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Egg-Cup,

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Fig: 1

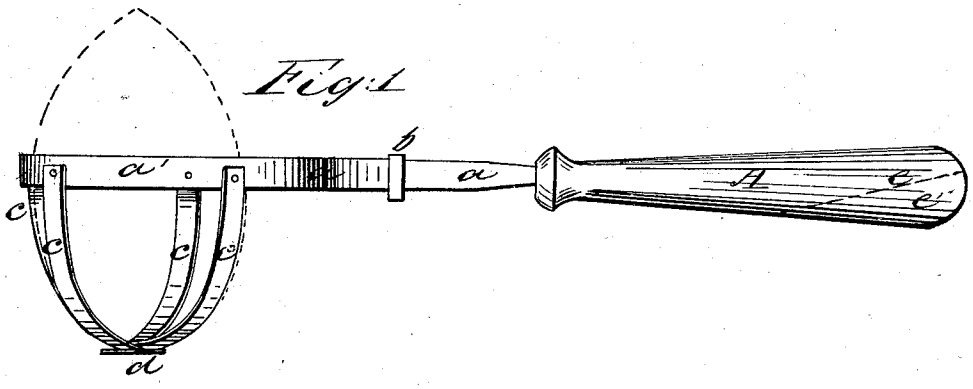


Fig: 2

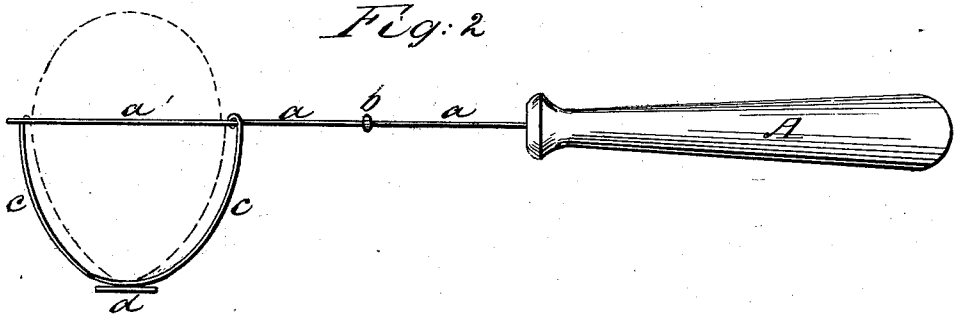
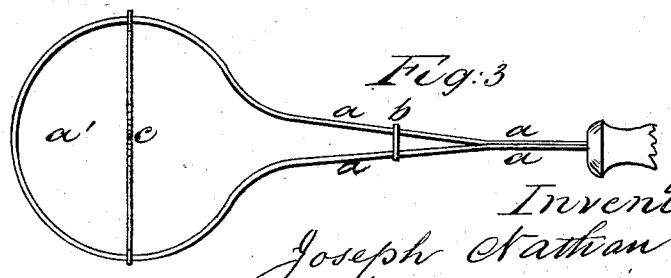


Fig: 3



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IMPROVED EGG-HOLDER.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH NATHAN, of the city and county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, have invented a new and improved Egg-Holder; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full and correct description of the same, sufficient to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to understand and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which make part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved egg-holder,

Figure 2 is a side elevation of a modification of the same, and

Figure 3 is a plan view of fig. 2.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in the several figures.

The nature of my invention consists in a light, convenient, and cheap instrument, by means of which hot boiled eggs may be taken from the dish and emptied without being obliged to touch them, and which may also serve in place of an egg-cup.

A, in the drawings, may represent the handle of my egg-holder, in which are securely held the two ends *a a* of a wire or strip of metal. The loop part of the wire or metal strip is bent in circular form, as shown at *a'*, whilst the straight parts have a tendency to expand away from each other. A ring, *b*, slides on the straight part between the handle A and the part *a'* of the wire or strip, and when pushed towards the part *a'*, it forces the parts *a* towards each other, and lessens the circumference of *a'*. Two wires or strips of metal, *c*, are attached to the strip *a'*, with their ends (their bent parts) extending downwards in a curve, and crossing each other, as shown in fig. 1. To the under side of the lower strip or wire *c*, at the point where they cross each other, a rest or plate, *d*, is attached.

In figs. 2 and 3 a modification of the device is shown, wire being used instead of metal strips, and only one cross-piece, *c*, is used.

My improved egg-holder is intended to serve two purposes: first, to obviate the necessity of taking the hot egg out of the dish with the hand; and, secondly, to act as an egg-cup at the same time.

In taking an egg out of the dish it is but necessary to allow either end to slip into the part *a'*, when, by slipping the ring towards the egg, the part *a'* will be tightened around the egg, so as to hold it securely. The egg may then be opened, and emptied into a tumbler, or may be eaten out of the shell without the necessity of touching the egg, the plate *d* serving as a foot to the egg-holder. The handle may have a flat surface, gained by cutting off a piece, as shown at *e* in a red line in fig. 1, so as to allow the holder to rest securely on two points. Eggs may be placed in these holders and boiled, the handle being outside of the vessel, and then served on the table with the holders already attached.

The holders may be made of any suitable material, and with curved or otherwise ornamented handles, and can be manufactured at a very small expense.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The egg-holding device, consisting of the handle A, with flat portions *e*, expanding strips *a a'*, ring *b*, cross-pieces *c*, and foot-piece *d*, substantially as described.

The above specification of my improved egg-holder signed this sixth day of June, 1867.

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