

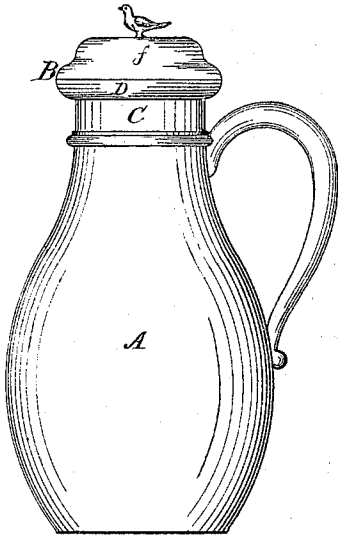
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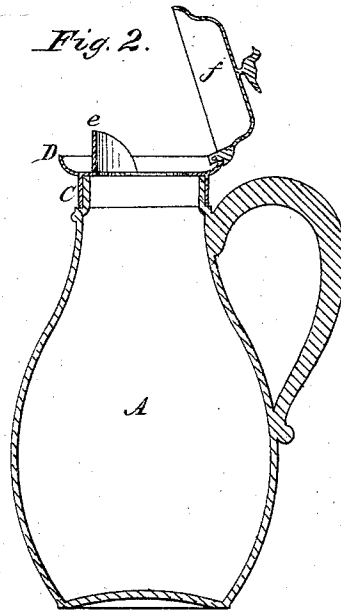
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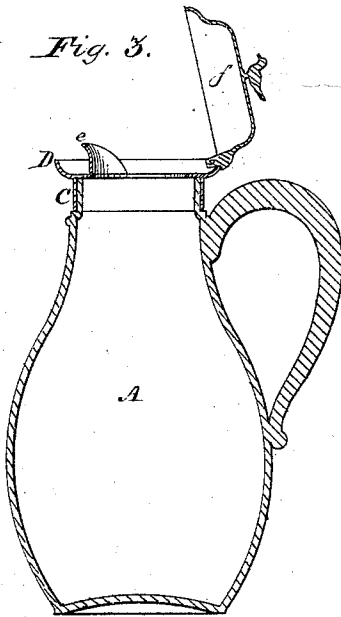
*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN TOPS FOR MOLASSES-PITCHERS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 133,317, dated November 26, 1872.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE M. IRWIN, of Birmingham, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Tops for Molasses-Pitchers; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My new article of manufacture relates to a metallic top for molasses-pitchers; and consists of a band, from the upper edge of which projects a circular and flaring rim, and at the point of junction of the band with the rim a curved lip covered by a lid hinged to the flaring rim.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my new article of manufacture, I will proceed to describe more fully its construction.

In the accompanying drawing which forms part of my specification, Figure 1 represents an ordinary molasses-pitcher provided with my metallic top. Fig. 2 is a vertical transverse section of the same; and Fig. 3 represents a vertical transverse section of the band, rim, and lip prior to giving the lip the desired outward curve.

In the accompanying drawing, A represents the molasses-pitcher. B represents the metallic top, which consists of the band C, flaring rim D, and curved lip *e*.

The top is in all respects constructed in the manner described in Letters Patent No. 120,748, granted to me November 7, 1871. I then, by means of suitable dies or other tool, curve the lip *e* outward, as represented in the accompanying drawing.

By curving the lip *e* as herein described, the lid *f* can be made lower and with less concavity on the under side of it, whereby less stock is required in constructing it, enabling the manufacturer to make a cheaper top, and one of a different form than that represented in Letters Patent No. 120,748, hereinbefore cited. The curved lip *e* gives to the top an increased commercial value, it being considered by many the more desirable form of lip for pouring. The curved form of lip affords better facility for cleaning the pitcher A.

Having thus described my improvement, what I claim as of my invention is—

A new article of manufacture, viz., a metallic top for molasses-pitchers, said top consisting of the band C, flaring rim D, and lip *e* curved outward, in contradistinction to a vertical lip, said lip and top edge of the rim C being covered by the lid *f*, as herein described.

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