

the retraction of another socket to enable the writer to make use of separate pens for different inks, without one pen interfering with the other.

FEED-RACK.—JAMES MORRIS, Westchester, Bronx, New York city. This rack is so constructed that it can be easily put up in a stall and taken down and folded for transportation, thus particularly adapting it for racing stables, in which it is desirable that each horse should have his own rack to avoid danger of contagious diseases.

CHAIR-SEAT SUPPORT.—HEZEKIAH MORTON, Thomasville, N. C. The support comprises crossed straps extended under the chair-seat in order diagonally to connect a front leg with a rear leg of the chair.

FRAME FOR BAGS, PURSES, SATCHELS, ETC., LOUIS B. PRAHAR, Brooklyn, New York city. A locking device has been provided by the inventor in which a catch-button has a rocking and guided movement on a member of the frame.

BREAD OR CAKE-PAN.—MARIE VOSSBECK, Trinidad, Colo. The pan is made so that the parts can be quickly and conveniently detached, buttered, and assembled.

CIGAR-WRAPPER.—FRANCISCO E. FONSECA, 22 Fulton Street, Manhattan, New York city. Mr. Fonseca has received a patent for a novel paper cigar wrapper, the ends of which extend beyond the cigar and are twisted to form cords which are wound back upon the cover and secured.

FIRE-EXTINGUISHER.—JOHN BRAUNWALDER, Davenport, Iowa. This fire-extinguisher is of a type in which a container for an extinguishing liquid is designed to be broken so that the liquid can escape.

VIOLIN.—LOUIS H. HALL, Hartford, Conn. The body of the violin consists of a rim or ribs, to which a top and a bottom are secured. The edge-ports of the top and bottom at certain points are under a strain and tend to separate from the ribs.

AMIDOSULFONIC ACID.—JOSEPH TURNER, Huddersfield, York, England. Amidosulfonic acids, according to this invention, are produced from nitro bodies of the phenolic and carboxylic series by the action of sodium bisulfite.

BABY-EXERCISER.—CHARLES E. LATSCHAW, Lincoln, Neb. The exerciser is a "baby-jumper," consisting of a spring-suspended frame of novel construction, in which the baby is supported.

NON-REFILLABLE BOTTLE.—JOSE M. URGELLÉS, 8½ Ríola Street, Havana, Cuba. Two balls are held in a valve-seat arranged to be locked in the neck beneath the cork.

TRUNK-HANDLE.—BERNIE M. WILHITE and FRANK A. HOYT, Gordon, Neb. In the handling of trunks, the pinching of the fingers between the handle and the trunk body is frequently experienced.

TRAP.—THOMAS H. TAYLOR, Luzerne, N. Y. This trap is designed to kill small animals instantly, and to this end the inventor provides a pivoted bait-plate with one end turned up to form a jaw, and a spring frame which, when the trap closes, will spring downward, striking the animal and causing it to be caught between the frame and the jaw of the bait-plate.

Designs.

PLATE.—ARTHUR S. HIGGINS, Manhattan, New York city. The border of the plate is a ribbon of tulips with their leaves. A second and inner border of fancy foliate figures is also employed.

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