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Device for Holding Glasses

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Fig: 1.

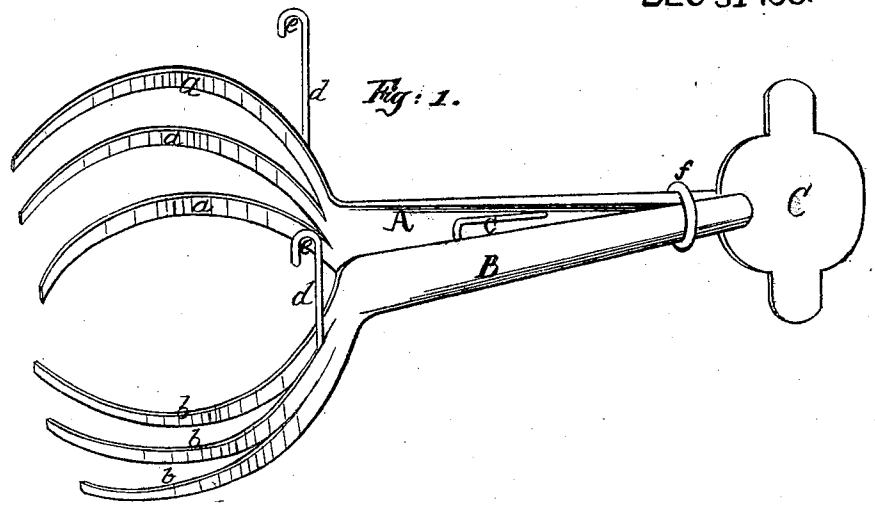
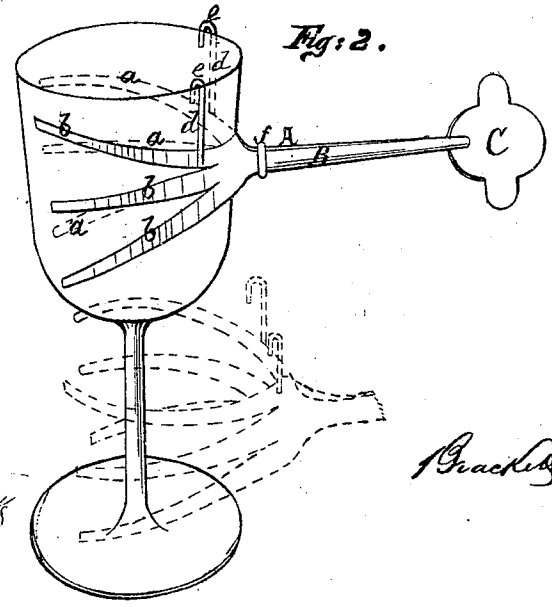


Fig: 2.



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IMPROVED DEVICE FOR HOLDING GLASSES.

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

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, BRACKETT H. BADGER, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Device for Holding Glasses; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and correct description of the same, sufficient to enable others to understand and make it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which make part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my device, and

Figure 2 is a perspective view of the same applied to a glass.

The same letters indicate the same parts in both figures.

In winter-time, when hot drinks are the fashion, such as egg-nogg, punches, &c., the glasses into which they are filled become often so heated that it is painful to hold such a glass in the hand for any length of time; and at parties, where refreshments are handed around, the gloves are frequently stained and spoiled, by the wine or liquors contained in the glasses spilling over on their outside. To prevent these occurrences, I employ my device. It consist of two jaws, A B, held apart by a spring, *e*, connected at one end in a knob or handle, C, and provided at the other ends with semicircular spreading fingers *a a a* and *b b b*. The top fingers *a b* have each a wire, *d*, provided with a hook, *e*, which is intended to hook over the rim towards the inside of the glass. The jaws A B, when pressed towards each other, form a round handle, on which a ring, *f*, slides, to force the fingers *a b* tightly on to the glass. The jaws A B may, however, be constructed in any shape, as long as they together form a rod of any form, and the ring must in that case correspond in shape to the form of the united jaws.

The operation of my device is easily understood. The fingers *a b* are passed around the stem of the glass, as shown in red lines in fig. 2, are then elevated until they assume the position shown in black in fig. 2, the hooks *e* seizing the rim of the glass, and the ring *f* is then slid close to the glass, by means of which the fingers are pressed towards each other, and securely hold the glass. As the glass is emptied and turned upside down, it will rest on its rim in the hook *e*, which prevents its slipping from between the fingers *a b*.

The advantages of my device are too apparent to need much description. It can be constructed of any cheap metal, struck out and up at a trifling cost, and the knob C may be made of wood or any other suitable material, in any shape or form, so as to give the whole device a neat and pleasing appearance.

I do not confine myself to the precise form or number of the fingers shown in the accompanying drawings, nor to the exact shape of the handle, but the fingers *a* and *b* must always be separate, that is to say, must not be connected at their outward ends so as to form circles, as in that case the glass would be apt to crack, which is not possible now, as the fingers give, on account of their elasticity, when the glass expands with the heat.

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

The device for holding glasses, consisting of the jaws A B, knob C, ring *f*, fingers *a b*, spring *e*, wires *d*, provided with hooks *e*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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