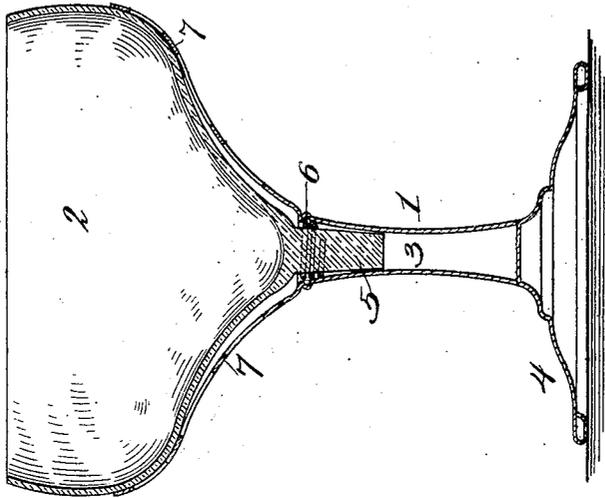


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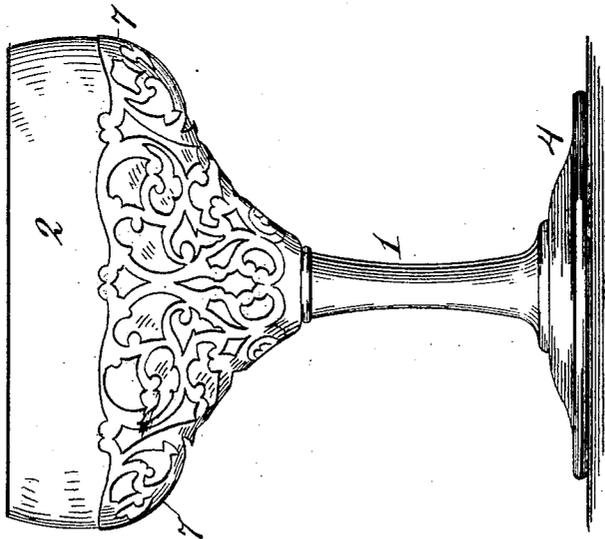
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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 1.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GUSTAVE ADOLPH HENCKEL, a citizen of the United States, residing at East Orange, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Tableware and Like Articles; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates generally to what may be termed generically "tableware," by which term I mean to include dishes, cups, drinking-glasses, including wine-glasses, also flower-vases or other receptacles for flowers, fruits, bonbons, &c.; and my invention comprises a receptacle proper removably attached to a suitable base, stand, stem, or foot.

My invention consists in the novel attachment of the said receptacle to its base or the like.

The objects of my invention are to improve the construction of tableware, particularly drinking-glasses, fruit and dessert glasses and dishes, bonbon-dishes, flower-glasses, and the like; to facilitate the making of tableware, and particularly the classes thereof specified, in part of glass or other vitreous material and in part of gold or silver or other precious or ornamental metals or materials; to permit the use of the same base for a variety of different receptacles; to permit the separate cleansing of the receptacle proper and its base; to permit the ready renewal of the receptacle proper when broken or otherwise injured; to improve and simplify means for removably connecting a receptacle and a base, stand, stem, or foot therefor, and generally to make the device embodying my said invention simple, ornamental, graceful in appearance, and relatively inexpensive and to facilitate the production of novel ornamental effects.

I will now proceed to describe my invention with reference to the accompanying drawings, illustrating one type of tableware to which my invention is applicable—viz., a drinking glass or cup of the general nature of a wine-glass—and will then point out the novel features in claims.

In the said drawings, Figure 1 shows a side elevation of the said drinking cup or glass, and Fig. 2 a central vertical section thereof.

In the said drawings, 1 designates the base of the drinking glass or cup, and 2 the recep-

tacle or glass proper. Each of these parts may be formed of a variety of materials and in a variety of forms and sizes, as will be obvious, and with such ornamentation as may be desired. In the particular construction of base 1 shown, which construction is particularly applicable for the construction of the base of silver, gold, or other precious metal, the base 1 has a tubular stem 3, provided at its bottom with a bottom piece 4.

The receptacle 2 is provided with a short stem 5, projecting down into the stem 3, and said stem 3 is provided with a spring-clamp formed by a spiral spring-thimble 6, into which the stem 5 of the receptacle 2 enters and by expanding the coils of said spring-thimble slightly is gripped firmly by said thimble, so that the receptacle 2 will not drop out even if the device is overturned, while at the same time said receptacle 2 may be pulled away from its base 1 very readily and may be replaced as readily. The base 1 is further provided, above the stem 3, with a flaring skirt 7, which serves to steady the receptacle 2, the upper edge of the skirt preferably engaging said receptacle, as shown. This skirt also forms a convenient part to form in various ornamental shapes or to which various ornamental figures or designs may be applied.

One advantage of this improved drinking-glass or other article of tableware is that since the receptacle 2 may be removed readily either the said receptacle 2 or the base 1 may be cleaned independently of the other. This is a very great advantage, since it is obviously unnecessary to wash the base 1 as frequently as the glass 2, and the polish of said base is apt to be impaired by the washing of the glass 2 if the two are washed together, while, on the other hand, the polishing of the base 1 with the polishing preparations customarily used is apt to soil the glass 2 unless the same may be removed, as my invention permits.

Another important advantage of my invention is that if the glass 2, which is apt to be fragile, is broken or chipped it may be removed and replaced by a new glass instantly and without special skill being required. The bases are of course relatively expensive as compared with the glasses, which latter, because of their simple form, may be relatively cheap.

Drinking-glasses are sometimes made which comprise a metal base having a glass recep-

taele secured in it by cement. In such devices the cement is usually visible through the bottom of the receptacle and constitutes a decided blemish. This objection is avoided  
5 by my invention.

What I claim is—

1. In a tableware article, the combination with a base having a socket and a spring clamping-thimble therein, said thimble comprising a spiral spring, of a receptacle having  
10 a stem within said socket and thimble and gripped and held by the latter, the convolutions of said spring surrounding said stem.

2. In a tableware article, the combination  
15 with a base having a socket and a spring clamping-thimble therein, said thimble comprising a spiral spring, said base having also a steadying-skirt, of a receptacle adapted to be received and steadied by said skirt, said

receptacle having a stem within said socket  
20 and thimble and gripped and held by the latter, the convolutions of said spring surrounding said stem.

3. As an article of manufacture, a separable base for tableware, comprising a base-  
25 piece having a socket adapted to receive the projecting stem of a receptacle, said socket having within it a spiral spring arranged axially, its convolutions adapted to surround and grip such stem, said spring forming a  
30 clamping-thimble.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in the presence of two witnesses.

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