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Fig. 1.

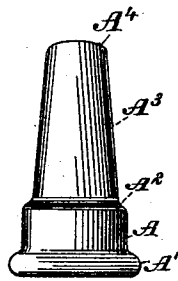


Fig. 2.

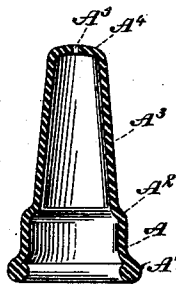
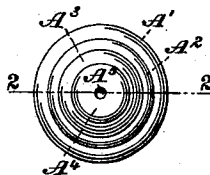


Fig. 3.



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NIPPLE FOR NURSING-BOTTLES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES A. TATUM, a citizen of the United States, residing in the borough of Manhattan, city, county, and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Nipples for Nursing-Bottles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to nipples for nursing-bottles, and has for its object to provide a nipple of this class which will be readily cleaned and which will not afford any spaces difficult of access in which injurious matter may lodge.

To this end my invention consists in the particular construction hereinafter described and claimed.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of my improved nipple. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation thereof on line 2 2 of Fig. 3, and Fig. 3 is a plan.

The improved nipple comprises an approximately cylindrical lower section A, provided with a reinforced edge or bead A' at the bottom and with a slanting shoulder portion A² at the top. This lower portion is adapted to engage the neck and mouth of the nursing-bottle, the shoulder resting on the edge of the bottle.

The upper portion of the nipple is frusto-conical, as shown at A³, and terminates in a slightly-curved top A⁴, in which the central aperture A⁵ may be made. It is of course immaterial whether a central aperture or a series of apertures be provided.

The nipple may be made of soft rubber, as usual.

When this nipple is placed on a bottle, it will only be stretched laterally below the

shoulder A², but not above it, thus giving it a firm grip on the bottle.

On account of its being of reduced diameter at the top the nipple is readily cleaned, since all the interior surfaces are readily accessible from the bottom, and there are no outwardly-bulging portions between the bottom and the top of the nipple to form interior recesses in which injurious matter may lodge. The nipple will therefore be easy to preserve in a serviceable condition, and there will be no danger of affecting the health of the infant by the injurious influence of foreign matter left in the nipple owing to imperfect or difficult cleaning.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

An elastic nipple for nursing-bottles, comprising an upper portion having a straight conical wall, the narrow portion of which is at the discharge end of the nipple, a shoulder or enlargement located at the wide end of said conical upper portion and adapted to become seated upon the mouth of the nursing-bottle, and a substantially cylindrical lower portion, the interior diameter of which is substantially equal to the greatest inner diameter of said enlargement, said lower portion being adapted to embrace the neck of the bottle adjacent to the mouth thereof, and being provided at its free edge with a thickened portion so as to give it a firm hold on the bottle at said free edge.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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