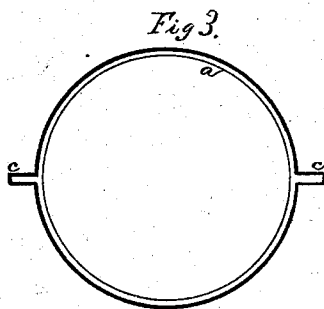
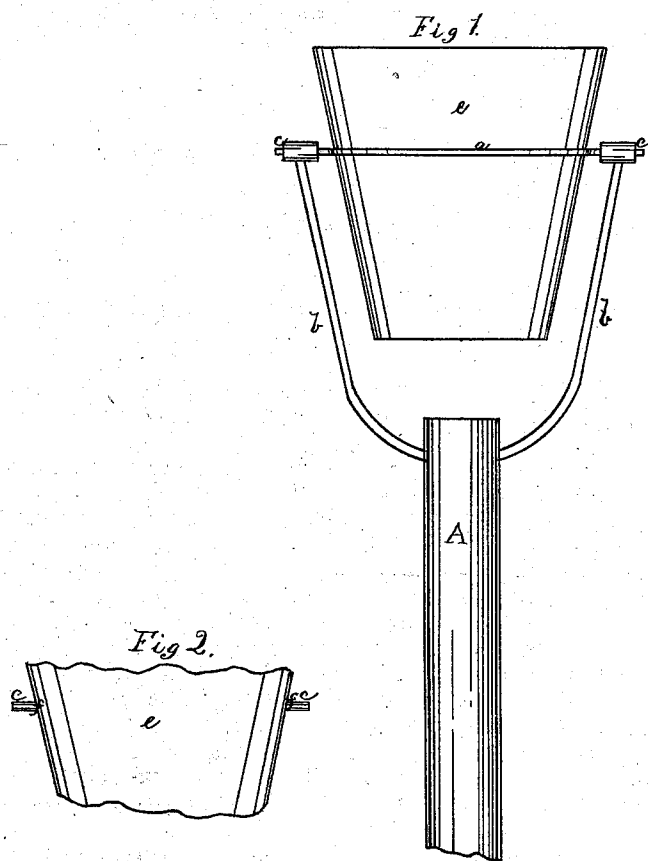


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IMPROVEMENT IN FLY-CATCHERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, LEAVITT BARTLETT, of Yarmouth, in the county of Cumberland and State of Maine, have invented a new and useful Improved Device for Catching Flies; and I hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming part of this specification, in which is seen, in—

Figure 1, a side elevation of my invention, showing the cup or glass *e*, hoop or band *a*, stock *A*, pins or rods *b*, and bearings *c*. Fig. 2 shows a part of a cup carrying the bearings *c*. Fig. 3 is a front view of the hoop or band *a*.

Same letters show like parts.

The purpose of my invention is to produce a device to hold a cup or glass, to contain some substance destructive to the life of flies and other such insects.

A shows the stock or handle, to be made of length sufficient to enable a person using the device to reach the ceiling of a room. Fixed into the upper end of the stock *A* are the arms *b*, of the form shown, and so expanded or bent outward as to support the hoop *a*. This hoop has the bearings *c c*, which fit the sockets on the top-ends of the arms *b b*. The hoop *a* can revolve all the way round on the bearings *c*. The hoop *a* is made so as to bind or hold the glass or cup *e* to be placed therein in order that the bottom of the same shall not come in contact with the top of the stock *A*. The object of this is, that in use if the stock *A* is a little inclined or tipped the cup con-

taining the liquor and held in the hoop *a* will stand upright, and none of the contents be spilled.

Now, supposing a cup to be placed in the hoop *a*, and the cup to contain some liquor like soap-suds or anything destructive to flies or other insects, the use of the device may be thus described: When the flies have congregated on the ceiling, as in the evening, raise the cup on the top of the stock so that the glass or cup can be pressed against the ceiling. It will then be found that all the flies within the area of the glass will fall into the same, particularly if it be slightly struck against the ceiling. When thus brought in contact with the same, the contents of the cup will then destroy the lives of the flies thus caught.

It is plain that any arrangement of the hoop *a* to hold the glass or cup *e* so that it will be kept vertical by reason of being able to swing as the stock *A* is carried from the vertical, would answer the same purpose; or the cup may carry the bearings *c*, attached to its sides at *f*.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the stock *A*, arms *b*, hoop *a*, and bearings *c* with a cup or glass, as and for the purposes herein set forth.

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