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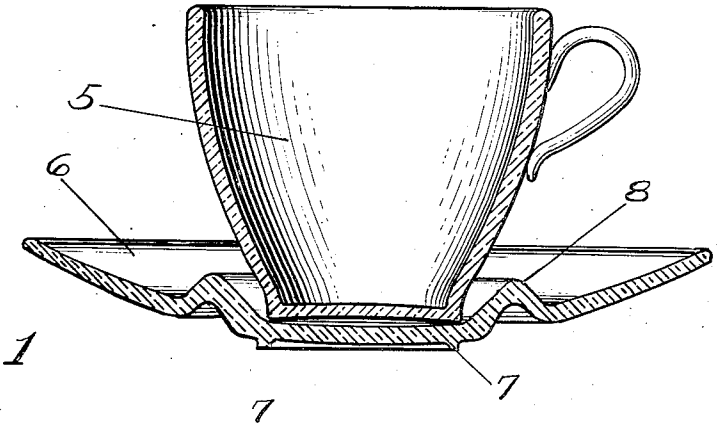


Fig 1

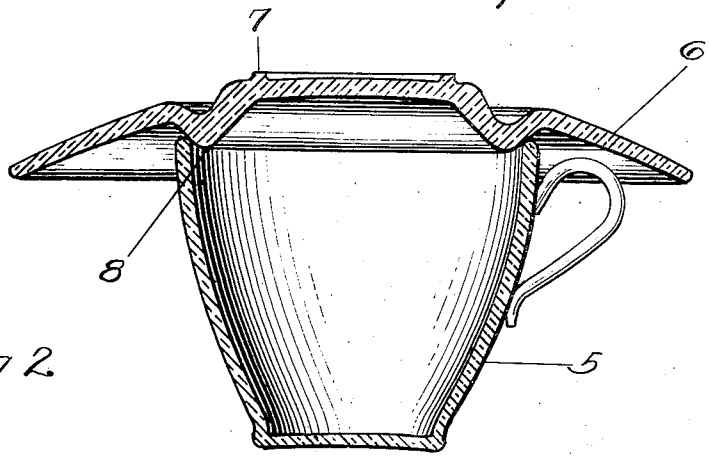


Fig 2.

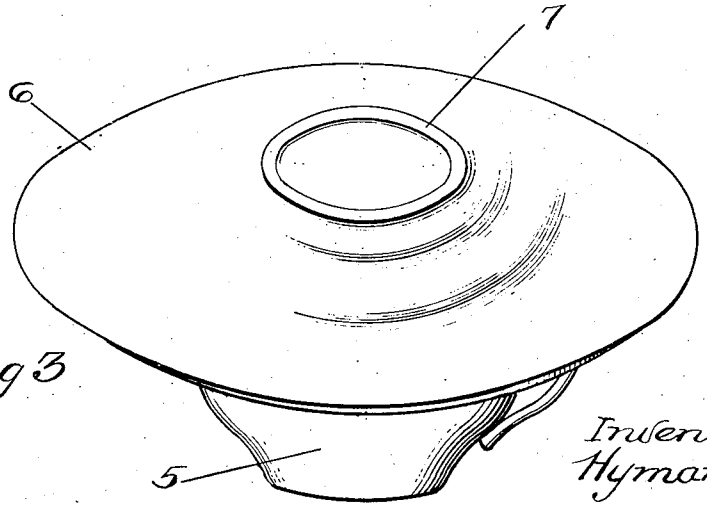


Fig 3

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1 Claim. (Cl. 65—13)

My present invention relates to improvements in saucers for cups. I have had in mind the provision of a closure for a cup by making the saucer of a slightly different form from the usual conventional form of such an article.

The present function or object of saucers used with cups is, besides conforming to a very old convention and the securing of certain decorative features, the catching of such drips as may be spilled from the cup during use.

As will hereafter be seen my improved saucer in no way interferes or limits or impairs the former objects and functions, but will, in addition to the former uses, provide a closure for the cup during serving operations, which will prevent the spilling of the contents of the cup and from the dropping of foreign substances therein, and will also conserve to a substantial extent the temperature conditions of the contents of the cup, whether the same be hot or cold.

A characteristic of saucers for cups is that a great majority, if not all of such saucers, are of a concavo-convex form, which, when normally in use, sets upon the convex surface and receives the cup into the concave surface. Such an ordinary saucer could be overturned upon a cup which would, to any extent, provide a closure but such a closure would be an unstable arrangement unless means were provided to prevent the slipping backwards and forwards of the saucer upon the cup.

I have accomplished the above mentioned objects and results by means of the structure illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which—

Fig. 1 is a central, vertical section through a cup assembled in the normal way with a saucer constructed in accordance with my present invention.

Fig. 2 is a central, vertical section of a cup and saucer embodying my present invention, the saucer being assembled with the cup by inverting the same upon the top of the cup; and

Fig. 3 is a perspective of a cup and saucer, the saucer embodying my present invention and being inverted upon the cup.

Similar reference characters refer to similar parts throughout the respective views.

A cup **5** may be of the shape shown in the drawings or be any of the many shapes such articles at present have. The saucer **6** is the same as a normal saucer in that it is concavo-convex in general section and is provided on its convex side with an annular bead **7** upon which it rests when in use as is normal and usual with saucers for cups.

My saucer differs from the usual and ordinary saucer in being provided upon its concave side with an annular embossment or bead **8** of preferably angular section and of a size to fit into the top of a cup with a slightly wedging action when the saucer is inverted upon the cup, as shown in Fig. 2. The wedge or approximating wedge form of the section of the bead **8** I deem to be desirable, as the drying and baking or burning and cooling operations employed in ceramics result in slight and inescapable differences in the sizes of china cups and the angular form of the bead or embossment **8** is such as to assemble snugly with cups having slight differences in size. I regard the placing of the bead or embossment **8** upon the inside of the saucer as by far more preferable because in the serving operation, after the saucer has been employed in inverted position as shown in Fig. 2, where the inverted surface within the embossment **8** may have been wetted, nevertheless, in completing the service operation the saucer may be taken immediately from the position shown in Fig. 2 and placed upon a table cloth or table and the cup set or placed in the position shown in Fig. 1 without any fear of wetting or soiling either the table cloth or table.

It will be noted that the outline of the bead **8** from both the concave and convex surfaces of the saucer follows an easy curve which will not readily catch soilure and will easily permit washing.

Having described my invention what I claim is new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A saucer for a cup, said saucer having a concavo-convex section and having provided adjacent and beyond the central portion of the concave surface upon which a cup is normally supported means for entering and engaging the top of the cup so as to prevent relative movement when the saucer is inverted and placed on the top of the cup.

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