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Ice-Pitchers.

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Fig. 1.

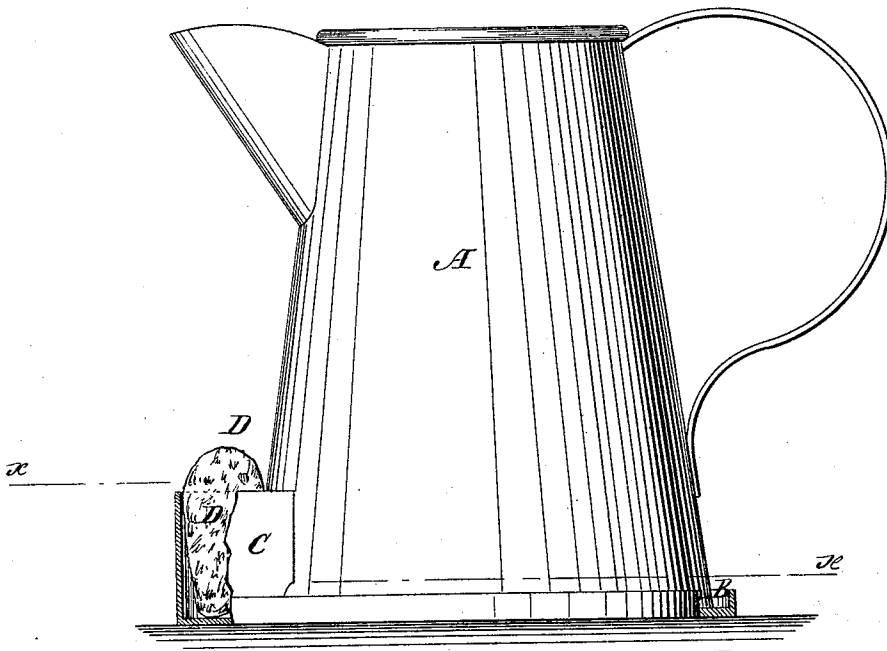
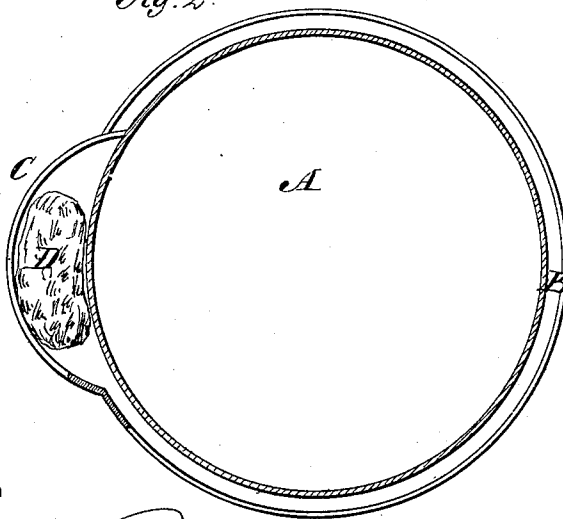


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN ICE-PITCHERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH B. COX, of Mount Laurel, in the county of Burlington and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ice-Pitchers, of which the following is a specification:

Ice-pitchers constructed of metal have been provided with an annular flange, forming a gutter around the base to receive the water accumulated by condensation of the moisture of the air on the sides or body of the pitcher. They have been further provided with reservoirs beneath or in the bottom, into which the water flows from the annular gutter through suitable passages. This construction is open to serious objections in respect to cost and manipulation of the pitcher in pouring water, which are obviated by my invention.

The invention consists in providing a box or cup on the front side of the pitcher for containing sponge, and a gutter which communicates with it, as hereinafter described.

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 is a side view of the pitcher with a part of the sponge-box broken away. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section of Fig. 1, taken on the line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is an earthen pitcher, which is made of any desired form or size. Around the outside and at the bottom of this pitcher I form a channel, B, of sufficient width and depth to

catch the water which drips from the sides. This channel connects at one or both ends with the sponge-box C. D represents a piece of sponge, which absorbs the water which enters the sponge-box. This sponge may be removed occasionally and squeezed out and replaced. This channel gives a broader base to the pitcher than it would otherwise have. The sponge-box catches the drip from the spout when the water is poured out, so that the spread or cover is always kept dry and nice.

With this construction and the provision of a sponge or like absorbent, the water accumulating in the gutter will be taken up by the sponge, so that it cannot be spilled in handling the pitcher, as it would be liable to be if allowed to remain in the gutter. The sponge is also always conveniently at hand for absorbing water spilled in pouring the water from the pitcher into glasses, or for other like purposes.

What I claim is—

The ice-pitcher provided with the box or cup C, for containing sponge or like absorbent, and the gutter B, communicating therewith and extending around the base of the pitcher, as shown and described, to operate as specified.

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