To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, RUDOLPH HUBACHEK, a citizen of Czecho-Slovakia, and a resident of New Brunswick, in the county of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Handle for Dishes, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to holders for receptacles, such as cups, glasses, cooking receptacles and similar dishes. An object of the invention is to provide a simple, economically manufactured, readily applicable handle for articles of the type above mentioned whereby articles which are broken can still be used to prolong their useful life and whereby those which are not ordinarily provided with handles can readily be so provided in order that they may be handled while hot. It is obvious without further discussion how wide a range of articles can be supplied with a handle made in accordance with my invention.

Another object resides in the provision of a handle portion which is so constructed as to cover up those portions of cups, pitchers, etc., from which handles have been broken, so that the substitute handle not only functions as a handle but hides the broken place.

A further object resides in the particular construction and arrangement of parts which are hereinafter described and claimed and shown in the accompanying drawings.

My invention comprises in general a thin strip of spring metal provided at its upper end with a turned-over lip portion adapted to engage the upper edge of the article to which the handle is applied, and, at its lower end with a spring latch portion adapted to be sprung over the lower edge of the article to which the handle is to be applied, so that the strip of metal firmly grips the article between its upper and lower edges. This metal may be provided with a handle portion attached thereto in any one of a variety of ways. The metal strip may also be curved and formed so as to act as a cover along certain parts of the article to which it is applied, for those portions of the article which may be broken or marred in any way.

The invention is shown in the drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a vertical section through one form of handle;

Figure 2 is an elevation of the handle 55 shown in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is a section taken on the line 3—3 of Figure 1;

Figure 4 is a vertical section taken through a modification;

Figure 5 is an elevation of the same;

Figure 6 is a section taken on the line 6—6 of Figure 4.

As shown in the drawings, my invention is applicable to various receptacles, such as cups, glasses, cooking utensils and crockery in general; and as shown in the drawing it is applied to a cup 1. The handle portion comprises a metallic spring plate.

As shown in Figures 1, 2 and 3, a form 70 of handle is illustrated in which the body portion extending along the cup 1 is provided in the form of a curved, hollow body portion 8, somewhat in the form of a cover, which extends from the upper edge of the body portion to the lower edge thereof. This portion is integrally provided with a lip 3 and a latch portion 4, as above mentioned. The body portion 8 in this instance is curved or flared out in the form of a cover so that when applied to the body portion of the cup it may conceal the broken portion, such as 9, of the cup to which the original handle was attached before being broken off. The handle portion 10 at its upper end is riveted or otherwise suitably connected to the body portion adjacent the upper edge thereof, and the lower edge of the handle portion, such as 11, is engaged in a slit 12 in the lower body portion near the lower part thereof.

As shown in Figures 4, 5 and 6, a modification is illustrated as applied to a cup or other similar receptacle, and is provided with a lip portion 3 and a body portion 95 somewhat curved and flared as above mentioned. The body portion 13 is connected to the lip portion 3 and at its lower end is provided with the latch portion 4 above mentioned. A handle portion 14 at 100 its upper end is fastened as at 15 to the body portion in any suitable manner. In this instance the handle portion at its upper end is turned inwardly to form an expandable coil which is pierced with a plurality of apertures 16 any one of which can be engaged by the fastening means 15 so that the handle portion at this end may be
adjustably connected to the body portion to vary the length thereof. The lower end of the handle portion is provided with an auxiliary lip portion 17 which extends over the lower edge 4' of the cup.

It will be observed from a consideration of the above description that the handle attachment which forms my invention may be applied to a large variety of articles for the purpose of providing simple, strong and readily applicable handle portions thereto. These handle portions may be made of sheet metal which can be stamped out in the desired form very readily and can be so formed, as above described, as to achieve a large variety of purposes. This handle is particularly useful in places where large numbers of cups and crockery receptacles are used, since when the ordinary handles of these articles become broken, my handle can be readily applied and save the great expense annually involved in replacing dishware of all sorts caused by breakage. The handle, by covering the broken portion of the receptacle, presents the article with a substitute handle as a neat device which is not offensive. These handles, also, by being applicable to any receptacle whether or not handles have heretofore been applied thereto, permit hot receptacles of all kinds and sizes to be handled very readily and in a sanitary manner.

What I claim is:

1. A handle attachment for dishware or crockery from which handles have been broken, which comprises a resilient sheet-metal plate adapted to be disposed along the side surface of the article, said plate having a portion arched longitudinally and transversely intermediate its ends to form a cover over the broken part to conceal same and form a protection for the hand of the user, a lip portion at the upper end of the plate to engage the upper edge of the article, a spring latch portion at the lower end of the plate, and a bent hand grip member attached to the upper portion of the plate and extending downwardly spaced from the arched portion of the plate.

2. A handle attachment for dishware or crockery from which handles have been broken which comprises a resilient sheet-metal plate adapted to be disposed along the side surface of the article, said plate having a transversely outwardly arched portion to cover and conceal the broken part, the legs of the arch flared outwardly, said arched portion also providing a protector for the hand of the user, a turned-over lip portion at the upper edge of the plate to engage the upper part of the article, a spring latch portion to be sprung over the lower end of the articles, and a hand grip member attached to the plate and extending over and beyond the arched portion.

3. A handle attachment for dishware or crockery, comprising a sheet metal plate adapted to be disposed along the side surface of the article, a lip portion at the upper end of the plate to engage the upper edge of the article, a spring latch portion at the lower end of the plate, a bent hand grip member comprising an expansible coil at its upper end adapted to be adjustably secured to the aforesaid plate adjacent its upper end and adapted to be removably held to the article at its lower end, and means carried by the plate for holding said coil in its various adjustments.

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