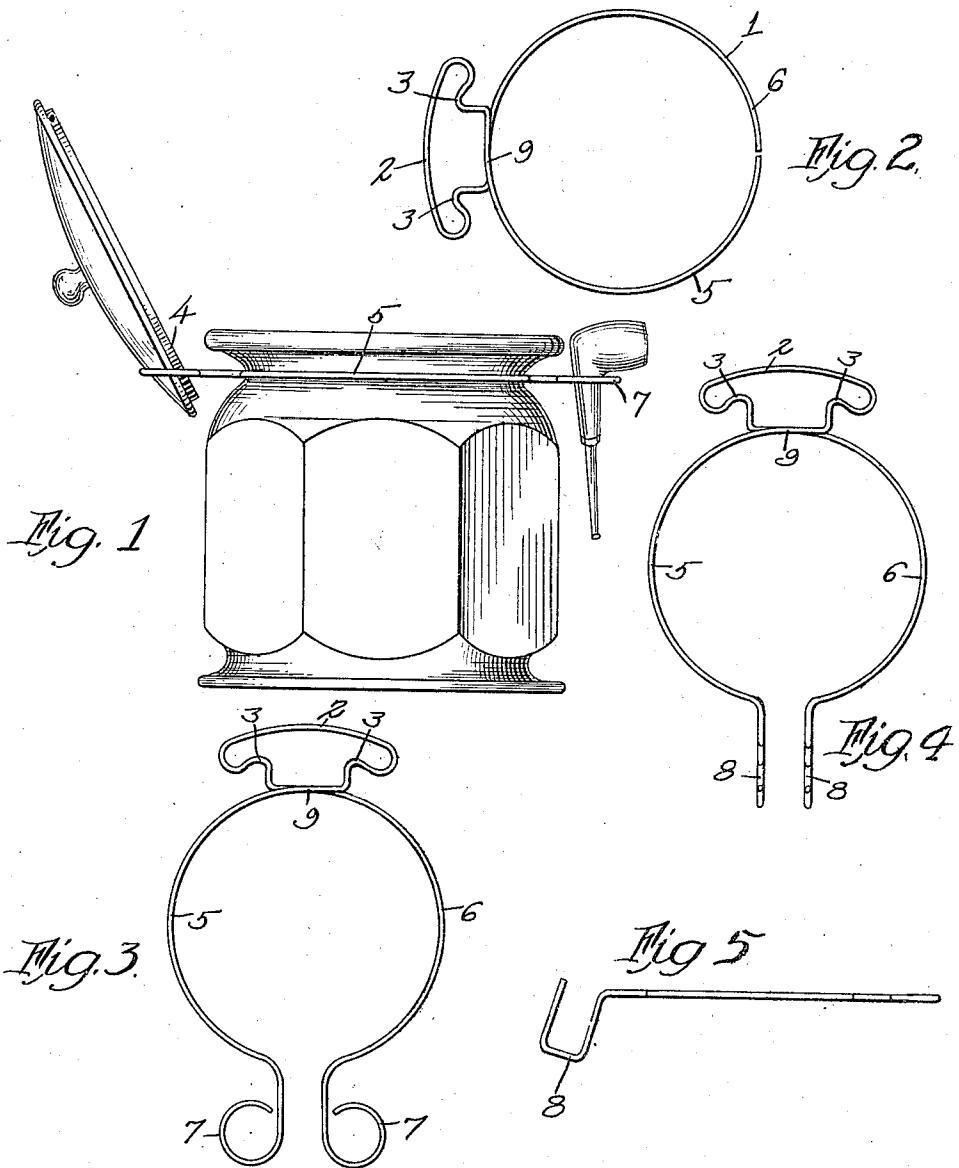


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR J. HOLDSWORTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Detroit, county of Wayne, State of Michigan, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Cover-Holders, and declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification.

This invention relates to cover holders for jars and the like, and its object is a simple and inexpensive device adapted for attachment to the neck of a jar and formed in a manner to receive and hold the cover without liability of accidental displacement and consequent breakage. The principal object of the invention is a device of the character stated formed of spring metal or wire adapted to be secured to a jar by springing the same about the neck of the jar and having a portion so shaped that the cover may be raised from the jar and inserted in the part provided therefor of a shape to securely hold the same from displacement. These and other objects and the several novel features of the invention in its preferred form are hereinafter more fully described and claimed and shown in the accompanying drawings in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a jar provided with a cover holder embodying my invention.

Fig. 2 is a plan view of the holder.

Fig. 3 is a plan view of a holder showing an alternate form of construction.

Fig. 4 is a similar view of another type of construction.

Fig. 5 is a side elevation of the form shown in Fig. 4.

The device is preferably formed of a single piece of spring wire or metal having a portion substantially in the form of a circle as indicated at 1 to engage about the neck of the jar and a portion as indicated at 2 to receive the cover after the manner shown in Fig. 1. The portion 2 is arcuate in form and of sufficient length between the ends thereof to allow the cover to be inserted therein to a depth sufficient to retain the cover in place after the manner illustrated in Fig. 1, and to assist in the retaining of the cover the wire in the cover

holding part and near the ends thereof is bent inwardly from the reentrant portions 3 near opposite ends. These engage about the depending edge 4 of the cover as will be understood from Fig. 1, and assist in preventing displacement of the cover particularly when lying at a slight angle to the vertical, as is shown in Fig. 1, in which position the edge 4 extends beneath the reentrant parts 3 which engage the inner surface of the cover when held therein. In use the cover on the opening of the jar is simply inserted in the holder portion 2 as shown in Fig. 1 and is thus in position to be readily handled for placing over the jar and breakage occurring through placing the covers on shelves or counters as is usual is avoided.

Preferably the portion 1 of the device is made somewhat smaller than the neck of the jar on which it is to be used and in placing the same in position the ring must be expanded and thus tightly and automatically retains itself in position on the jar. It is to be noted that the ends of the wire are positioned opposite the cover holder portion as will be understood from Fig. 2, and that the portion 5 of the cylindrical part extends about the lower part of the circle and is connected with the upper side of the cover holder portion, and that the portion 6 extends about the upper part of the circular portion and connects with the lower part of the holder portion. Thus parts of the circular portion of the holder, as at 9, overlap strengthening the device at the point of support of the cover, and by reason of the shape tends to naturally clamp the cylindrical portion about the neck of the jar with sufficient force to support the weight of the usual covers. With jars of small size it will be readily understood that wire of comparatively small gage may be utilized which is increased as the size of the jar and weight of the cover is increased. With the usual candy jars I have found No. 8 wire to be sufficiently heavy for the purpose.

The cover holder may be used with jars of various characters for various uses as, for instance, tobacco jars as illustrated in Fig. 1, and when so used I prefer to form the ends of the wire in a loop 7 as indicated in Fig. 3 through which the stem of a pipe may be inserted and thus providing a pipe holder, or as indicated in Figs. 4 and 5, either end of the wire may be formed with

a downwardly returned bent portion 8 in opposite relation as will be understood in which may be placed a match box.

Having thus briefly described my invention its utility and mode of operation, what I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States is—

1. A cover holder for jars consisting of a single piece of wire bent to form a slot like part, the inner side of the slot being formed by crossing the wire and being bent to form parts extending inward toward the portion forming the outer side of the slot, the wires being formed forward of the point of crossing in a shape to engage the neck of

a jar and having the terminal end portions shaped to provide a support for an article.

2. A cover holder for jars consisting of a single piece of spring wire bent intermediate its ends to form an arcuate slot, the inner side of the slot being formed with two reentrant parts to engage about the edge of a circular cover when inserted in the slot, said wire ends extending in parallel relation from the said reentrant parts, then being crossed and each bent to form a semi-circular portion for engagement about the neck of the jar.

In testimony whereof, I sign this specification.

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