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Bases for Plated Wares.

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Fig. 1.

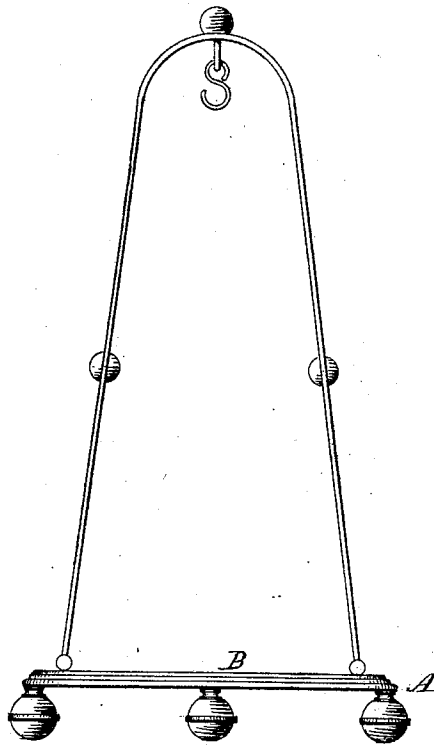
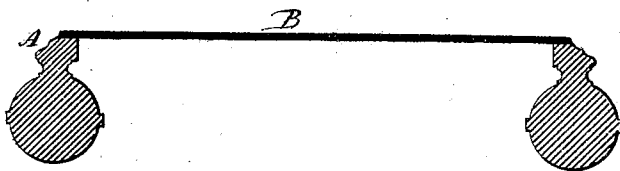


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN BASES FOR PLATED WARE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN JEPSON, of West Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Base for Plated Ware; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the 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 side view of a vase-holder, the base of which embodies this invention; and in Fig. 2, a vertical section of the base.

This invention relates to an improvement in the construction of the base upon which rest articles of plated ware, table services, or other articles usually supported upon a base, and particularly as a substitute for the bases formed with a glass-mirror upper surface.

These bases are usually formed with a cavity to receive a glass mirror for the upper surface in order to produce the effect of a highly-polished surface. This effect cannot be given in the metal of which plated articles are usually formed, as that is not capable of receiving a polish sufficiently high to produce the desired effect, and when polished to the highest degree it is capable of receiving, the metal is of so soft a nature that it is very easily defaced. The construction to receive the glass makes the base an expensive part of the article.

The object of this invention is to avoid the use of glass and overcome the difficulties of soft metal; and it consists in forming the base with a hard-metal top or surface nickel-plated.

A is the rim or edge of the base; B, the top, which is formed from sheet-brass, or other hard sheet metal capable of receiving a very high polish. The surface of this plate is polished to the highest degree, and then plated with nickel and again polished. This gives to the surface the appearance of a mirror, and the effect is that of a mirror. The plate and the nickel surface, both being very hard, are not easily defaced by cleaning, and the construction is very little, if any, more expensive than a common soft-metal base.

The form of this base is no part of the invention, and while represented in the drawings as a vase-holder, the base may be used for articles of plated ware, table service, ornaments, and figures, the highly-polished surface of the plate reflecting the article resting upon it in the most perfect manner.

I claim as my invention—

A base for plated ware and other articles, consisting of a polished and nickel-plated hard-metal top, and an edge, A, formed on or attached thereto, substantially as specified.

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