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EGG CUP.

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Fig. 1.

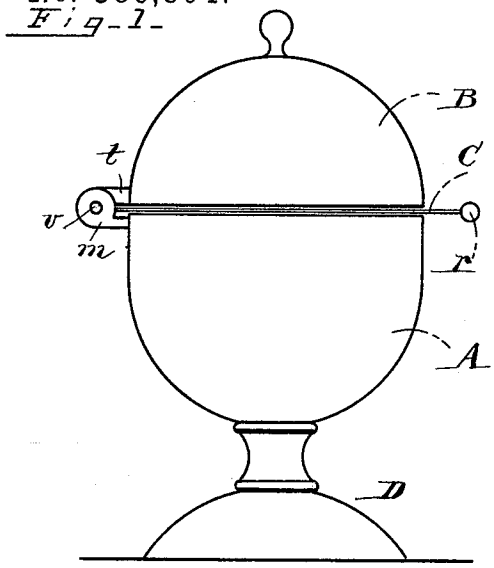


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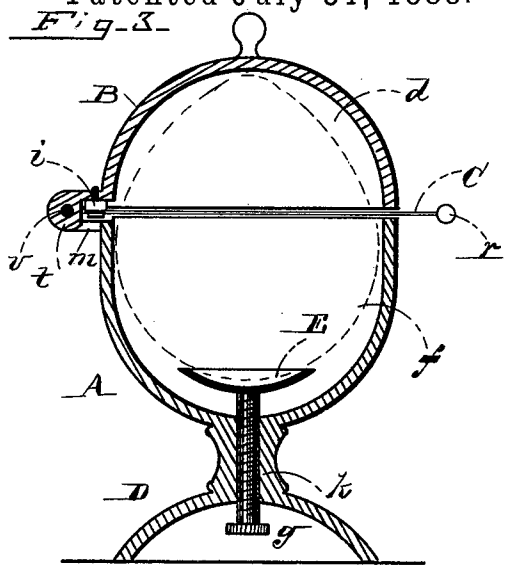
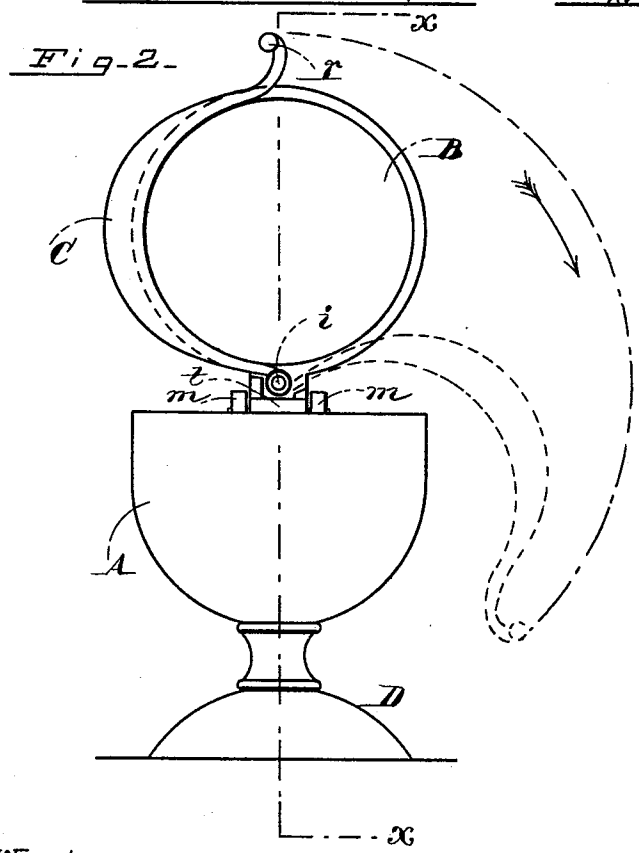


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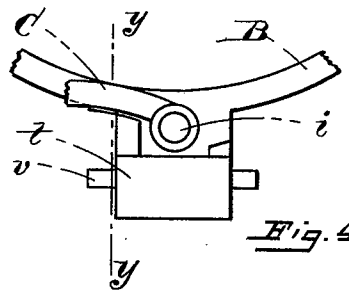


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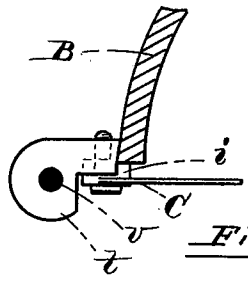


Fig. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES CASEY, of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex, State of Massachusetts, a subject of the Queen of Great Britain, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Egg-Cups, of which the following is a description sufficiently full, clear, and exact to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which said invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved egg-cup represented as closed; Fig. 2, a like view representing it opened; Fig. 3, a vertical section taken on line *x x* in Fig. 2, the cup being represented as closed; and Figs. 4 and 5, enlarged views showing certain details of construction.

Like letters and figures of reference indicate corresponding parts in the different figures of the drawings.

My invention relates to that class of egg-cups which are provided with means for breaking or cutting the egg; and it consists in the novel features hereinafter fully set forth and claimed, the object being to produce a simpler, cheaper, and more effective device of this character than is now in ordinary use.

The nature and operation of the improvement will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters from the following explanation.

In the drawings, A represents the body of the cup, B the cover, and C the knife.

The body is provided with a base, D, and also at one side, near the top, with brackets *m*. The cover B is provided at one side, near the bottom, with a bracket, *t*, the body and cover being hinged together by the pin *v*, which passes transversely through a hole in said brackets.

A crescent-shaped knife provided with a knob, *r*, at its outer end is hinged to the cover B, near the hinge or joint between the body and cover, as shown at *i*.

A lifter, E, having a concave cap, is disposed in the bottom of the body A, said lifter being provided with a screw-threaded stem, *k*, which passes vertically through a correspondingly screw-threaded hole in the bottom of the cup, and is provided at its lower end with a rosette, *g*, beneath the base D, for turning it.

In the use of my improvement, the egg is placed in the body A, with its larger end resting on the cap of the lifter E, and the cover B closed. The stem *k* of the lifter is then turned in until the top of the egg strikes the cover B, after which the knife C is swung horizontally on its pivot *i* until it completely bisects the egg. The cover B is next opened, carrying the upper portion, *d*, of the egg with it, and leaving the lower portion, *f*, resting on the lifter E, after which the knife is swung back into its normal position, thereby enabling both portions of the egg to be eaten from the shell in a manner that will be readily understood by all conversant with such matters without a more explicit description.

It will be understood that the cover and body of the cup are so constructed and hinged together as to leave a narrow space between their meeting edges, through which the knife may be swung in cutting the egg.

The body and its cover may be composed of metal, porcelain, glass, or any other suitable material, the knife being of course composed of metal.

When the body is composed of porcelain, glass, or similar material, a screw-threaded metallic bushing is employed for receiving the screw-threaded stem *k*.

Having thus explained my invention, what I claim is—

A duplex egg-holder consisting of two cups hinged together, one of said cups constituting the body of the holder and the other the cover thereof when the parts are swung together, the lower cup or body being provided with a supporting-base, and the upper cup or cover being recessed on its lower edge and provided with a horizontally-swinging knife pivoted to the leaf of the hinge of said cover and swinging in said recess, the cover being adapted to serve as a receptacle for the upper half of the egg when the holder is opened, and the knife serving to hold the upper half of the egg in the cover during the opening operation, substantially as described.

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