the corresponding side members substantially in the plane of said bottom portion to provide for said holder a base having an effective width greater than the width of said bottom portion to thereby increase the stability of said article holder when supported on a substantially horizontal plane surface.

2. An article holder comprising an upright, U-shaped retainer having an elongated, flat bottom portion and a pair of spaced apart, substantially parallel side members extending upwardly from respective longitudinal edges of said bottom portion, the top and ends of said retainer being open, and a pair of supplementary article holding structures secured one structure to the outer side of each of said side members above the plane of said bottom portion, said structures extending outwardly and downwardly from the corresponding side members and having their bottom edges at the sides thereof remote from the corresponding side members substantially in the plane of said bottom portion to provide for said holder a base having an effective width greater than the width of said bottom portion to thereby increase the stability of said article holder when supported on a substantially horizontal plane surface, said retainer and said supplementary article holding structures being formed of resilient material to resiliently grip articles therein.

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