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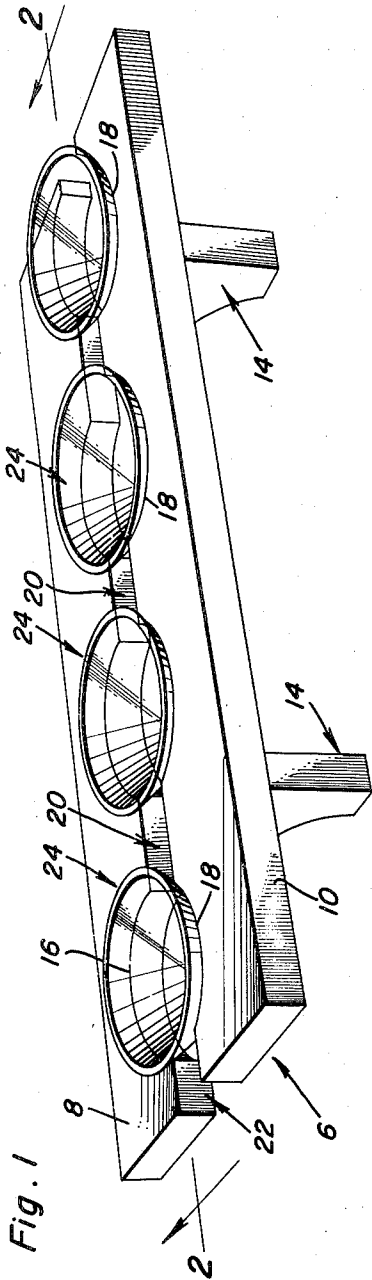


Fig. 2

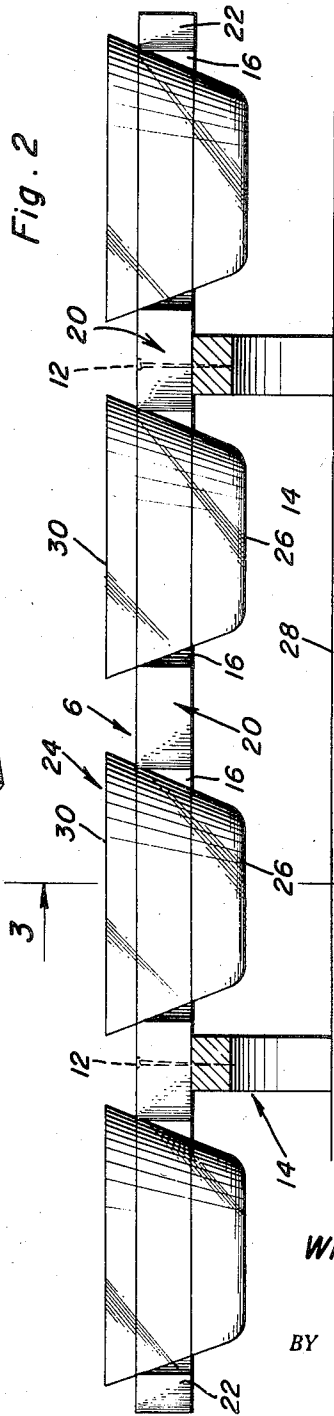
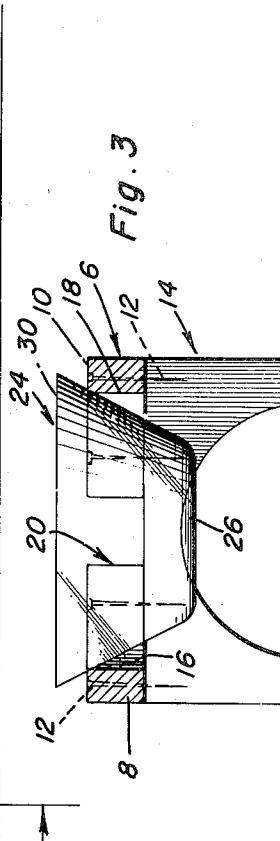


Fig. 3



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This invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in a multiple dish racking, supporting and serving stand susceptible of feasible use when feeding house pets, for example, cats, dogs and the like.

More specifically, the concept has to do with a simple, practical, economical and attractive innovation which takes the form of a so-called "pet bar" which is such in construction that it enables a user to conveniently and systematically rack four, more or less, tapered dishes in keeper holes provided therefor on the platform of the stand, one dish containing drinking water, another milk, a third biscuits or the like, and the fourth meat, whereby to afford the pet selective use of the same.

In carrying out a preferred embodiment of the invention a wooden, plastic or an equivalent lightweight low level stand or rack is provided. This is characterized by a leg supported elongated platform having a plurality of longitudinally spaced dish seating holes adapted to receive and support selectively usable insertable and removable dishes, said holes each being of prescribed and corresponding diameter, and duplicate dishes of tapered form seated removably in their respective holes, the upper mouth portions of said dishes being of a diameter greater than the diameter of said holes so that the upper lip portions project to a level above and overhang the upper surface of said platform, whereby they may be readily placed in position in said holes for use and may be easily lifted and removed from the holes for cleaning and replenishing.

Stated otherwise, the invention pertains to a stand having a pair of leg-blocks, a pair of elongated strip members mounted atop said leg-blocks in coplanar relationship and providing a platform, the inner lengthwise edge portions of said strip members being disposed in spaced parallelism and having opposed pairs of semi-circular notches defining longitudinally spaced seating and retaining holes for insertable and removable dishes, the space between said edge portions defining a continuous slot and the latter opening through the transverse ends of the platform, said slot defining finger clearance and accommodation spaces.

Other objects, features and advantages will become more readily apparent from the following description and the accompanying sheet of illustrative, but not restrictive, drawing.

In the drawing, wherein like numerals are employed to designate like parts throughout the views:

Fig. 1 is a perspective view of a pet serving and feeding stand constructed in accordance with the principles of the invention and showing how it is set up for use;

Fig. 2 is an enlarged view taken centrally on the plane of the line 2—2 of Fig. 1 looking in the direction of the arrows; and

Fig. 3 is a cross-section on the vertical line 3—3 of Fig. 2.

Referring now to the drawing with the aid of reference numerals the platform is sectional and is denoted, as an

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entity, by the numeral 6. As before mentioned this part may be treated either as a platform, tabletop, leg-supported shelf or the like. It is here conveniently called a "platform" and it is preferably made up of a pair of duplicate coplanar sections called strip members and denoted by the numerals 8 and 10. These are fastened by nails or the like 12 atop the bridge portion of the transverse longitudinally spaced leg-blocks 14 providing a low level stand. The strip members have their adjacent longitudinal edge portions disposed in spaced apart parallelism. This defines a running slot which opens through the transverse ends of the platform. Oppositely disposed pairs of semi-circular or equivalent notches 16 and 18 respectively are cut out or otherwise formed in the edge portions. The notches open toward or face each other and define substantially circular keeper holes or pockets. The respective keeper holes are longitudinally spaced apart and therefore the intervening portion 20 and end portions of the slot 22 provide clearance spaces which expedite the step of inserting and removing the food containing dishes or equivalent receptacles 24. It will be noted that each receptacle is tapered in form and when placed in its pocket or keeper hole the bottom portion 26 drops to a plane below the underneath side of the platform. There is sufficient clearance between the floor or other surface 28 and the bottom 26 to facilitate pushing the dishes up and out if they jam too tightly in place. The lip 30 at the upper mouth portion of each dish overhangs the adjacent surfaces of the platform and sufficient "overhang" here enables one to catch hold of the dish with his fingers to either insert or lift and remove the same. The dishes are spaced apart as are the keeper holes and therefore the intervening slot spaces 20 afford additional "room space" for the fingers. It is therefore quite possible to straddle the dish with the thumb and second finger for example and to insert and remove the dish with facility. Consequently the dishes may be systematically and expeditiously racked in place and when in position they are held with sufficient certainty that they are not ordinarily displaced by the animal using the same.

The foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described and accordingly, all suitable modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention as claimed.

What is claimed as new is as follows:

1. A portable-type pet feeder comprising a low-lying miniature bar-like stand embodying a leg-supported elongated platform having a flat top surface disposed on a low plane suitable for use by dogs of average size and provided at longitudinally spaced places with dish-seating holes for reception of dishes, selectively usable, readily insertable and removable dishes, each hole being of a prescribed diameter corresponding to the diameter of each other hole, said dishes being of tapered construction and seated removably in the respective seating holes, each dish having an upwardly disposed mouth portion which is of a diameter greater than the diameter of the hole in which said dish is seated and so that the upper lip portion embodied in said mouth portion projects to a level above and overhangs the flat top surface of said platform, whereby said dish may be readily placed in position in its given hole for use or may be easily lifted and removed from the hole for cleaning and replenishing needs, said platform comprising a pair of fixed coplanar elongated strip members having inner longitudinal edge portions, said edge portions being disposed in fixed spaced apart parallelism and the respective edge portions provid-

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ing a continuous open-ended slot and having substantially semi-circular notches formed therein and spaced longitudinally apart, the notches in the respective edge portions being spacedly arranged so that they are cooperable in prearranged pairs, each pair of notches, with their open portions facing each other, defining and providing the aforementioned dish-seating holes, constantly accessible portions of said slot intervening between the respective spaced-apart holes.

2. For use in serving food to cats, dogs and similar pets; a miniature bar-type low-level dish racking and supporting stand comprising a pair of longitudinally spaced leg-blocks of relatively low height, a pair of elongated strip members mounted atop said leg-blocks in constant coplanar fixed relationship and cooperating with each other in providing a low-lying stationary platform, said strip members having inner lengthwise edge portions spaced apart a constant and pre-requisite unchanging dis-

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tance and having opposed pairs of substantially semi-circular notches cooperating in properly paired relation and defining longitudinally spaced seating and retaining holes of fixed size for insertable and removable dishes, said spaced apart edge portions also defining a continuous slot opening through the transverse ends of the platform portions, said slot defining finger clearance and accommodation spaces between the respective holes.

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