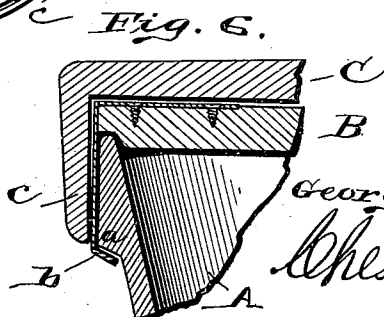
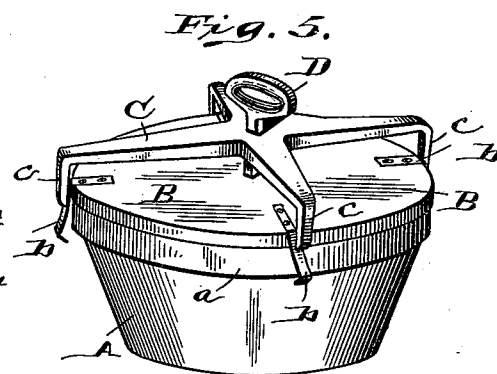
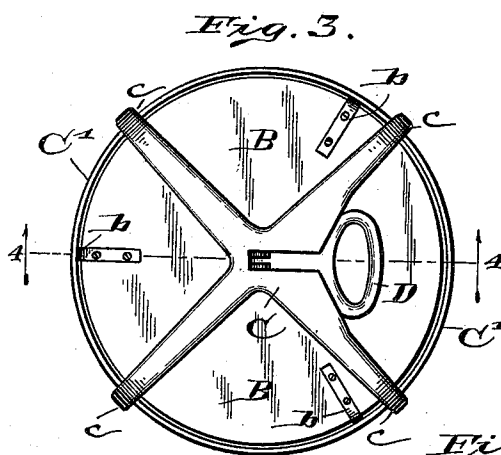
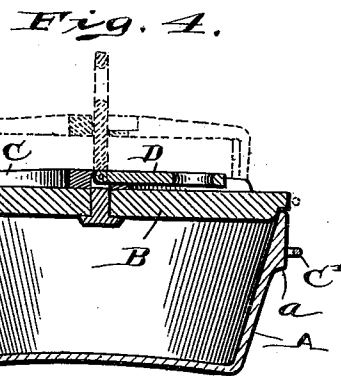
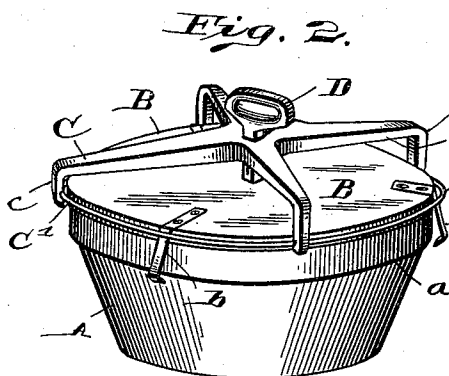
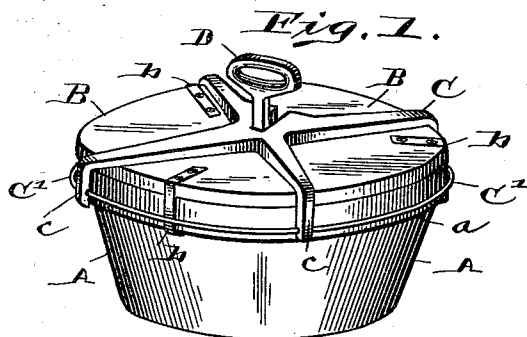


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE B. QUIGLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Braddock, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Covers for Jars, Crocks, &c., of which the following is a specification.

The object of my said invention is to provide a combined cover and handle for crocks, jars, and such like vessels, whereby when the cover and its fastening devices are in place the whole structure may be carried by means of the handle, and which by easy manipulation may be changed so that the cover may be removed.

A structure embodying my said invention will be first fully described, and the novel features thereof then pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, which are made a part hereof, and on which similar letters of reference indicate similar parts, Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ordinary shallow earthenware jar or pan provided with a cover and fastening devices embodying my said invention with said devices in their closed-in or fastened position; Fig. 2, a similar view with the fastening devices raised and the cover ready to be removed; Fig. 3, a top or plan view with the parts in the position shown in Fig. 1; Fig. 4, a central sectional view on the dotted line 4 4 in Fig. 3; Fig. 5, a perspective view similar to Fig. 2, illustrating an alternative construction; and Fig. 6 a fragmentary view showing the construction illustrated in Fig. 5, but otherwise similar to a portion of Fig. 4.

In said drawings the portions marked A represent the vessel to which my invention is to be applied; B, the cover; C, a clamping-spider or fastening device, and D the handle.

The vessel A may be any ordinary vessel having an offset ring, rim, or projection of any kind, as at *a*—such as a crock, jar, or other earthenware vessel. That illustrated is a comparatively shallow vessel, being an earthen crock or pan.

The cover B in itself is a plain cover adapted to fit over the top of the vessel A and may be of any suitable material—such as wood. It carries on its outer edges spring-catches *b*, which are adapted to extend down alongside

the vessel to below the offset or rim or depression thereon and when forced inwardly by any means to engage with said rim or offset, so that said cover and the vessel are thereby connected together, whereby when the cover is lifted by means of the handle the vessel will also be lifted. The engaged position is illustrated in Figs. 1, 4, and 6 and the disengaged position particularly by Figs. 2 and 5. These catches are preferably formed of spring metal, and so formed that they will normally stand in disengaged position until forced in by the clamping or fastening device C.

The clamping or fastening device C has several arms, (four are shown,) and may have as many or as few as may be desired. The ends *c* of these arms extend down vertically, and in the form shown in Figs. 1 to 4, inclusive, carry a ring *C'* thereon, which comes in contact with the spring-catches *b* on the cover B and force them into engagement with the rim or offset *a* on the vessel A. In the form shown in Figs. 5 and 6 the spring-catches *b* and spider-arm ends *c* are arranged to register, so that the ring *C'* is dispensed with. The handle D is secured to the cover B centrally and passes also up through the center of the fastening device C. As shown most plainly in Figs. 4 and 5, a recess is cut in one side of the middle part of said spider, and said handle is hinged to fold down into said recess, so that when folded said handle forms also a lock for said fastening device.

This whole device is very simple and forms a very convenient means whereby vessels of the character indicated can be handled and carried and their covers removed and securely attached at pleasure. The handle normally serves to prevent the clamping or fastening device from being entirely removed, as clearly shown.

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

1. The combination, with a vessel, as A, having an offset or rim *a*, of a cover B having catches *b* attached to its edge, a spider-like clamping or fastening device C adapted to operate said catches, and a handle secured to the cover and forming a guide for said fastening device.

2. The combination of a vessel A, a cover B having catches thereon, a clamping or fastening device C, and a handle D secured to said cover and passing through an opening 5 in the center of said clamping device, whereby the latter is guided or held in place, substantially as shown and described.

3. The combination of a vessel, a cover thereto, catches on said cover adapted to engage with said vessel, a clamping device C 10 adapted to operate said catches, a hinged handle D secured to said cover and passing

through an opening therein, and adapted to be folded and thus lock said clamping or fastening device, substantially as shown and described. 15

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, at Braddock, Pennsylvania, this 21st day of March, A. D. 1895.

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