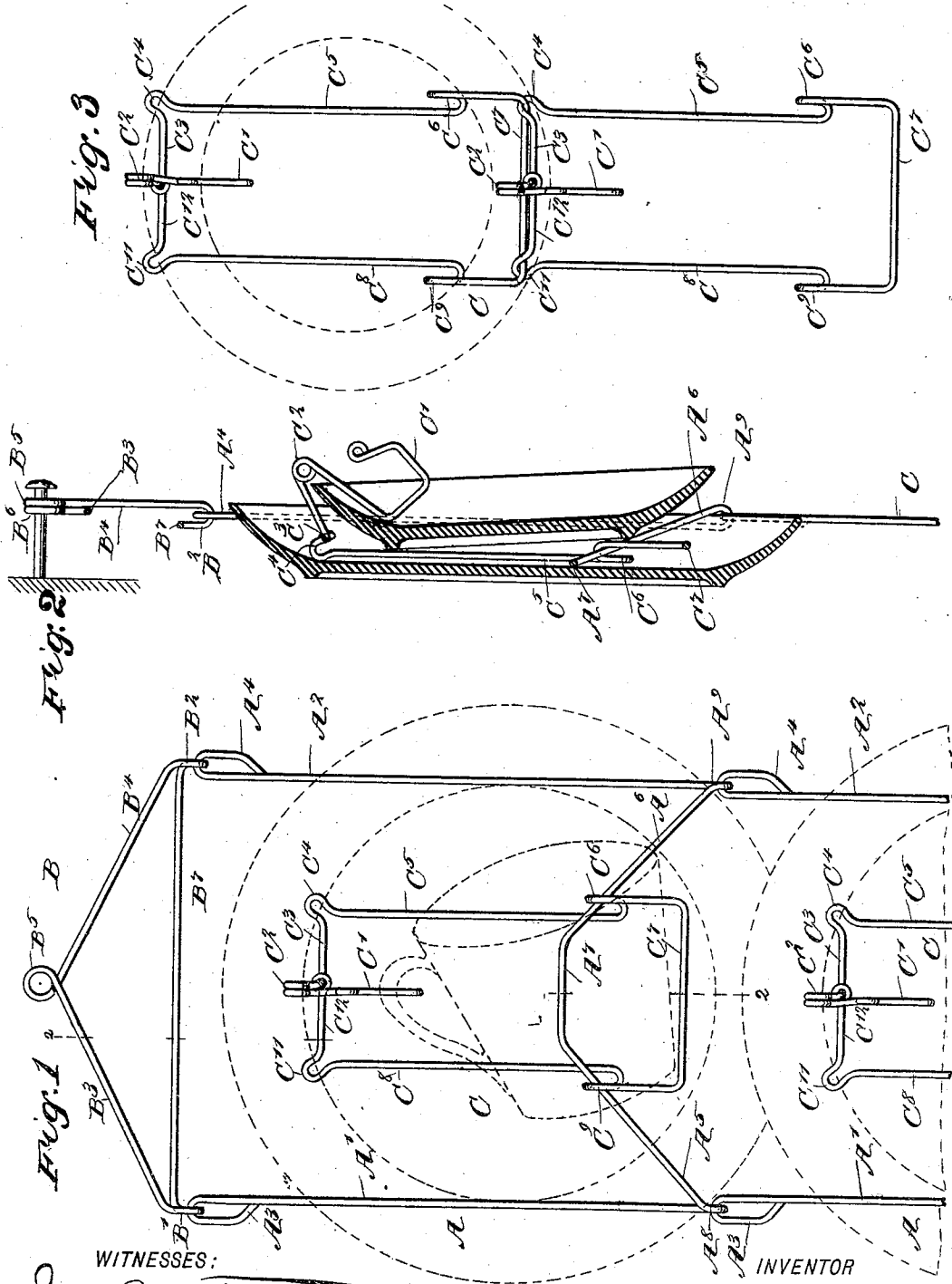


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OSCAR L. MILLER, of Ravenna, in the county of Buffalo and State of Nebraska, have invented a new and improved Plate and Cup and Saucer Holder, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The invention relates to devices for displaying articles of merchandise in stores and other places, and the object is to provide a new and improved plate and cup and saucer holder, which is simple and durable in construction, and arranged to tastily display the articles and permit their convenient attachment to and removal from the holder whenever desired.

The invention consists of certain parts and details, and combinations of the same, as will be hereinafter described and then pointed out in the claims.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a front elevation of the improvement. Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same on the line 2—2 of Fig. 1, and with part of the articles of merchandise supported thereon; and Fig. 3 is a front view of the cup and saucer holder detached from the plate holder.

The improved device is provided with a plate holder A formed preferably of a single piece of wire approximately U-shaped, and having its side arms A¹ and A² formed at their upper ends into eyes A³ and A⁴ respectively, adapted to be engaged by corresponding loops B¹ and B² formed on a hanger B adapted to be fastened to a wall or other support for suspending the holder. The lower ends of the side arms A¹ and A² are bent upwardly, inwardly and slightly rearwardly, to form the arms A⁵ and A⁶ respectively, connected with each other by a horizontally-disposed connecting arm A⁷ as plainly illustrated in Fig. 2. By the junction of the arm A¹ with the arm A⁵ is formed the bend A⁸, and a similar bend A⁹ is formed at the junction of the arms A² and A⁶, the said bends being sufficiently wide transversely, to permit the insertion of the edge of the plate so as to hold the same in place, as illustrated in Figs. 1 and 2. The

sides of the plate rest against the side arms A¹ and A² while the hollow of the plate at the front is engaged by the connecting arm A⁷, so that the plate is securely fastened in position on the holder A. The bends A⁸ and A⁹ may also be engaged by the eyes A³ and A⁴ respectively, of a second plate holder A, to suspend the latter from the first plate holder; see Fig. 1. The hanger B previously mentioned, is preferably formed of a single piece of wire having the upwardly-extending arms B³ and B⁴ inclined toward each other from the loops B¹ and B², as plainly shown in the drawings, the upper ends of the said arms being formed into eyes B⁵ and B⁶ respectively, registering with each other and adapted to be engaged by a nail, screw, pin or other device for suspending the entire holder. The middle bar B⁷ extends from the loops B¹ and B² horizontally, so that the holder has an approximately triangular shape of which the arm B⁷ forms the base. The cup and saucer holder C is also made of a single piece of wire and formed near its upper end with a hook C¹ adapted to receive the handle of the cup, as plainly illustrated in Fig. 1, so as to support the said cup. The upper end of the hook C¹ extends from a coil C² made in the wire and the rear end C³ of this coil C² is bent outwardly and upwardly to form an eye C⁴ from which extends downwardly, the side arm C⁵ formed near its lower end with a double loop C⁶, and the extreme lower end of the said side arm C⁵ is connected by a horizontal arm C⁷ with the lower end of the side arm C⁸ arranged parallel to the side arm C⁵ and likewise provided near its lower end with a double loop C⁹ arranged opposite the loop C⁶. The upper end of this side arm C⁸ is formed with an eye C¹¹ similar to and opposite the eye C⁴, and the end C¹² of the wire extending from the eye C¹¹ is twisted on the rear end C³. The double loops C⁶ and C⁹ are adapted to engage the inclined arms A⁵ and A⁶ on the plate holder A, so as to support the cup and saucer holder C on the said plate holder. The hook C¹ extends sufficiently rearward to form a spring clamp with the side arm C⁵ and C⁸ for the saucer, which latter is simply pushed along the side arms C⁵ and C⁸ under the rear end of the hook C¹, so that the latter, by the pressure of its spring coil C² securely holds

the said saucer in place, as will be readily understood by reference to Fig. 2. The arm C⁷ of the holder C is adapted to be engaged by eyes C⁴ and C¹¹ of a second holder C to suspend the latter from the first holder, as shown in Fig. 3, in case the second plate holder A is dispensed with.

It will be seen that by the construction described the plate holder A has a pivotal connection at its eyes A³ and A⁴ with the hanger B, and the cup and saucer holder C is supported from the plate holder. As the said cup and saucer holder extends in front of the plate and is suspended in the holder A it prevents the saucer or cup from coming in contact with the plate, thus preventing injury to either.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A device of the class described, comprising a hanger, a plate holder having a pivotal connection with the hanger and provided with side arms extending vertically downward, inclined arms extending upwardly inwardly and rearwardly from the lower ends of the vertical arms, and a connecting arm for the said inclined arms, and a cup and saucer holder extending in front of the plate holder and provided with vertical arms formed with loops near their lower ends to engage the inclined arms of the plate holder, substantially as shown and described.

2. A device of the class described, provided with a plate holder, comprising a hanger B

formed with loops B¹ B² and provided with the eyes B⁵ B⁶ registering with each other, and a holder proper, comprising vertical side arms A¹ A² bent outwardly and downwardly at their upper ends to form eyes A³ A⁴, engaging the said hanger loops, said arms A¹ A² extending vertically downward to their lower ends then extending upwardly inwardly and rearwardly forming the bends A⁸ A⁹ and the inclined arms A⁵ A⁶ and the connecting arm A⁷ for the said arms A⁵ A⁶, substantially as shown and described.

3. A device of the class described provided with a saucer and cup holder, comprising side arms formed with double loops near their lower ends, the upper ends of said side arms being bent inwardly toward each other, a hook extending from the upper part of the holder and arranged between the side arms and having a coil of wire forming a spring, substantially as shown and described.

4. A device of the class described provided with a saucer and cup holder, comprising the side arms C⁵ C⁸ formed near their lower ends with the loops C⁶ C⁹, and at their upper ends with eyes C⁴ C¹¹, the arm C⁷ connecting the lower ends of the side arms, the arms C³ C¹² extending from the eyes at the upper ends of the side arms inwardly, the hook C¹ and the wire coil C², substantially as shown and described.

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