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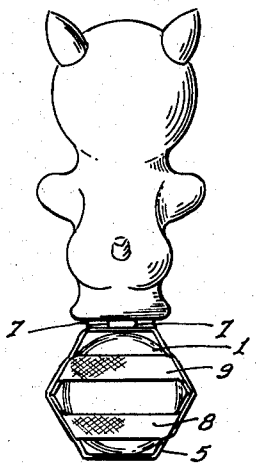


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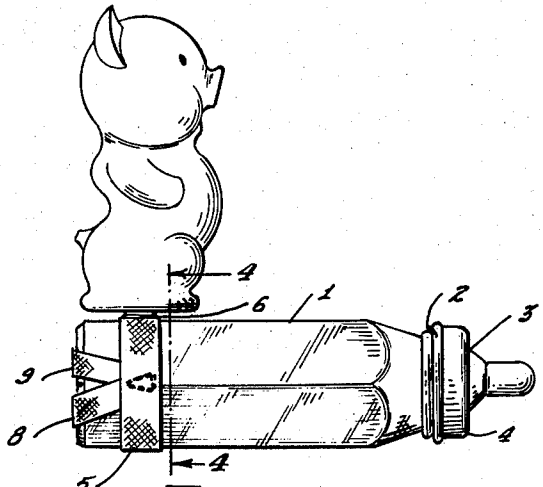


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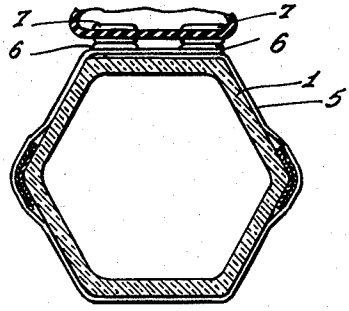


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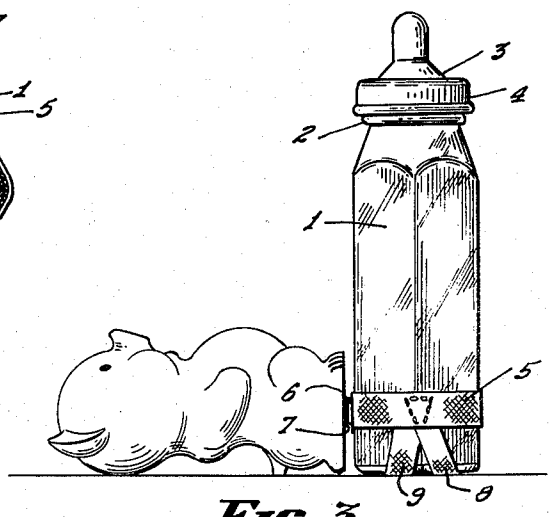


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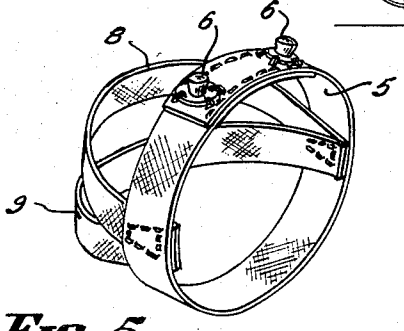


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My invention relates to a toy holder to be associated with a child's nursing bottle.

In the nursing of infants from a bottle it frequently happens that the infant perhaps from sheer boredom refuses to take the required feeding and it is the object of my device to provide a device which will interest the infant to the extent that the full bottle feeding will be taken without discontinuance.

Since the eyes of infants have normally a short focus, it is my object to provide a toy holder so securable onto the bottle that it will remain within the scope of vision of the child.

It is my object to provide a holder formed from resilient material which will engage the bottle widthwise and at the same time position the holder several inches from the end of the bottle.

A further object is provision of a holder which is readily detachable from the toy so that different toys may be mounted for the entertainment of the infant during nursing.

A still further object is a combination holder wherein if the bottle be set up on its end the ornament will furnish additional support for supporting the bottle in upright position.

As a statement of the useful function of my new toy holder, I may state that before my invention was perfected, our baby would seldom finish his eight ounce formula and would become restless after about four ounces was consumed, but that since I have provided his bottle with my new toy holder he has normally consumed his entire feeding. I cannot explain this but he seems to keep his eyes focused on the toy and before he begins to fret the entire feeding has been consumed.

Referring now to the drawing illustrating one type of toy and holder explanatory of the principle of my invention:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of the bottle and toy holder.

Figure 2 is a rear elevational view of the bottle and toy holder.

Figure 3 is a side elevation of the bottle supported in vertically upright position by the toy.

Figure 4 is a sectional view along the lines 4—4 of Figure 1.

Figure 5 is a perspective view of the holder with the toy removed.

Ordinary nursing bottles 1, are of cylindrical six sided construction with an enlarged neck 2 within which the expanded base of the nipple 3 is maintained in position by screwing down the cap 4.

The holder which fits over the bottom of the bottle is formed with a flat loop 5 of resilient tape or other strip material stitched together to provide a loop for sliding over the end of the bottle.

The loop has two snap eyelets 6 which engage snap fasteners 7 secured with cement to the base of the toy so that the snap fasteners may be unsnapped and a new toy substituted for what in the illustration is a rubber pig.

Secured to the loop 5 on opposite sides are the cross brace members 8 and 9 which together determine the position of the loop 5, and the toy on the bottle. It is important that these cross brace members be of sufficient length to position the toy about an inch and a half from the bottle bottom. This predetermined positioning holds the toy six to eight inches from the infant's eyes.

Modifications in the type of bottle holder and attachments for the toy will occur to those skilled in the art, and it will be understood that modifications may be made within the scope of the invention as defined in the claim which follows.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

In combination for use with a nursing bottle, a toy having snap fasteners secured to the base of the toy, a holder for the toy comprising an elastic band having matching snap fasteners which match the snap fasteners of the toy, said band being adapted to resiliently engage the sidewalls of the nursing bottle at the bottom, and cross braces secured on opposite sides of the band to determine, by bearing against the bottle bottom, the positioning of the band and toy on the bottle, said positioning being such that when the nursing bottle is positioned in upright position the toy will bear against the bottle support and prevent the bottle from tipping over.

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