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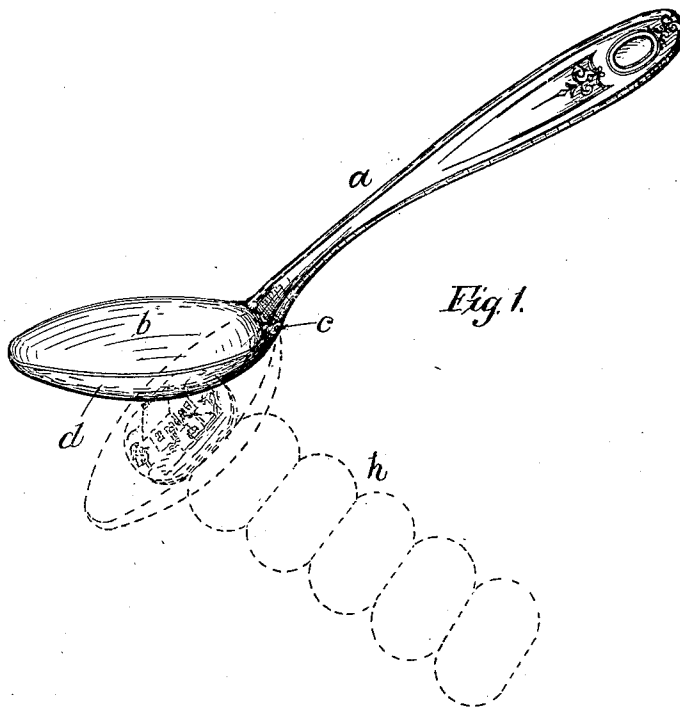


Fig. 1.

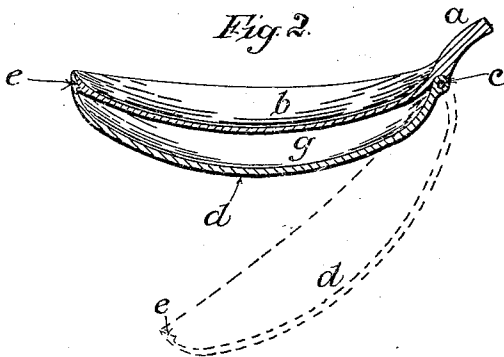


Fig. 2.

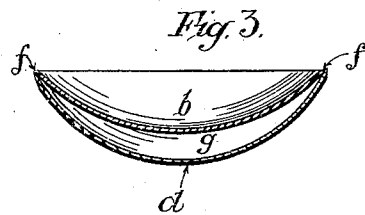


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ISIDORE HOLSMAN, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Portland, in the county of Multnomah and State of Oregon, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Souvenir Locket-Spoons, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings as constituting a part thereof.

This invention has for its object to obtain a souvenir of the spoon type, or other table implement, which, besides having engraved or embossed upon it commemorative scenes or legends, shall furthermore be provided with a secret cavity constituting a depository or locket for a miniature or series of miniature views, or other object, such, for example, as a flower or lock of hair, etc.

Applying my invention to a spoon, the carrying of my invention into effect preferably consists in inclosing the bottom of the bowl of the spoon with a false piece, made to simulate the appearance of the under face of the bowl to which it is preferably hinged at the back end, and some convenient type of catch being provided at the front end for holding the false piece in place; and the parts being so arranged as to provide a cavity intermediate the bottom of the bowl of the spoon and the inner face of the false piece.

My invention, besides, comprises the combination and arrangement of parts herein-after more fully set forth.

In the drawings: Figure 1 shows, perspective, a souvenir spoon embodying my invention, that is, the same being provided with a shell-like false-piece hinged exterior of the bottom of the bowl, said false-piece being shown in dotted outline as opened and as containing a series of miniature views, also shown in dotted outline; Fig. 2 is a partial longitudinal section about centrally taken of the type of spoon shown in Fig. 1; and Fig. 3 is a central cross-section; Figs. 2 and 3 being drawn on a larger scale than Fig. 1.

It is to be understood that I do not confine myself to the exact details of description and arrangement of the parts, as herein contained.

The spoon, *a*, may be of any convenient and ornamental type. To the under side of the bowl *b* is removably attached, prefer-

ably by a hinge *c*, a shell-like false-piece *d*, and the front ends of the bowl *b* and of the false-piece *d* are respectively provided with interlocking lips *e*. The rims *f* of the false-piece are so arranged as to neatly encompass the rim of the bowl *b*, and thus render the edge of the false piece not readily discernible; and the parts are so arranged as to leave an intermediate cavity *g* between the bowl *b* and the false-piece *d*, said cavity being adapted to constitute a locket-like depository for a series of miniature photographic views, or other object desired to be preserved. The arrangement of a series of miniature views is shown by the dotted outlines *h* in Fig. 1. Thus, in addition to the souvenir feature of my souvenir spoon, the same, by its construction, will also have imparted to it the feature of a surprise in this, that the false-piece inclosing the bottom of the bowl, being concealed, as it were from immediate discovery, when the opening feature of the bottom of the bowl is brought to notice and the false-piece opened, there will be discovered the souvenir object contained in the cavity *g*.

I claim:

1. A souvenir spoon consisting of a handle, and a main part having hinged thereto a shell-like false piece inclosing one face of such main part, but leaving an intermediate cavity constituting a locket for a miniature or like object, and means for holding such false piece in place, said false piece being made to simulate the appearance of that face of the main portion which it covers, so as to render such false piece indiscernible on casual inspection.

2. A souvenir spoon consisting of a bowl having a catch portion on one end and a handle, a shell like false piece hinged to the bottom of the bowl and spaced from the latter to form an intermediate cavity, constituting a locket for a miniature or like object, the front inner portion adjacent the end of the bowl having a catch to engage the catch portion to lock the bowl and false piece together, the upper edges of the false piece terminating at the edges of the bowl and made to simulate the appearance of the bottom of the bowl.

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