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NIPPLE AND BOTTLE HOLDER

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**Fig. 1.**

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**Fig. 2.**

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**Fig. 3.**

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This invention relates to a combination nipple and bottle holder and has for an object to provide a device for holding nipples on baby bottles as well as for holding baby bottles within a desired range of movement. A further object of this invention is to provide a nipple and bottle holder which will serve to prevent the baby from being able to remove the nipple from the bottle, thus causing the milk to be spilled as well as prevent the baby from being able to throw the bottle onto the floor to cause it to be broken.

Still another object of this invention is to provide a nipple and bottle holder having an adjustable strap or ribbon whereby the holder may be secured either to a crib or baby carriage when the baby is in its crib or carriage and whereby the strap or ribbon is also serviceable to assist in holding the bottle when the baby is being held in the mother’s arms.

With the foregoing and other objects in view, as will hereinafter become apparent, this invention comprises the constructions, combinations and arrangements of parts, hereinafter set forth, disclosed and shown on the accompanying drawings. In this drawing,

Figure 1 is a fragmentary perspective view of the nipple and bottle holder in use in a baby crib.

Figure 2 is a side elevation of the holder with the bottle firmly secured, the broken lines representing the bottle and position of the holder adjustments when removing the bottle from the holder.

Figure 3 is a perspective view of the nipple and bottle holder clearly showing the adjustments.

There is shown in Figure 3 a combination nipple and bottle holder which serves for locking the nipple firmly on the baby bottle so that it cannot be removed therefrom while the holder is in position. The holder is provided with an adjustable strap or ribbon for safely securing the bottle in any desired position as in a baby crib.

As shown the bottle may be of the conventional eight-ounce size and may be either oval or round, although this invention can equally be applied to bottles of lesser or greater size by making the holder of appropriate size therefor.

The holder, however, is equally suitable on either an oval or a round bottle for the holder can automatically adjust itself to the shape of the bottle.

The holder is thoughtfully made entirely of springlike or flexible metal smoothly finished off. The holder consists of a ring and a U-shaped arm connected at its ends to the ring in any suitable manner as by rivet and a smaller U-shaped arm pivoted to the arm at. The curved sections of the U-shaped arms and are bent away from each other forming half rings and, when the arm is pivoted by the pivot to bring the leg of the arm into coincidence with the leg of the arm as shown in Figures 1 and 2, the half rings and together form a clamp of the proper diameter to fit over the lower edge of the nipple in the bottle and securely clamp the nipple thereto. The ring is an expandible coil-spring being made of soft wire. As a result of this feature the ring may be secured around either an oval or a round baby bottle. In order to place the bottle into position, the arm is pivoted to the open position shown in Figure 3 or shown in the dot-dash outline—Figure 2 whereupon the bottle is pushed up from the bottom until the half rings seek again the edge of the nipple. The other arm is then pivoted to bring the half rings against the other side of the edge of the nipple, thus clamping the nipple on the bottle. In order to prevent the arm from pivoting open again clasps are provided on each leg of the arm and are of sufficient size to slide up over the combined leg of the arms and as shown in Figure 2, the legs of the arm being provided with ridges which assist in holding clamp in the raised position as shown in Figure 2. The strap or tape is secured to the holder by having its end suitably fastened thereto.

One end of strap is fastened to ring by metal eyelets as at while the other end of the strap passes through an appropriate slit in one of the half rings and is fastened by metal eyelets thereto as at.

The ends and of the strap or tape pass through an adjusting buckle, while the other ends of the strap are secured together by a clasp. When in use in the baby’s crib, as shown in Figure 1, the buckle will be adjusted along the ends and of the strap so as to hold the bottle in the desired angle for the baby to make use thereof. The other end of the strap may be then secured to the woodwork of the crib. To assist in holding the bottle in the desired position, the strap may be additionally secured to the bedding by means of a safety pin.

The detachable clasp on the strap permits the same to be likewise used when the baby
is being held in the hands and strap 14 being adjusted about the neck of the person feeding the baby, or pinned to the clothing of the person feeding the baby, thereby preventing the accidental dropping of the bottle on the floor with the consequence of broken bottle and spilled milk.

The novel features and the operation of this device will be apparent from the foregoing description. While the device has been shown and the structure described in detail, it is obvious that this is not to be considered limited to the exact form disclosed, and that changes may be made therein within the scope of what is claims without departing from the spirit of the invention.

Having thus set forth and disclosed the nature of this invention, what is claimed is:

1. A nipple and bottle holder comprising an expansible ring adapted to embrace a baby bottle, a substantially U-shaped arm secured to said expansible ring and a shorter second U-shaped arm pivoted on said first U-shaped arm, the curved ends of said arms being bent away from each other to form half rings adapted to embrace a bottle neck and nipple.

2. A nipple and bottle holder comprising an expansible ring adapted to embrace a baby bottle, a substantially U-shaped arm secured to fit expansible ring and a shorter second U-shaped arm pivoted on said first U-shaped arm, the curved ends of said arms being bent away from each other to form half rings adapted to embrace a bottle neck and nipple and a clasp on said U-shaped arm adapted to slide therealong to lock said second arm in closed position.

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