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Spoon-Holder.

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Fig. 1.

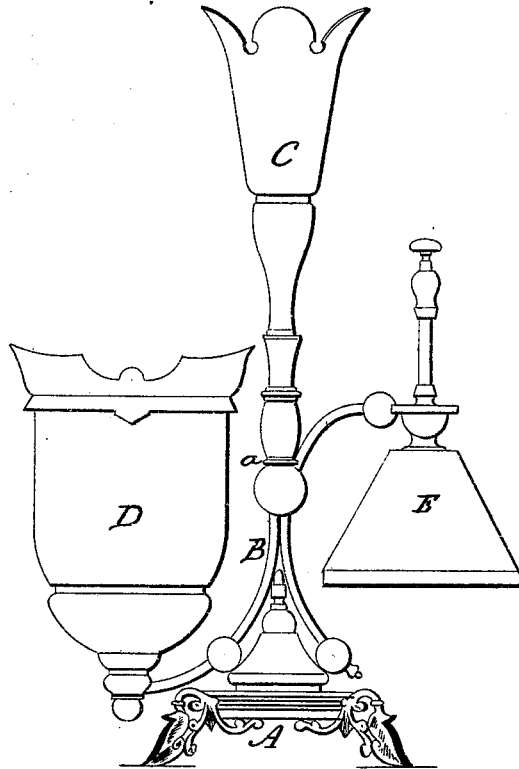
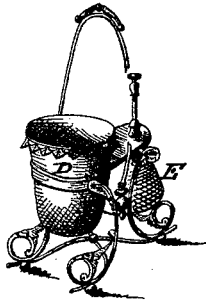


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SPOON-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY B. BEACH, of West Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Spoon-Holders; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a side view, and in Fig. 2 a modification.

This invention relates to an improvement in articles of table service, with special reference to spoon-holders, but applicable to other articles, as hereinafter described, the object being to combine therewith a bell in convenient position for use, and so as to form an ornamental part of the article; and it consists in the construction, as hereinafter described, and more particularly recited in the claims.

In the drawing the article is shown as a spoon-holder only. In this A represents a base of any desirable style or form suitable to support the article. From this rises a post, B, which terminates in any suitable handle. (Represented in Fig. 1 as a vase, C.) From one side a bracket or arm extends to support the spoon-holder D, and from the opposite side a bracket extends to support the bell E. The bell may be of any desirable kind, such as the central-spindle, push, lever, or spring bell.

The shape of the bracket, or the spoon-holder itself, may be varied, and the base also changed—as, for instance, in Fig. 2, where the base extends up to form a stand and the bracket-arms outward to support the spoon-holder and bell.

The handle may be made in bail shape, as also seen in Fig. 2, or the handle may be dispensed with entirely—as, for instance, in Fig. 1, taking the vase off from the stand, as at *a*.

The advantage of combining the bell and spoon-holder in one article is that both being essential and necessary at the same locality on the table, and equally convenient for the person to use them, joining the two affords that convenience.

A single receptacle for the spoons is shown, but one or more may be added, if preferred, or other articles substituted for the spoon-holders, or either of them; for instance, sugar and cream vessels may be both applied with a spoon-holder or without, or either of them may be applied with a spoon-holder, the bell retaining its same relative position.

I am aware that to combine, broadly, a spoon-holder or other article and bell is not new, and therefore make no broad claim to such construction, this invention being limited to the special or relative arrangement of the bell and holder or other article.

In previous constructions the bell has been arranged below, inconveniently out of the way, or above, inconveniently in the way, and in both cases anything but an ornament to the article.

By the arrangement described—that is, arranging them on brackets extending from a post or stand, and side by side—there is a symmetry produced which is not attained in any previous construction, and the bell is brought into position where various kinds of bells may be conveniently applied, whereas previous constructions are limited to a single class of bells.

I claim—

1. The combination of the base and brackets extending therefrom, a bell arranged on one of the brackets and a spoon-holder or other article of table service on the other, substantially as described.
2. The combination of the base and brackets extending therefrom, a bell arranged on one of the brackets and a spoon-holder or other article of table service on the other, with a handle extending up from the base above the bell and holder, substantially as described.
3. The combination of the base, brackets extending therefrom, a bell arranged on one of the brackets, a spoon-holder or other article of table service on the other, and a vase extending upward above the bell and holder, substantially as described.

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