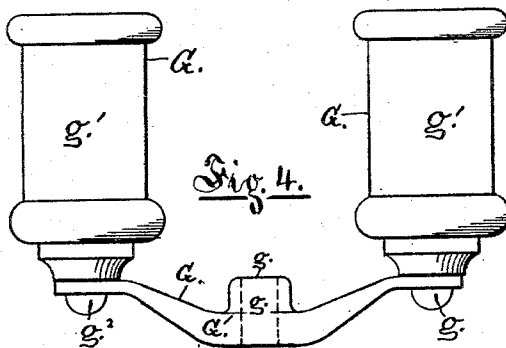
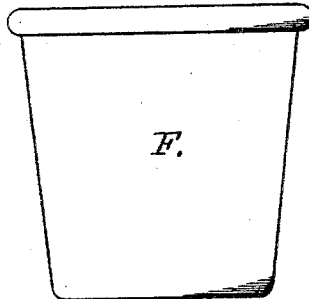
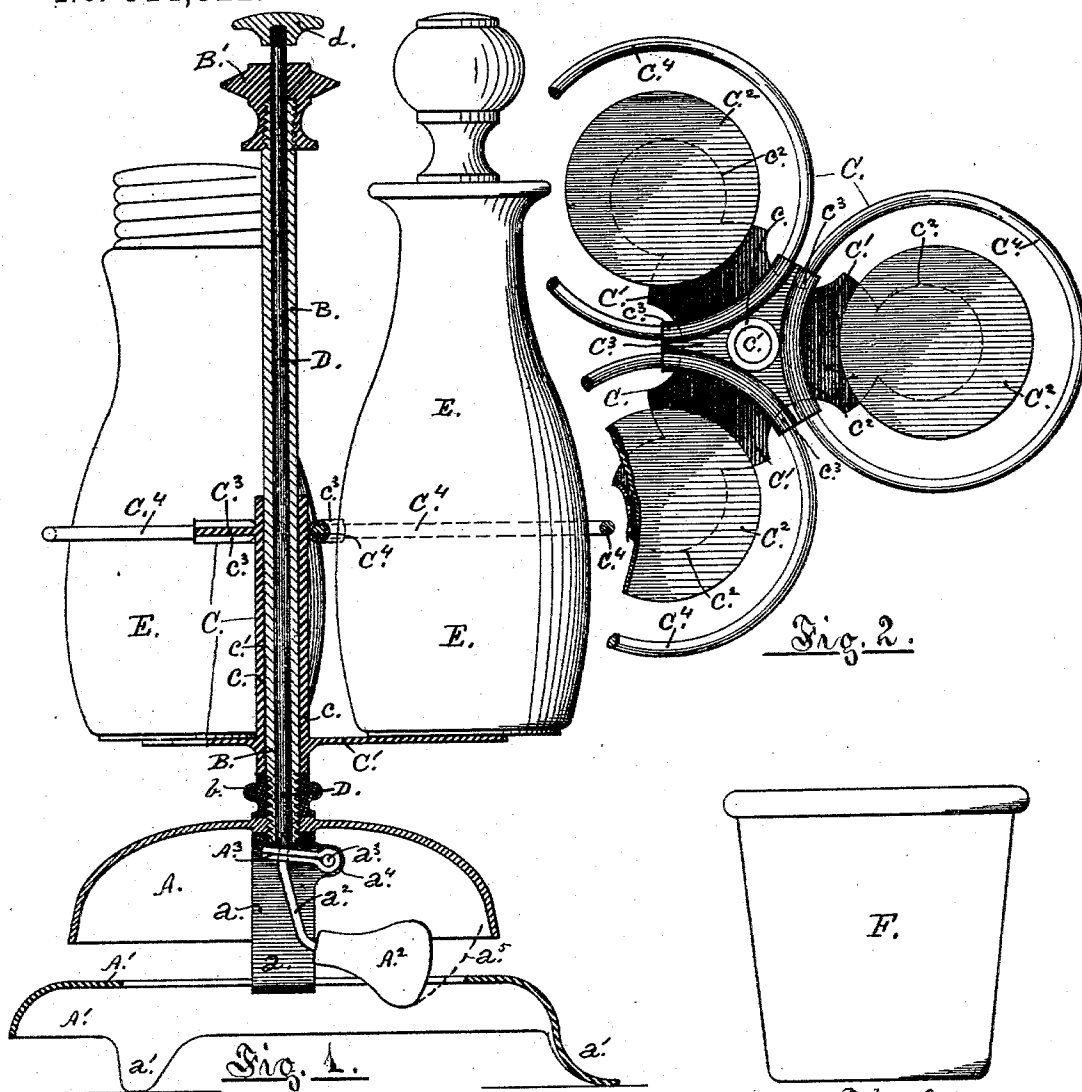


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, ANTHONY ISKE and ALBERT ISKE, citizens of the United States, residing at Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Articles for Table-Service; and we do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to improvements in an article of table service in which a rack carrying cruets or the like is so combined with a call-bell as to form said article.

The objects of the invention, as well as the elements thereof, will distinctly appear in the following description, and will be clearly set forth in the claim.

The purposes of the invention are attained by the mechanism and devices illustrated in the accompanying drawings in which similar letters of reference designate like parts throughout the several views, and in which—

Figure 1 is a central vertical section of a combined caster and gong embodying the elements of this invention; Fig. 2, a direct plan of the cruet rack detached from Fig. 1, with portions of two cruet holders broken away for want of space in the drawings; Fig. 3, an elevation of a cup which may be used in place of the cruets before mentioned; and Fig. 4, an elevation of a bolster-bar supporting tubular sockets or cups on its extremities, which may be pivoted on the central stem in place of the rack before mentioned.

In the drawings A designates an ordinary gong mounted in the usual manner on the central arch or frame, a , having its lower ends or feet rigidly secured to the under side of the concaved base-ring, A' , provided at its lower edge with downwardly and outwardly curved projections, a' , forming legs or feet on which said ring-base stands; and A^2 designates a pear-shaped hammer having the upper end of its stem, a^2 , rigidly secured into the under side of a flat strip or arm A^3 , having secured into one end thereof a pin-shaft a^3 , which has its extremities pivoted into side projected lugs a^4 , integral with the central arch or gong supporting frame a , as shown, adapting said hammer to be swung outwardly

and upwardly in the direction of the dotted curve, a^5 , against the body of the gong, by means of the downward propulsion of the plunger rod yet to be described, the weight of the hammer returning it again to the position shown in Fig. 1.

Through the center of the gong, and into the top of the supporting frame, a , of the gong, is securely affixed, as by screwing, the lower end of a tubular shaft B, of approved length and diameter; a rounded collar-screw b , is placed on the threaded lower end of the shaft and firmly screwed home onto the gong to bind the several parts tightly together; and onto the upper end of the shaft is securely, but removably, affixed a knob or button B' , of approved size and shape, to form an ornamental finial to this end. It will be seen that the shaft, B, is adapted to have rotatably sleeved thereon the carriers or racks yet to be described; that the screw, b , forms a shoulder on which said carriers or racks may rotate; and that the ornamental finial serves to form a handle whereby the completed article may be conveniently carried.

To form the rack or carrier, C, a plan of which is shown in Fig. 2, a tube c of approved dimensions, is rotatably sleeved, through its axial bore c' , on the stem or shaft, B, and having its lower end to rest on the shoulder b , as shown in Fig. 1; at a prescribed point above its lower end this tube is provided with an integral body C' , having radially extending arms c^2 , having rigidly secured to the tops of their outer extremities circular base-plates or disks C^2 , adapted to support on their upper faces the cruets or other receptacles yet to be described; and near its upper end this tube is likewise provided with an integral body C^3 , having its concaved outer edges provided with corresponding tubes c^3 , having secured therein rings C^4 , of approved size, adapted to receive the bodies of the cruets or receptacles, just mentioned, and hold them in position on their respective disks. This carrier or rack, C, with all its component parts, may be integrally formed as one casting is made; or, its elements may be separately constructed and then rigidly joined, as by brazing or soldering. Three rings and supporting disks are here shown in the construction of the rack, but this is not essential, for

this number may be increased or diminished, at pleasure, to meet the requirements of the article in which said rack is to be used.

D designates a plunger-rod which is passed 5 down through the axial bore of the shaft, B, and has its lower end resting on the pivoted hammer arm or plate, A³, as shown in Fig. 1, and its upper end, at a prescribed distance above the top of said shaft or tube, B, is provided with an approved button *d*, adapting 10 said rod to be pushed downward through the tube to propel the hammer upward in its course against the inner face of the gong to sound a call, the weight of the hammer, by 15 gravitation, returning both hammer and rod to the positions shown in Fig. 1.

Within the rings, C⁴, of the rack, C, and on the disks, C², thereof, are placed bottles or 20 cruets E, of any approved size or shape, as shown in Fig. 1, when the article will be a caster combined with a call-bell; cups F, Fig. 3, of any approved size or shape may be used in place of the cruets just mentioned, serving 25 respectively as, cigar holder, match receiver, and ash receptacle, when the article will be a smoker's companion combined with a call-bell; and said rack may be dispensed with, and a device G, consisting of a two-armed 30 bolster-bar, G', having a central vertical pivot orifice *g*, and on its extremities vertically supported tubular sockets or cups *g'*, secured thereto by screws *g*², as shown in Fig. 4, when the article becomes a match or tooth-pick 35 holder combined with a call-bell. In this latter construction two such cups are shown in place, but more may be used without chang-

ing the nature of the invention, for the bolster may have any number of arms, each supporting a cup; or, a circular disk or platform may be used instead of the bolster, and the cups 40 secured, circumferentially, to the upper surface thereof, and not involve any new invention. These several latter constructions are so evident and apparent that their separate illustration was deemed superfluous. 45

Having now described our said invention and fully ascertained the manner in which it is to be performed, and laying no claims broadly to the call-bell, what we do consider new, and 50 desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In an article of table service, the carrier-rack, C, comprising: the tube *c* having the 55 axial bore *c'* to be rotatably sleeved on the shaft B as described, and provided near its lower end with the perpendicular body C' having the radial arms *c*² and the service supporting plates C² secured to the tops of the 60 outer ends of said arms; and, the perpendicular body C³ with the concaved portions *c*³ in its outer edge near the upper end of the said tube *c*, and the service retaining rings C⁴ secured into the said concaved portions, all substantially as described and for the purpose 65 set forth.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures 65 in presence of two witnesses.

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