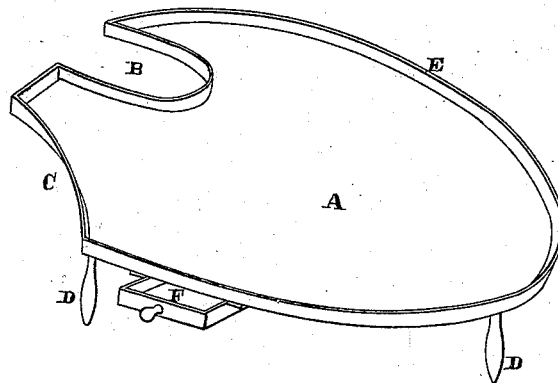


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IMPROVEMENT IN HOTEL-SERVERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES G. TAIT, of Stockton, county of San Joaquin and State of California, have invented a Hotel and Restaurant Server; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description thereof.

My invention relates to a novel device to be employed for carrying dishes and other articles, and it is especially valuable in hotels, restaurants, on steamers, and in private families, or in any place where it is necessary to carry a number of orders at once. I call it a "hotel and restaurant server;" and it consists of a palette-shaped tray, having a slot at one side to fit the arm of the waiter, and legs, one of which serves as a handle by which to hold and steady the server while being carried. The edges of the tray are turned up sufficiently to prevent the dishes from slipping off, and a drawer or receptacle beneath serves to hold knives, forks, spoons, or other articles.

Referring to the accompanying drawing for a more complete explanation of my invention, the figure represents a view of my device.

A is my tray or server, and it is formed in the shape of a palette, having a space, B, cut or otherwise formed at one side, so that the arm of the person carrying it may be inserted, and thus steady the tray. The side C, which comes in contact with the breast, is rounded or curved inward, as shown, so that it will make a comfortable fit, and this will assist in steadying it.

Beneath the tray are the legs D, two upon the sides near the spaces B and C, while the other is situated at the opposite end or front, and serves as a handle to be grasped by the person while carrying it. The edges of the tray are properly formed into a raised rim, E, to prevent the dishes from sliding off. Beneath the tray, and opening toward the inner side, is a drawer, F, which may be made to tilt, or it may slide in and out, as shown, its

object being to contain knives, forks, spoons, or other necessary articles.

The operation will then be as follows: The tray is allowed to stand upon its legs until loaded with the dishes which it is desired to carry, when the arm may be slipped beneath the tray until the hand can grasp the forward leg. The slot B will then encircle the upper arm, and when lifted the curve C will rest against the breast, so as to steady the load and prevent any possibility of tilting or falling. The drawer is convenient for the right hand, and knives, forks, or spoons may be reached as desired.

This apparatus allows the waiter to carry safely a much greater amount of dishes than can be held upon the arm alone; and it will be manifest that it may be made of any suitable or desirable material.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The tray A, having the space B and the front or steadying leg or handle D, whereby the tray may be held upon the fore arm and steadied by the upper arm and the handle, substantially as herein described.

2. A server or tray, A, for waiter's use, consisting of the body, slotted at B, and having the breast-curve C, in combination with the legs D, whereby it may be steadied while being carried or set down to be loaded or discharged, substantially as herein described.

3. The tray A, with its rim E, slot B, curve C, and the legs D, as shown, in combination with the sliding or tilting drawer F, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand.

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