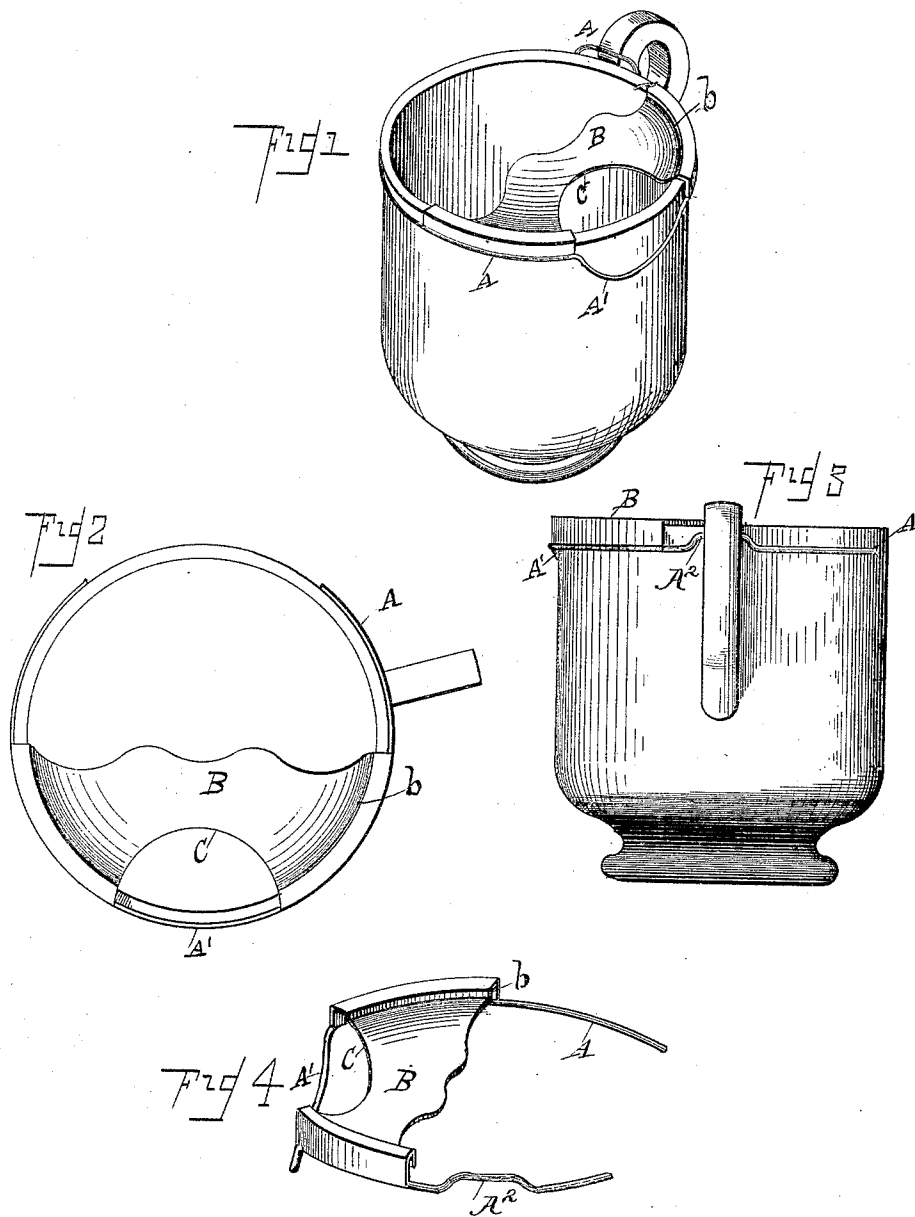


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE B. CHANDLER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Kansas City, in the county of Wyandotte and State of Kansas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mustache-Shields; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention consists in a new and improved mustache-guard, which is removable and can be applied to any cup or glass, and which will be hereinafter fully described and claimed.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view showing my invention applied to a cup. Fig. 2 is a top plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a side view, and Fig. 4 is a perspective detail view, of the mustache-guard removed from the cup.

The same letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Referring to the several parts by letter, A indicates the spring of my new and improved mustache-guard, which is preferably formed of spring-steel wire, and is of such length that it extends around about three-fourths of the circumference of the top of the cup or glass to which it is applied. To this spring is secured the shield B by being soldered, brazed, or otherwise suitably secured. This shield consists of a thin metal plate of gold, silver, nickel, copper, zinc, or other preferred material, the grosser metals being plated when used; or the shield and spring may be molded in one piece of hard rubber. The ends of the shield are secured to the spring A, as shown, and then extend up for a suitable space, when they are bent at right angles, and are then again bent down so as to form the shoulders b, which are intended to conform to and receive the rim of the cup. The body of the shield, instead of being perfectly straight, is preferably curved down, as most clearly shown in Fig. 4 of the drawings, though such curvature may extend upward. The front edge of the shield is formed with the semicircular opening C, through which the liquid passes in drinking from the cup or glass. The central part of the spring-wire A is curved down in a loop or semicircle A',

which prevents that part of the wire from coming in contact with the lips when in use.

It will be seen that the device can be readily applied to any cup or glass by adjusting it to the top of the vessel, and that the tension or "spring" of the wire spring A will serve to hold it firmly in position. The shouldered ends of the shield B fit down over the edge of the cup, and, owing to the curvature of the thin shield-plate B, the device can be sprung or fitted quite readily on the top of a cup or glass of varying sizes.

The spring of the curved plate assists the wire A to hold the device firmly in its operative position, and it will thus be seen that my new and improved mustache-guard can be applied to cups or glasses of different sizes, adjusting itself as above described. The wire spring A is curved up near one end in a shouldered loop A², to adapt it to fit over the top of a cup-handle, and thus enable the guard to fit down snugly in position, as clearly illustrated in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

From the foregoing description, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, the construction, manner of adjustment, and advantages of my invention will be readily understood.

It will be seen that my new and improved mustache-guard is simple and inexpensive in construction and very durable, while it is of the greatest convenience in use. It can be instantly applied to a cup or glass of different size, and can be as readily removed for the purpose of cleaning it and the cup when required. It is also an ornament to any cup.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the spring A, adapted to partly encircle the top of a cup or glass, curved downward at its center and curved upward at one side to form the shouldered handle-loop A², and the shield-plate having the shouldered ends secured to the spring and the downwardly-curved body, substantially as set forth.

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

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