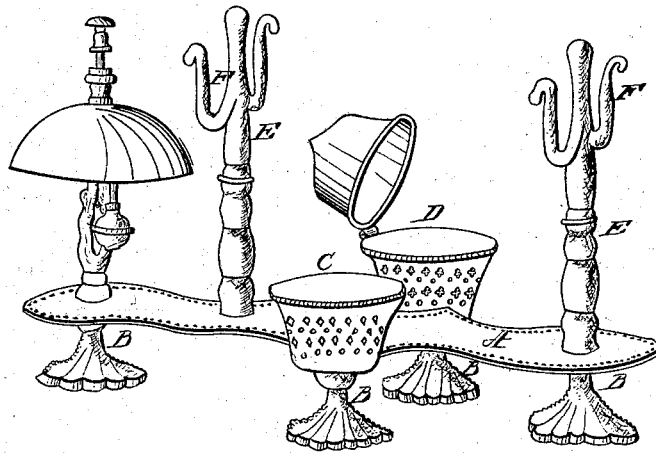


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IMPROVED KNIFE AND FORK RACK.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, J. B. HAWLEY, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Knife and Fork Rack; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, and represents a perspective view.

My invention is more particularly designed for use upon the tables of eating-houses, hotels, &c., but is also adapted for private tables, its object being to form a rack upon which the knives and forks for the use of each individual may be placed, and combining therewith an individual "salt" and "butter."

To enable others to construct my invention, I will proceed to describe the same as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is a plate of metal supported upon feet B. C is a salt, and D the butter, attached one upon each side of the plate A, the butter provided with a cover, represented in the drawing as open.

At proper distances from each other I fix two posts, E E, their upper ends forming a rack, F, into which may be placed the dining and dessert knives, forks, and spoons for each individual.

One advantage of my rack is that it will prevent soiling the table-cloth by laying the used knife or fork thereon.

In addition to the rack, salt, and butter it is many times convenient and desirable to attach a bell. To do this I place a bell upon one end of any known or convenient construction, as seen in drawing.

My apparatus may be constructed from any kind of metal and finished, leaving the natural surface, or it may be plated.

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

The combination of the rack F with individual salt and butter C D, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

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