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## BUTTER DISH.

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Fig. 1

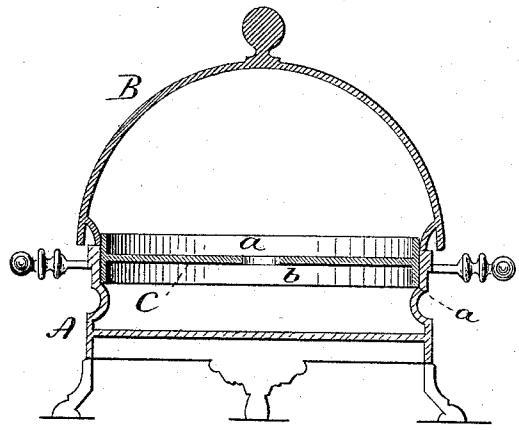



Fig. 2

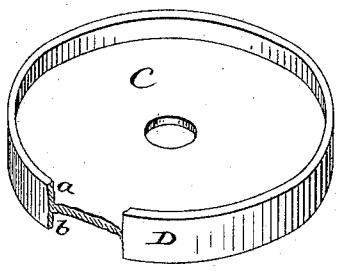



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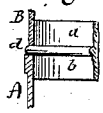
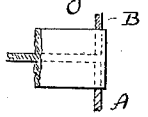



Fig. 4




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## BUTTER-DISH.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, S. WM. BABBITT, of Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Butter-Dishes; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a vertical central section; Fig. 2, a perspective view of the reversible plate, a portion of the cylindrical rim broken away to show the flange upon both sides the plate; Figs. 3 and 4, modifications.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of butter-dishes which are usually made from metal, and in which a disk or plate is arranged within the dish, on which the butter may rest, so that drippings from the ice placed thereon may fall into the dish below the plate, this plate being commonly called a "drainer."

If the plate be made of metal, the cutting of butter on the plate defaces the surface of the plate to a very considerable extent. To avoid the effect of such defacing, the plate has been made from glass or similar vitreous material surrounded by a metal band adapted to set into the body of the dish, the surrounding ring being the same as that of the metal plate, and constructed with an annular shoulder upon its outside to rest upon a corresponding shoulder in the dish. The glass or vitreous plate is expensive, and is not altogether ornamental, and does not have that neat appearance which a metal plate presents if undefaced.

In the use of such dishes for common ordinary family use the defacing of the metal plate does not create a serious objection; but for special occasions the defaced appearance of the plate would be objectionable.

The object of my invention is to construct a metal plate which may be adapted to use for general purposes or upon special occasions, and upon such special occasion present a fresh surface, in contradistinction to the surface defaced by general use; and it consists in a metal disk having an annular rim around its edge, projecting alike upon both surfaces, and so that the plate may be reversed in the dish to present either side of the plate upward, as more fully hereinafter described.

A represents the body of the dish, and B the cover, adapted to set thereon in substantially the usual manner. The body of the dish is constructed with a shoulder, *a*, upon its inside below the upper edge, upon which the plate may rest. C is the plate, which consists of a disk of metal constructed with an annular cylindrical rim, D, and so as to form a flange, *a*, upon one side, and *b* upon the opposite side, of the plate, the two flanges being of substantially the same extent. The diameter of the rim is such that it may enter the body of the dish and rest upon the shoulder *a*, as seen in Fig. 1, and there support the butter which may be placed thereon. Both sides of the plate may be finished alike, or one may be more highly finished than the other. Generally one side is gold-plated and the other silver-plated, to make a strong distinction between the two.

The plate is introduced one side up, and so used. In such use the surface will naturally become defaced, and if upon special occasions a fresh surface be desirable the plate is reversed, to bring the other and undefaced side to the top, and thus the defacing from general use will be hidden and a fresh undefaced surface presented. This construction of plate adds substantially nothing to the cost of the dish, yet the reversibility of the plate gives to it the capacity to be used substantially as two independent dishes.

Instead of making the shoulder upon the inside of the dish for the drainer to rest upon, the drainer may be constructed, as seen in Fig. 3, with an annular rib, *d*, around its edge, to rest upon the upper edge of the dish, the rib also serving as a seat for the cover, and when set together the rib will form an ornamental bead between the cover and the dish; or the plate may set over the outside of the dish, as indicated in Fig. 4, and the cover within it, as also shown in that figure, the rim of the plate forming an ornamental band around the dish. I therefore do not wish to be understood as limiting the invention to any particular support or arrangement of the plate, further than

that it be made with the rim around its edge, and extended so as to form a flange upon both sides of the plate, whereby the plate is made reversible.

I claim—

A butter-dish consisting of a body and a cover, combined with a removable reversible metal plate, the said plate constructed with an annular cylindrical rim around its edge, projecting alike on both sides, the plate adapted to be supported in the dish, substantially as described.

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