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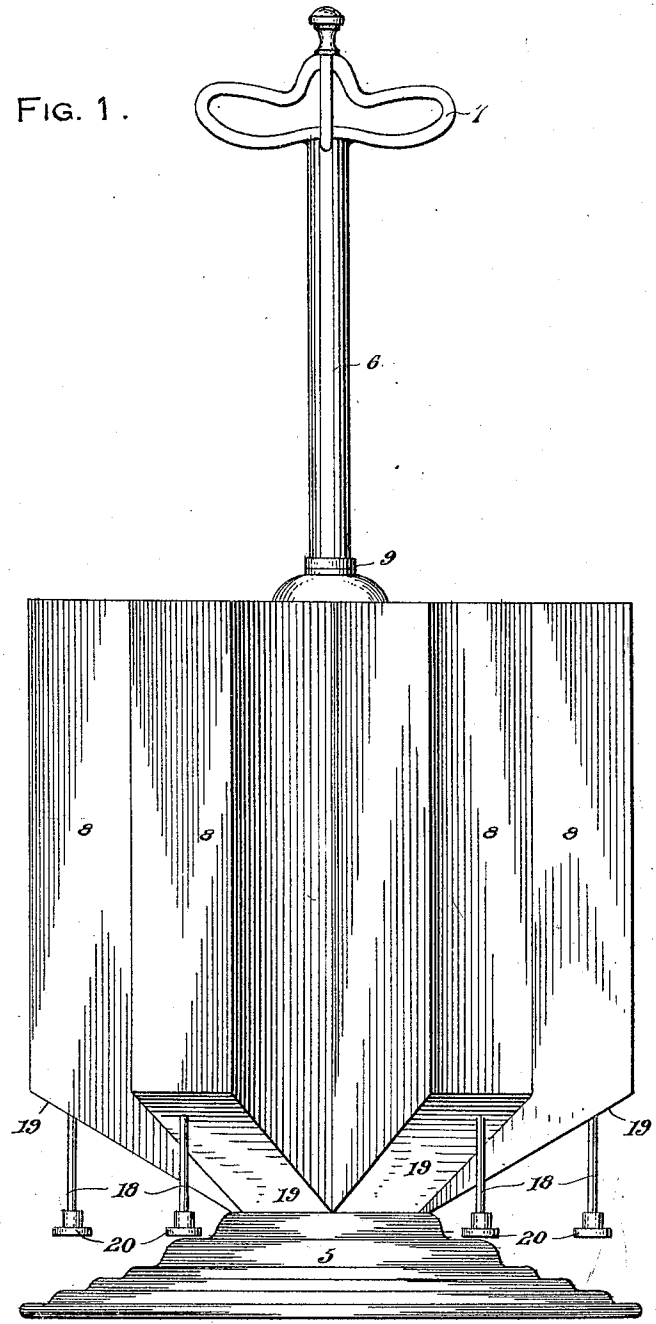
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FIG. 2.

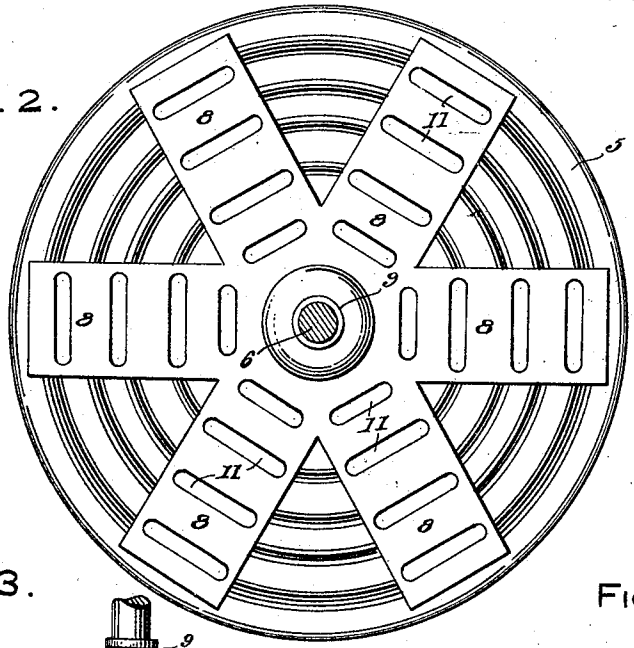


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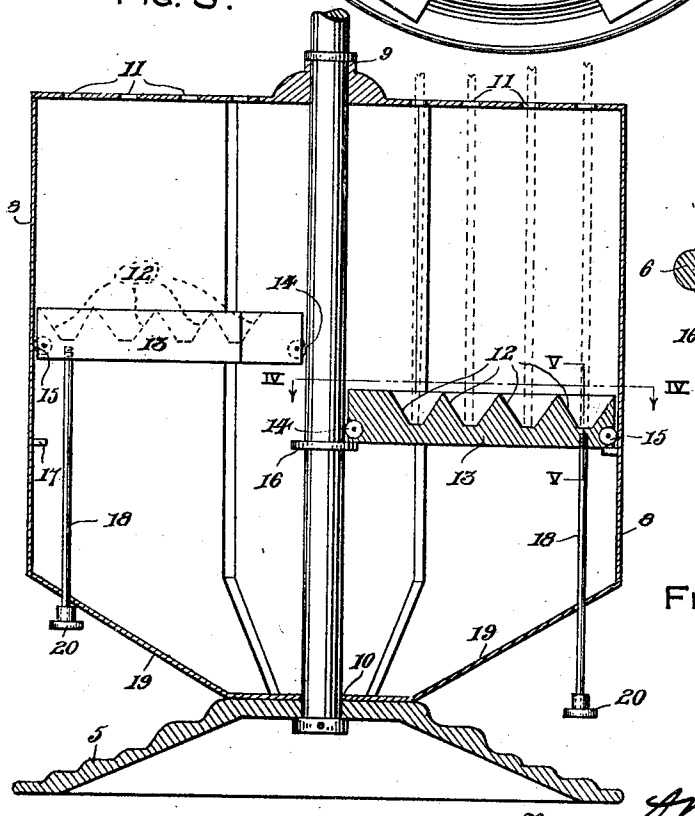


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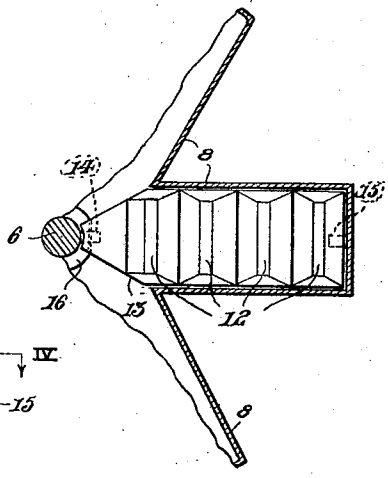
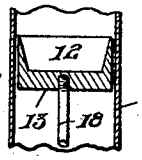


FIG. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANDREW ONUFRYK, a citizen of Ukraine, residing at Rochester, in the county of Monroe and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Dining-Cutlery Holders, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in dining cutlery holders in the nature of a revoluble stand from which a person may remove an article of cutlery of the desired kind from his seat at any side of the table.

The primary object of the present invention is to provide a device of the above character in the form of a stand which is ornamental in appearance and adapted to be placed upon a dining table, the same embodying an extremely simple and durable construction which may be cheaply and easily manufactured and also easily manipulated.

Other objects will appear as the nature of the invention is better understood, and the same consists in the novel form, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter more fully described, shown in the accompanying drawings and claimed.

In the drawings wherein like reference characters designate corresponding parts throughout the several views,

Figure 1 is a side elevational view of a cutlery holding stand constructed in accordance with the present invention,

Fig. 2 is a view thereof partly in horizontal section and partly in top plan,

Fig. 3 is a substantially central vertical sectional view of the device shown in Fig. 2,

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary sectional detail view taken substantially upon line V—V of Fig. 3.

Fig. 5 is a fragmentary vertical sectional view taken substantially upon the line V—V of Fig. 3.

Referring more in detail to the several views, the present invention embodies a base 5 of any desired or preferred ornamental form and of comparatively large diameter so that the device is prevented from tilting readily when placed upon a table, the base 5 having an upright post or standard 6 extending upwardly from the center thereof and rigidly fastened at its lower end to the same. The upright 6 is provided with a suitable form of ornamental handle 7 at its upper end to be grasped by the hand for moving the device from place to place.

The cutlery holder proper comprises a casing preferably formed of nickel plated ware of the form more clearly shown in Fig. 2 and comprised of a plurality of radial compartments 8 which meet at the standard 6 and are journaled upon the latter as at 9 and 10 at their top and bottom walls whereby the casing is capable of being rotated freely about the standard 6. The top walls of the compartments 8 are provided with a number of transversely elongated slots 11 which are of such width and length as to permit knives, forks and spoons being inserted therethrough so that their lower ends will rest in suitable pockets 12 which are provided in the upper surfaces of the delivering slides 13 which are arranged within the casing, one for each compartment 8. Each delivering slide 13 comprises a horizontally disposed block, the inner end of which is provided with an anti-friction roller 14 which bears upon the upright 6, and which has another anti-friction roller 15 at its outer end arranged to bear upon the outer wall of the compartment 8 in which it is positioned whereby the slide is mounted for free vertical movement upwardly and downwardly within said compartment. A washer 16 is rigidly fastened upon the standard 6 so as to form a stop for limiting the downward movement of all of the slides 13, an inwardly projecting lug 17 being provided upon the outer wall of each compartment 8 so as to be engaged by the outer end of the slide 13 therein for limiting said slide in its downward movement in conjunction with the washer 16. A rod 18 is fastened to each slide 13 and extends downwardly therefrom through the inclined bottom wall 19 of its compartment to a point exteriorly of the casing, each rod 18 having a finger piece 20 upon the free lower end thereof for engagement by the finger when it is desired to move the slides 13 upwardly for permitting more easy removal of the cutlery from the stand.

The pockets 12 provided in the slides 13 have downwardly converging side and end walls so that the lower ends of the cutlery inserted through the slots 11 will be effectively guided into the proper pocket, there being one pocket disposed directly beneath and in vertical alinement with each slot 11.

In operation, the present device is placed upon a dining table in convenient reach of the diners with cutlery disposed therein as indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 3. If one of the diners should require an article of cutlery which is carried by the compartment farthest from him, he can readily rotate the casing of the device to bring this compartment nearest to him, whereupon he may move the slide 13 of such compartment upwardly with one hand and readily remove the article of cutlery with the other hand.

In view of the foregoing description it is believed that the construction and operation of the present invention as well as the advantages thereof will be readily appreciated.

Minor changes may be made without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as claimed.

What I claim is:—

1. In a cutlery serving stand of the class described, a revolubly mounted casing composed of radial compartments having transversely elongated slots in their top walls, vertically movable slides disposed within said compartments and having pockets in their upper faces alined with said slots, and means for vertically moving said slides.

2. In a cutlery serving stand of the class described, a revolubly mounted casing composed of radial compartments having transversely elongated slots in their top walls, vertically movable slides disposed within said compartments and having pockets in their upper faces alined with said slots, and means for vertically moving said slides, said last named means comprising a rod projecting downwardly from and rigid with each slide and having a finger piece upon its lower free end exteriorly of the casing.

3. In a cutlery serving stand of the class described, a revolubly mounted casing composed of radial compartments having transversely elongated slots in their top walls, vertically movable slides disposed within said compartments and having pockets in their upper faces alined with said slots, means for vertically moving said slides, an upright standard arranged centrally of said casing, and anti-friction means upon the ends of said slides engaging said standard and the outer walls of said compartments.

4. In a cutlery serving stand of the class described, a revolubly mounted casing composed of radial compartments having transversely elongated slots in their top walls, vertically movable slides disposed within said compartments and having pockets in their upper faces alined with said slots, means for vertically moving said slides, an upright standard arranged centrally of said casing, anti-friction means upon the ends of said slides engaging said standard and the outer walls of said compartments, and means carried by said standard and the outer walls of said compartments for limiting the downward movement of said slides.

5. In a cutlery serving stand of the class described, a revolubly mounted casing composed of radial compartments having transversely elongated slots in their top walls, vertically movable slides disposed within said compartments and having pockets in their upper faces alined with said slots, means for vertically moving said slides, an upright standard arranged centrally of said casing, anti-friction means upon the ends of said slides engaging said standard and the outer walls of said compartments, and means carried by said standard and the outer walls of said compartments for limiting the downward movement of said slides, said last named means including a washer rigidly mounted upon said standard coöperating with the inner ends of all of said slides.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature.

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