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Spoon-Holder.

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Fig. 1.

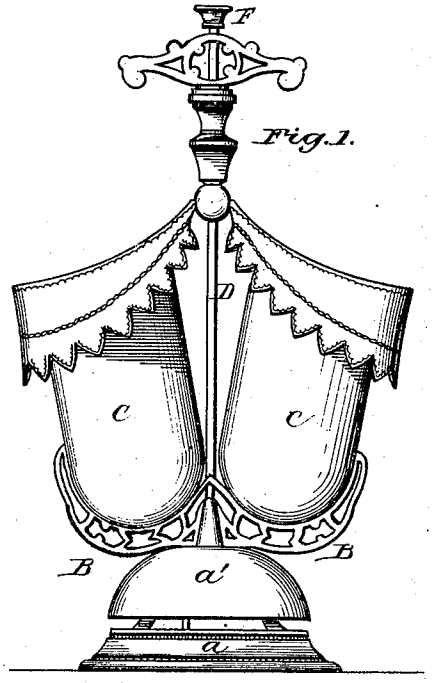
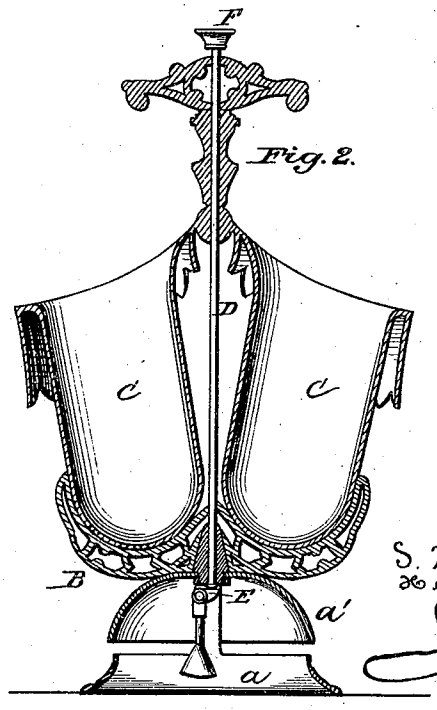


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN SPOON-HOLDERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **169,224**, dated October 26, 1875; application filed August 5, 1875.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, S. WILLIAM BABBITT and HENRY B. BEACH, of West Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spoon-Holder and Call-Bell, of which the following is a specification:

This invention relates to a new and improved ornamental spoon holder or receptacle.

Our invention consists in a circular or other shaped base supporting a bracket, to which are secured two cup-shaped receptacles, united to the handle at the top, substantially as described.

In the drawing, Figure 1 represents an elevation of our improved spoon-holder, and Fig. 2 a sectional view of the same.

The letter A represents the pedestal, which may be of any desired shape or design. In the present instance it consists of an annular base-piece, *a*, supporting a circular gong or call-bell, *a'*. To the top of said base, at its center, is secured, in any convenient manner, a branching bracket, B, each branch of which supports a spoon-receptacle, consisting of an ornamental open vase, C. The two vases are united at their adjoining top edges by means of an ornamental standard extending upward, and forming a handle for the article. D represents a rod or wire extending down through the handle, between the vases, and through the center of the bracket, terminating under the bell in position to operate the end of the lever E, which carries the hammer for striking the bell. The upper end of the rod terminates in an ornamental finger-button, F, for the purpose of operating the same.

The holder or receptacle may be constructed of any suitable material, but is intended principally, however, to be made of silver or plated ware, and the vases may be of any approved design.

In the present instance the vases consist of two cup-shaped vessels, the edges of the two being gradually raised toward each other, and their point of attachment to the upright standard, said edges being represented as folded over, forming a suspended border resembling drapery, which may be variously ornamented.

The vases may be arranged in various positions toward each other, but are preferably set obliquely, as shown, which position will be found most convenient for the ready insertion and removal of the spoons.

The brackets upon which the vases are supported may be made of various designs, and ornamented to suit the taste, and may be constructed with a continuation or standard extending upward between the two vases, forming a handle for the holder, in place of the standard attached to the tops of the two vases, as above described. The standard thus formed may be made hollow or bored for the introduction of the wire for operating the bell-hammer.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A spoon-holder consisting of the base A, supporting the bracket B, to which are attached the receptacles or cups C, united at their tops with the handle of the utensil, substantially as described.

In testimony that we claim the foregoing we have hereunto set our hands in the presence of the subscribing witnesses.

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