

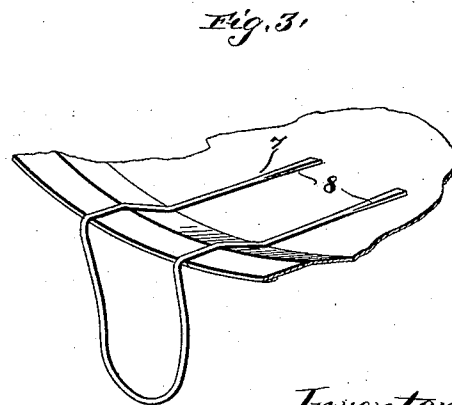
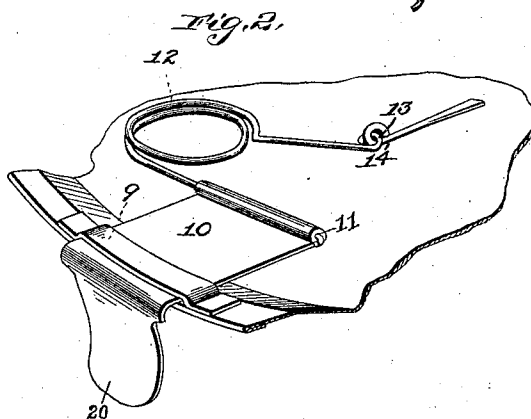
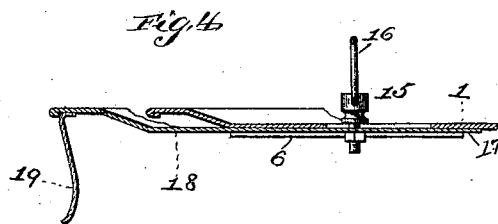
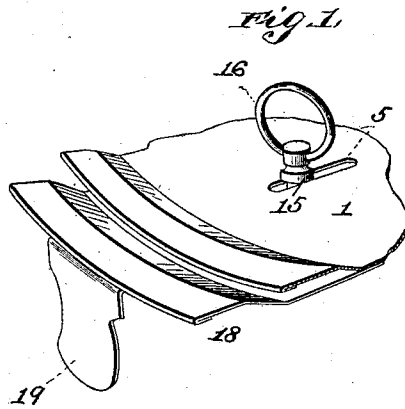
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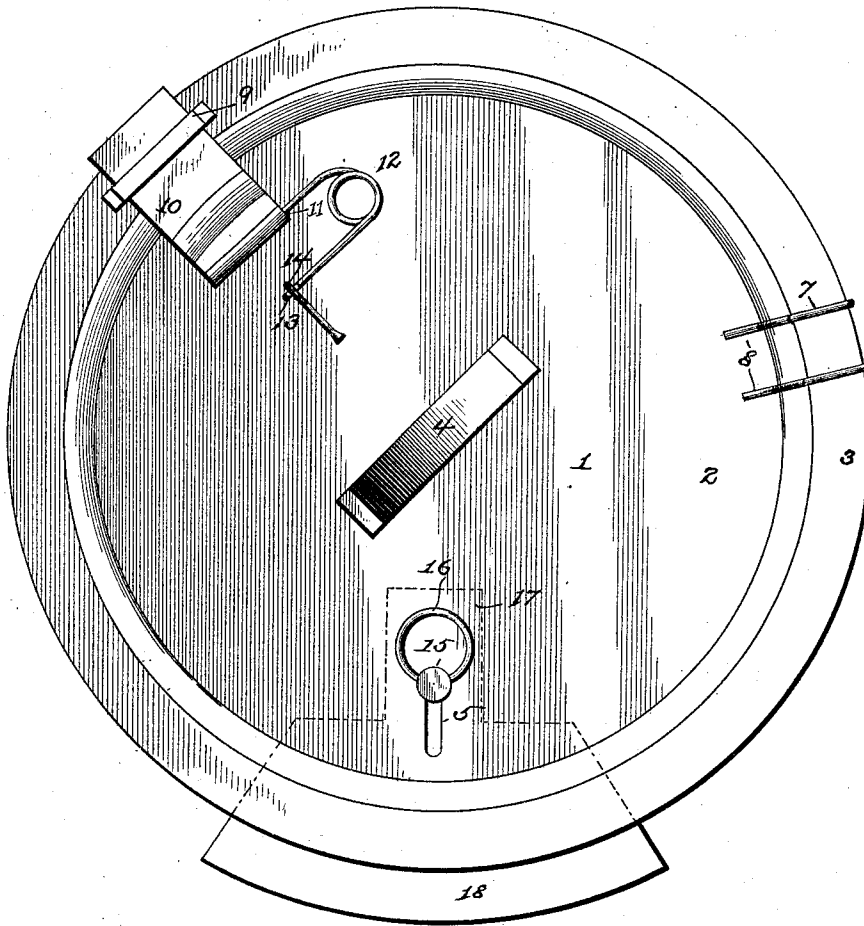
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STOVE-KETTLE COVER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MARY I. REESE and ABRAM L. REESE, citizens of the United States, residing at Chase, in the county of Rice and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stove-Kettle Covers, of which the following is a specification.

Our invention relates to improvements in kettle-covers, the objects in view being to provide a kettle-cover so constructed as to be adjustable and capable of fitting the mouth of any ordinary-sized kettle or other cooking utensil, whereby the requirement of a cover for each utensil is avoided, to so construct the said kettle-cover as to adapt it to snap over and retain its seat upon the kettle during the act of draining off the liquid contents of the kettle, and, furthermore, when once adjusted or set for special size of kettle retain its adjusted proportions.

With these general objects in view the invention consists in certain features of construction hereinafter specified, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Referring to the drawings, Figures 1, 2, and 3 are details in perspective of the fastening devices with which the cover is provided. Fig. 4 is a sectional view through a portion of the cover and the adjustable clamp. Fig. 5 is a plan of the cover.

Like numerals indicate like parts in all the figures of the drawings.

1 designates an ordinary circular kettle-cover of a size adapted to fit a kettle or other similar utensil of ordinary diameter, said cover, in this instance, being provided with the usual central depression 2, surrounded by the elevated flange 3. The depressed center of the cover has the usual handle 4, and near the flange 3 is provided with a radial slot 5, at each side of which and upon the under side of the cover are located ways or flanges 6.

7 designates a U-shaped and right-angularly-bent and preferably wire clip, whose terminals are soldered or otherwise secured at 8 to the upper side of the depressed portion 2 of the cover, said clip extending outward and depending from the flange 3 of said cover, whereby it is adapted to embrace the exterior of a kettle or other similar cooking utensil. A keeper 9 is soldered upon the flange 3 a distance from the clip 7, agreeing with about

one-third the circumference of the cover, and in the same is loosely mounted for reciprocation a sheet-metal right-angularly-bent clamp 10, whose lip or vertical portion 20 depends from the flange of the cover. The inner end of the clamp is bent to form an eye 11, and receives one branch of a spring-wire coil 12, the remaining branch of said coil terminating in a hook 13, which is engaged by an eye 14 and soldered to the kettle-cover. The tendency of this spring is to draw the clamp inward and snugly against the body of the kettle.

In the radial slot 5, heretofore mentioned, a clamping-screw 15, having a ring 16, is adjustably mounted. Between the ways 6, formed at the opposite sides of the slot 5, there is mounted for reciprocation the inner end or tail portion 17 of an adjustable right-angularly-bent extension 18, whose outer end or flange 19 is designed to embrace the exterior of the kettle. This extension is located upon the flange 3, intermediate the clamp 10 and clip 7.

In practice the cover is first placed over the kettle, the clip 7 and clamp 10 being brought against the sides thereof, after which the extension 18 is, through the medium of a set-screw 15, pushed in or drawn out, so as to clamp the side of the kettle. The flanges of the clamp, clip, and extension extend inward slightly, so as to engage under the flaring mouth of the kettle, and hence it will be seen that the cover becomes locked upon the mouth of the kettle and retains its seat during such ordinary operations as a handling of the kettle or a pouring off of its contents. Whenever it is desired to remove the cover, it is simply necessary to draw the clamp 10 outward from the kettle-body against the tension of its spring 12, so that its engagement with the flaring mouth of the cover is broken, and the cover may be readily lifted from its position.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that we have provided a kettle-cover of simple construction, that may be cheaply manufactured and sold, that is adjustable to various sizes of kettles or other utensils usually employed about a kitchen for cooking purposes, and which when in position is secure and not liable to become loose or fall

from its position during a handling of the utensil or a draining off of its contents.

Having described our invention, what we claim is—

5 1. The cover for kettles and other utensils, the same being provided with a spring-actuated clamp for engaging the mouth of the kettle, and at opposite sides thereof with depending projections for engaging the mouth
10 of the kettle, one of said projections being adjustable, substantially as specified.

2. The kettle-cover having a keeper, an L-shaped clamp mounted for sliding in the keeper and terminating at its inner end in an
15 eye, a hook mounted on the cover, a spring-coil the terminals of which engage the hook and the eye of the clamp, and projections depending from the cover at opposite sides of the

clamp and adapted to engage the kettle, substantially as specified. 20

3. The kettle-cover having a radial slot and at opposite sides of the same provided with ways, a right-angularly-bent extension mounted for movement in the ways, an adjusting-screw mounted in the slot and passing through
25 the extension, and kettle-embracing devices located upon the cover depending therefrom and located at opposite sides of the extension, one of said devices being spring-actuated, substantially as specified.

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