

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. Each strap consists of two spaced pieces connected at the ends. Adjusting and supporting bolts extend from the legs through openings in the end connections; and nuts on the inner ends of the bolts abut against the end connections and are prevented from turning by engaging with the members of the straps.

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. The button can be released from a locking stud or studs on any number of members of the frame by a simple rocking movement from one side to another or by an upward movement.

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. When the loaves have been baked the body and bottom of the pan can be removed from engagement with the partitions, which partitions serve to hold the baked loaves apart and yet permit them rapidly to cool.

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. No matter how roughly the cigar may be handled, the wrapper will always maintain its position to protect the cigar. The twisted ends serve as cushions, which prevent the cigar from being damaged. One object of the invention is to enable the manufacturer to print descriptive matter on the wrapper. The invention has been practically applied and seems to fulfill its inventor's expectations. For presentation this cigar is specially adapted. Each cigar may bear the name of both the donor and recipient.

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. The invention seeks to furnish a means for breaking the container, which means are actuated by fire. These means consist of a powder-chamber and a fuse. When the fuse is ignited, the powder will eventually be exploded and the liquid-container shattered.

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-portion of the top and bottom at certain points are under a strain and tend to separate from the ribs. This tension is beneficial in more than one respect. It improves the tone; it opposes the pressure produced by the bridge and strings and, therefore, strengthens the body of the instrument; and it enables the inventor to vary the quality of the tone simply by giving more or less curve to the bottom and top.

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. The products obtained combine with phenols, are slightly soluble in alcohol, insoluble in benzene, form crystallized diozo compounds with nitrous acid and all the sodium salts, and are very soluble in water.

BABY-EXERCISER.—CHARLES E. LATSHAW, Lincoln, Neb. The exerciser is a "baby-jumper," consisting of a spring-suspended frame of novel construction, in which the baby is supported. The elastic support enables the child to use its legs freely in springing or jumping, thus combining the benefits of exercise and amusement without requiring close watching.

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. The larger ball acts as a valve to permit the outflow of liquid, and the smaller acts as a back bearing to follow up and hold the larger ball to its seat.

TRUNK-HANDLE.—BERTNIE 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. To prevent this, the handle above noted is so connected by its ends that when gripped it slides outward in diagonal slots in the securing devices and so as to stand out from the trunk body.

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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