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Fig. 1.

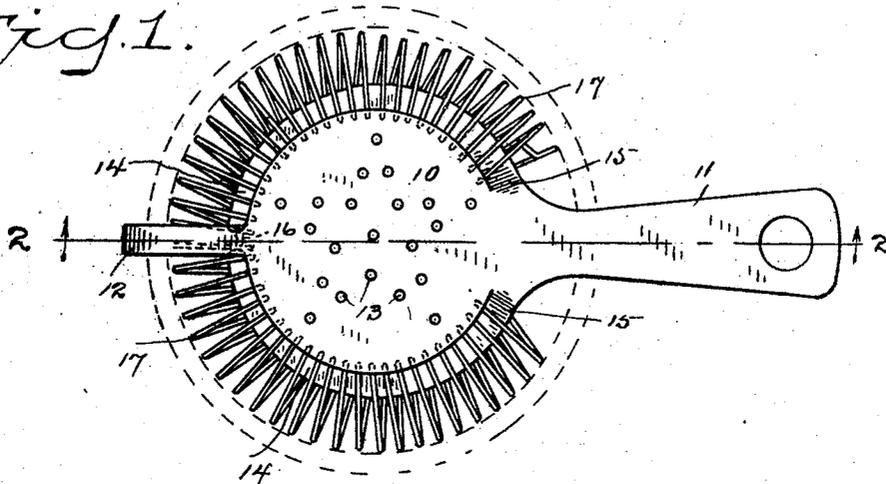


Fig. 2.

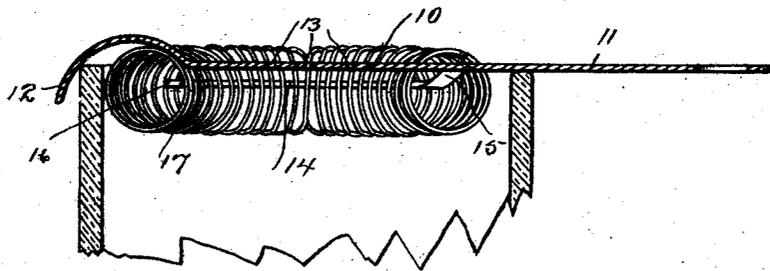
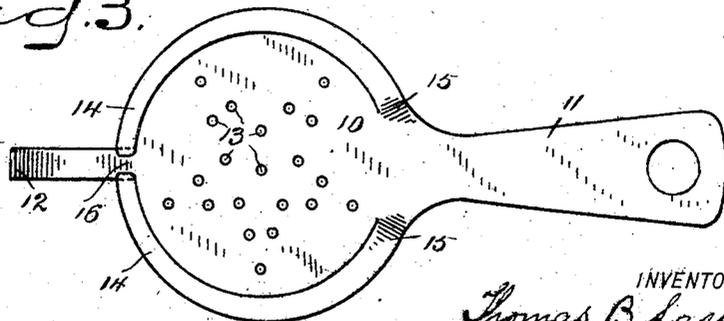


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS B. LASHAR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bridgeport, county of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Julep-Strainer, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to strainers for mixed drinks—as juleps, cocktails, punches, &c.—and has for its object to provide an implement of this character which shall consist of two parts only, which may be readily separated for the purpose of cleaning and as readily put together again, in which the danger of breakage or getting out of repair is practically eliminated, and in which the cost of construction is reduced to the minimum.

With these and other objects in view the invention consists in the construction and combination of parts which I will now describe and then specifically point out in the claims hereunto appended.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a plan view of my novel strainer as in use, the edges of a glass being indicated by dotted lines; Fig. 2, a longitudinal section on the line 2 2 in Fig. 1, showing a glass also in section; and Fig. 3 is a plan view of the plate detached.

10 denotes a plate adapted to pass freely within a glass. The plate is made approximately round, is provided on one side with a handle 11, and is preferably provided opposite to the handle with an upwardly-curved lip or hook 12, adapted to engage the top of a glass, as in Fig. 2, to prevent the strainer from passing down into the glass. The plate may or may not be provided with perforations 13, as preferred.

14 denotes semicircular arms formed from the metal of the plate and offset laterally therefrom. These arms are left attached to the plate at the handle end, as at 15, and correspond approximately in configuration with the edge of the plate, leaving an opening 16 between their forward ends.

17 denotes a coil of wire which is detachably secured to the plate by means of the arms. In assembling, the coil is passed entirely upon one of the arms. Then the outer end of the coil is placed over the other arm and the coil released and permitted to spring to place, as in the drawings. In use the coil is securely retained in place by the arms. It

may be instantly removed, however, by pressing it entirely upon one of the arms, then moving the outer end of the coil out of alignment with the end of the arm from which it has been removed, after which the coil will readily slip off from the other arm.

I find the lip exceedingly useful in practice, as it prevents the strainer from slipping down into the glass and lightly clamps the edge of the glass between itself and the coil, steadying the strainer, as clearly shown in the drawings.

In use the strainer is passed within the top of the glass, the lip engaging the edge thereof and the coil contracting more or less, as may be required to adapt the strainer to different sizes of glasses. In practice the plate and coil together are made large enough to fit the largest size of glasses in ordinary use. In smaller-sized glasses the coil will compress inward and pass partially under the plate.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A strainer consisting solely of two parts, said parts comprising a plate having semicircular arms formed from the metal thereof, and with an opening between their free ends, and a coil of wire detachably secured to the plate by means of the arms.

2. The plate 10 having a handle and semicircular arms integral therewith the arms being offset laterally from the plate and their free ends being separated by an opening.

3. The plate 10 having a handle and having also semicircular arms integral therewith and offset laterally therefrom, the free ends of said arms being separated by an opening, and a curved lip adapted to engage the edge of a glass.

4. A strainer of the character described, comprising a plate having a handle projecting from one edge, and having two semicircular arms of substantially equal length said arms being integral with the plate and separated by an opening at their free ends opposite the handle, and a curved lip integral with the plate projecting beyond the space or opening between the free ends of the arms.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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