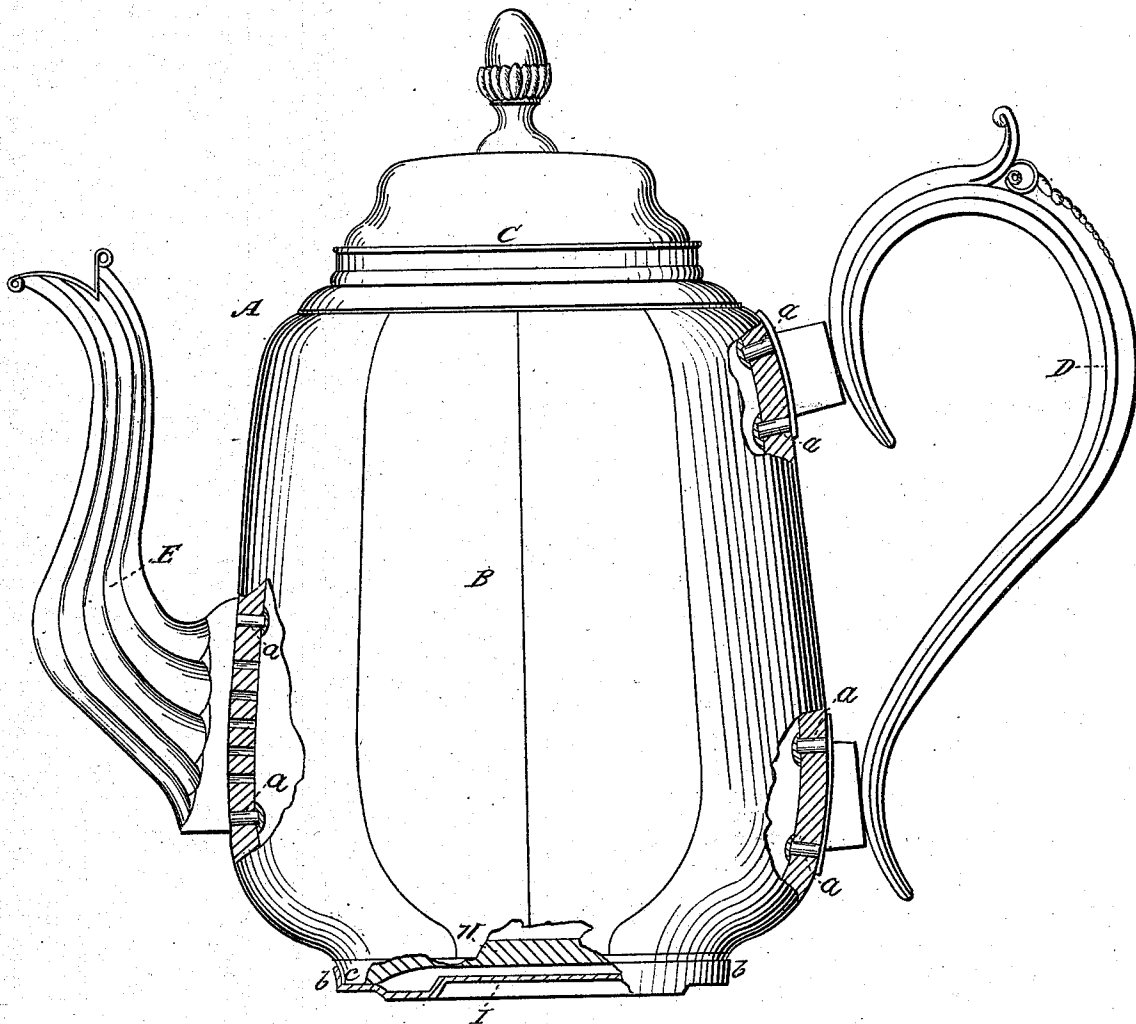


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IMPROVEMENT IN EARTHEN TEA-POTS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all persons to whom these presents shall come :

Be it known that I, THOMAS SMITH, Jr., of Boston, county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Earthen Tea-Pots; and that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing.

The present invention relates to the so-called earthen tea-pot; and

It consists—

First, of a tea-pot constructed with a Britannia, or other metal, spout and handle, or either, in combination with an earthen or clay body.

Second, of a tea-pot having an earthen or clay body, constructed with a metallic plate applied to the outside of the earthen bottom.

In the accompanying drawing my improvements in tea-pots are illustrated, the figure being a side view of an earthen tea-pot constructed according to both parts thereof, the tea-pot being in vertical section at points, suitable to illustrate one mode of securing the metallic spout and handles to the earthen body.

A in the drawing represents a tea-pot, of which

B, is the body;

C, the top and lid;

D, the handle; and

E, the spout.

The body B is made of clay, in any suitable mode now practiced in the manufacture of earthenware, and to it, at suitable points, are applied the handle D and the spout E, in the present case both made of Britannia, but can be made of other metal.

The handle D and spout E are each provided with studs or pins, *a*, of suitable length to pass through the thickness of the earthen body, and project beyond and within the same, so as to be susceptible of being headed by the application of solder, or by upsetting or otherwise, producing thereby, together with the use of any suitable plaster or other cement, a tight joint and connection between the body B and spout E and handle D, as is obvious.

The metallic top C, having the lid, is applied to the body B in a similar manner to that described for the handle and spout.

H, the earthen bottom of the body B, and
I, a metallic plate.

This plate I is applied to outside of the bottom H, and is there secured, with plaster or other cement, by its flange *b*, around the edge *c* of the earthen bottom.

A tea-pot, constructed as above described, combines in itself, in addition to the advantages of an earthen pot for the steeping of tea, the advantages of durability, from the fact that those parts of the pot heretofore subject to breakage without extra care was taken in handling the pot, are, in this invention, made of metal, and thus beyond accidental breakage; and also the still further advantage of increased durability, by the metallic bottom to the body of the tea-pot, from the security obtained against the cracking of the body of the pot by heat.

It is not intended to limit the invention to any particular means of attachment between the earthen body and metallic handle, spout, and bottom-plate.

Having thus described my improvements in earthen tea-pots,

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A tea-pot, constructed of an earthen body, with a spout or handle, or both, made of metal, and suitably applied to the earthen body, substantially as and for the purpose described.

2. The combination of a metallic bottom plate with an earthen tea-pot, substantially as described, for the purpose specified.

The above specification of my improvements in earthen tea-pots signed by me this 17th day of August, A. D. 1870.

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