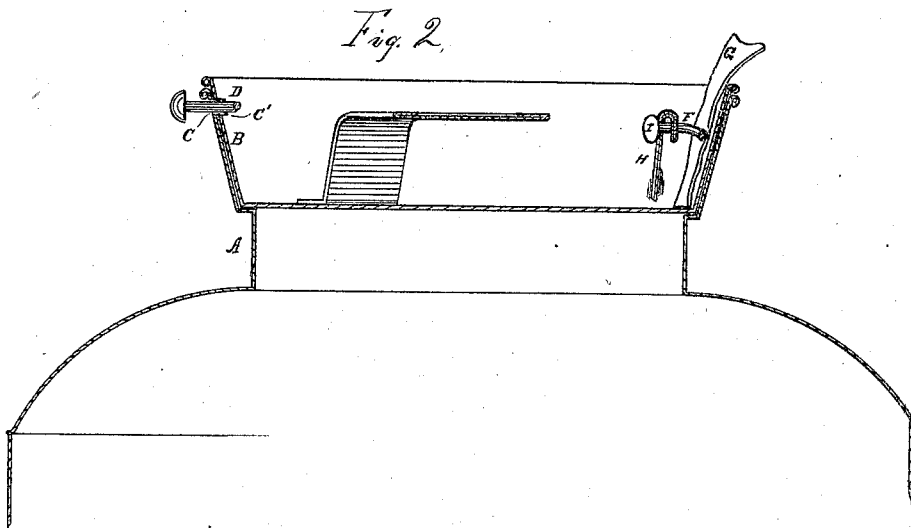
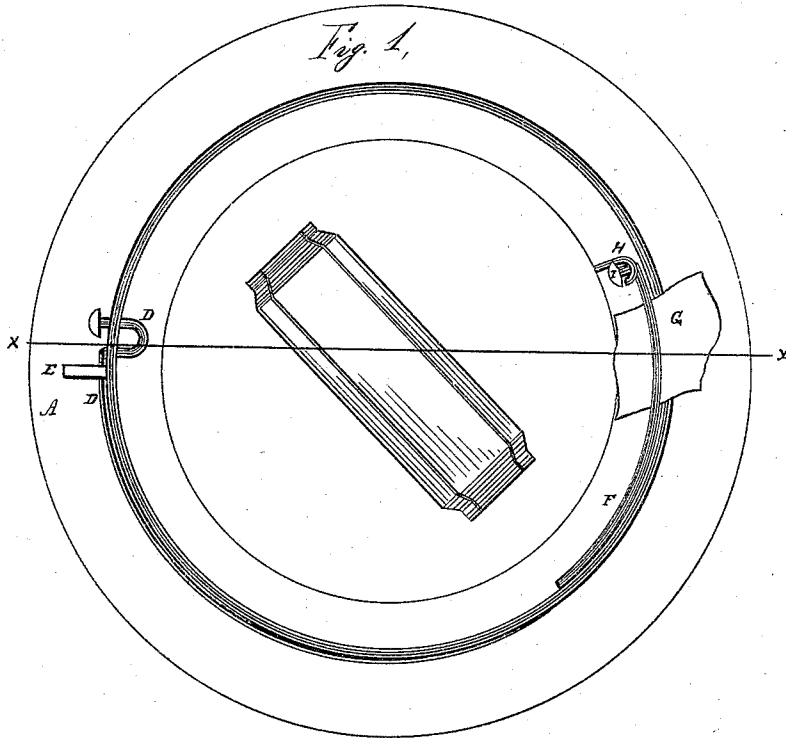


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SPECIFICATION.

To whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN P. SAUER, of Wheaton, in the county of Du Page and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Milk-Cans, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, which will enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing forming a part hereof, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a top view of a milk-can provided with my improvements, and Fig. 2 a vertical section of the same in the plane of the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and convenient means of attaching the cover securely to the can, and to furnish the cover with a tag-holder; and to that end it consists in the employment of springs upon the can and cover, in the manner hereafter described.

In the drawing, A represents the milk-can, and B the cover. C is a slot in that part of the milk-can which receives the cover, and C' is a corresponding slot in the cover. D is a spring, one end of which is attached to the can, and the free end of which is bent so as

to enter the slot C and prevent the cover from being turned when the spring rests in its slot. The free end of the spring D is also provided with a thumb-piece, so that it may be conveniently drawn from the slot. E is a loop to prevent the spring D from being drawn too far from the can. When the slots C and C' are opposite each other the spring D enters them and locks the cover to the can. F is a spring on the cover, and compressing a tag, G. H is a hook, in which the free end of the spring F rests. I is a thumb-piece on spring F.

I claim—

1. The spring D, having its free end provided with a thumb-piece, and made hook-shaped so as to prevent the cover from being raised and turned when the hook is in its slots, in combination with the slotted milk-can and cover and loop E, substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes set forth.

2. The spring F, in combination with the cover B and hook H, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

The foregoing specification signed by me this 13th day of May, 1872.

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