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Fig. 1. Fig. 2.

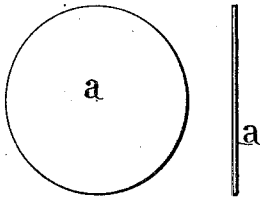


Fig. 3.

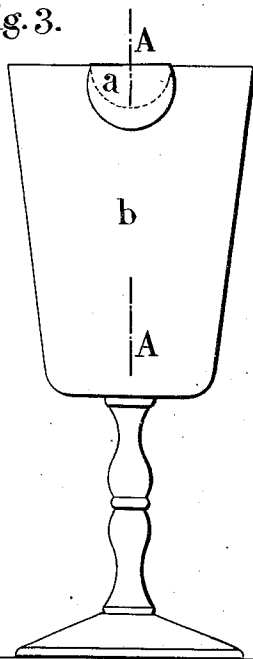


Fig. 4.

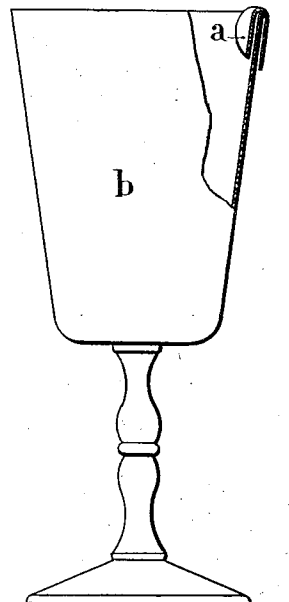
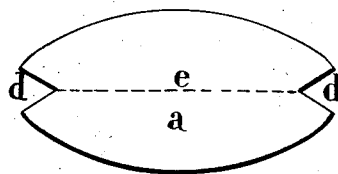


Fig. 5.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEON JANCEY, of 35 Rue des Martyrs, in the city of Paris, Republic of France, gentleman, have invented a Labial Protecting Means for Drinking Glasses, Bowls, Cups, Spoons, and the Like, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The contact of the lips with the edge of drinking glasses, bowls, cups, spoons and the like, causes the propagation of many diseases when these containers have not been cleaned. Even when a glass looks as if it were clean, in virtue of its brightness and transparency, it can be contaminated by the cloths used for cleaning the same. It is useless to insist upon the disadvantages and dangers thus resulting from the use in public places of glasses used daily and successively by a great number of people without the possibility of always rinsing and cleaning them in a sufficient manner and also of asepticizing them.

This invention relates to a device which can be applied to all drinking glasses, cups, bowls, and the like and which is adapted to prevent the lips from coming in contact with the edge of these receptacles. This labial insulating or protecting means is substantially constituted by a part of varying shape riding upon the edge of the glass and holding itself on the same, either in virtue of the nature of the substance composing it or in virtue of its shape or its arrangement.

In the accompanying drawing: Figure 1 shows a front view and Fig. 2 side view of the insulating or protecting means. Fig. 3 shows in elevation a glass provided with this insulating or protecting means. Fig. 4 is a section made according to line A A of Fig. 3, and Fig. 5 shows a modified form of the protecting means.

As shown in Figs. 1 to 4, the labial insulating or protecting means is essentially constituted by a simple disk *a* of varying shape, and made of a suitable material such as, for example, a sheet of tin or other sufficiently

ductile metal or substance. This disk *a* is placed so as to override the edge of the glass *b* in folding it, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4 and keeps its position in virtue of the malleability and the flexibility of the substance composing the same.

In order to facilitate the application of the disk *a* upon the glass, this disk can be provided on its periphery with radial notches which are more or less deep. The drinker when using the glass brings it to his lips at the place protected by the insulating device *a* and thus prevents every contact with the edge of this glass; consequently when the insulating device is clean and conveniently asepticized, the serious disadvantages above mentioned are avoided.

The insulating or protecting means will preferably be sold, packed, either separately or in groups, in wrappers preserving them from any contamination till they are used.

The forms of the disk composing the labial insulating or protecting means and the material used for making the same can of course vary without departing from the principle of the invention. For example, as shown in Fig. 5, this disk could be of oval shape and provided with notches *d* or with a stamped or dotted line *e* facilitating its folding or application.

Claim:

A labial insulating or protecting means adapted to be applied on the edge of drinking glasses, cups, bowls, spoons and the like, said means comprising a sheet of ductile material having a substantially continuous outline, and provided in its edge at opposite points with notches for the purpose set forth.

The foregoing specification of my "labial protecting means for drinking glasses, bowls, cups, spoons and the like" signed by me this 29th day of September 1908.

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