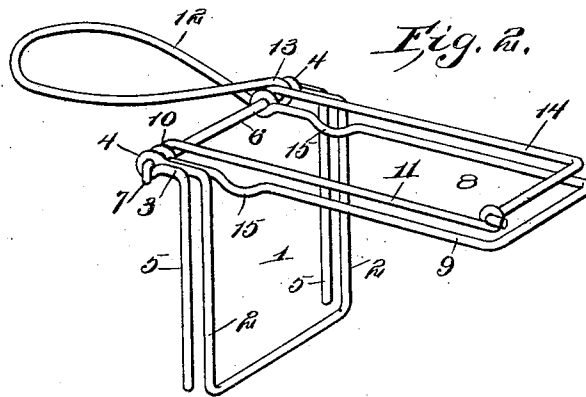
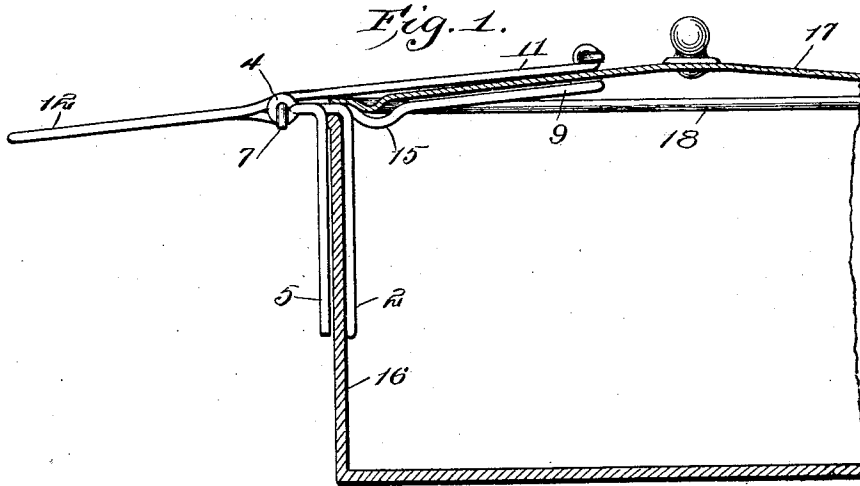


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ALBERT G. KOUNTZ, a citizen of the United States, residing at Mt. Oliver, Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Lid-Lifting Devices; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to new and useful improvements in lid lifting and holding devices for utensils; and my object is to provide means for attaching a device of this class to the cover or lid of a utensil, whereby said lid may be readily raised or lowered.

A further object is to provide means for removably securing said attachment to the utensil.

A still further object is to provide means for pivotally securing the several parts of my device together, whereby the lid-engaging member may be tilted and the lid disposed in a substantially vertical position when desired.

The invention also consists of the further novel features of construction and combination of parts, the preferred form whereof will be hereinafter more clearly set forth, and pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings I have shown the preferred form of my invention.

In said drawings, Figure 1 is a section through a portion of a receptacle and its cover and showing my improved attachment in elevation and applied thereto, and Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the attachment.

Referring to the figures by numerals of reference, 1 is the holding member of the device and is formed of a single length of spring-wire bent at its center to produce a bail or U-shaped base 2 and bent upon itself to form laterally-extending arms 3, having eyes 4 therein, and from these arms extend fingers 5, which lie parallel with the sides of the base 2 and are adapted to cooperate with said base for clamping upon the side of a utensil. A pivot-pin 6 extends through the eyes 4 and is secured therein in any desired manner, as by bending its ends 7 at right angles thereto. This pin serves as a bearing for the cover-engaging member 8 of the attachment. This

member is also preferably formed in a single length of spring-wire and consists of a substantially U-shaped base 9, which terminates at one end in coils 10, through which the pin 6 extends. Extending from one of these coils is one side 11 of the top portion of the clamping member 8, and from the other coil extends a loop 12, which constitutes a handle and projects from pin 6 in a direction opposite to that of the wire 11. The loop 12 terminates in a coil 13, through which the pin 6 extends, and from this coil 13 the wire extends parallel with one side of the end of the base 9, as shown at 14, and is fastened at its ends to the side 11. It will therefore be seen that both portions of the clip formed by the base 9 and sides 11 and 14 are formed in one piece with the loop 12, and said loop constitutes a handle whereby the clip can be swung on the pivot-pin 6. The base 9 is preferably struck downward, as shown at 15, so as to receive the bead ordinarily formed adjacent the periphery of a utensil-cover.

In using this device the member 1 is placed upon one wall 16 of the utensil, and the fingers 5 and base 2 will clamp thereon. The cover 17 is then inserted between the two portions of the clip, so that the bead 18 thereof will lie within the downwardly-struck portions 15 of the base 9, and the sides 11 and 14 will clamp the cover upon the base. After the parts have been connected in this manner the cover 17 can be readily swung up by pressing downward upon loop 12. As a result of this action the base 9 and the side wires 11 and 14 will swing upward on the pin 6 and carry the cover therewith. By utilizing an attachment such as herein described it becomes unnecessary to grasp the cover 17 for the purpose of removing it from or placing it upon the receptacle and there is no danger of scalding or burning the hands. The attachment can be readily connected to any one of a number of utensils, because it can be readily placed in or removed from position on a utensil-wall.

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

1. A device of the character described comprising a utensil-engaging clip consisting of a base and clamping-fingers adjacent thereto, a pivot-pin supported by said clip, a cover-engaging clip comprising integral, overlap-

ping, U-shaped portions pivoted upon the pin, and a handle extending from said cover-engaging clip.

2. An attachment of the character described, comprising a supporting-clip formed in a single length of spring-wire bent to form a base, eyes, and spring-fingers for clamping an object upon the base, a cover-engaging clip consisting of a single length of spring-wire bent to form overlapping, U-shaped clamping portions, a handle and eyes inte-

gral with said clamping portions, and a pivot-pin extending through the eyes of the two clips.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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