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STRAINER CUP.

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Fig. 1.

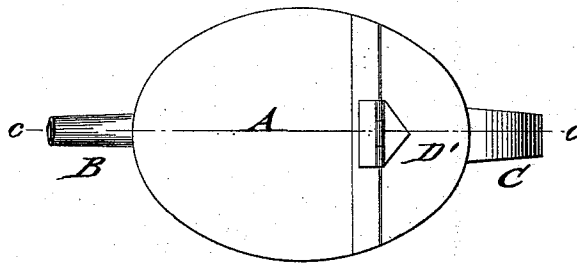


Fig. 2.

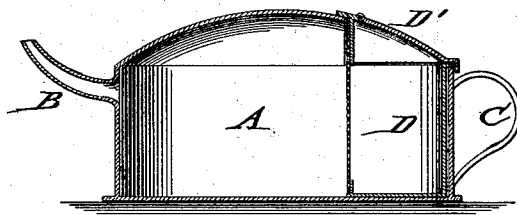
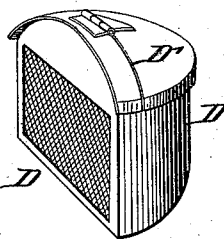


Fig. 3.



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IMPROVEMENT IN STRAINER-CUPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JACOB W. OBERHOLTZER, of Hiawatha, in the county of Brown and State of Kansas, have invented a new and Improved Strainer-Cup, of which the following is a specification:

In the accompanying drawing, Figure 1 represents a top view; Fig. 2, a vertical longitudinal section on line *c c*, Fig. 1, of my improved strainer-cup; and Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the detachable strainer.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to provide for hospitals, sick-rooms, &c., an improved strainer-cup, by which the patients may drink without raising their heads and spilling the contents, and by which toast-water, beef-tea, and other fluids may be strained before passing to the cup, without requiring an extra straining-cloth for this purpose.

The invention consists of a cup with small discharge-spout at one end, and a detachable strainer-section at the other end, of the cup.

In the drawing, A represents a cup, of any suitable size or material, having a small upwardly-curved spout, B, at one end, and a handle, C, at the other end. The spout is of such diameter that the fluid in the cup may be slowly fed to the patient, to enable him to swallow it without any danger of strangulation. The greater part of the cup, back of the spout, is closed by a fixed top, while into the open part, near the handle, a strainer-section, D, of cup shape, with wire-cloth at one

side, is fitted, which closes, by its hinged lid D', the opening of the main cup A.

The strainer D may be removed at pleasure after the beef-tea, toast-water, &c., is strained into the cup A, the dregs being collected in the detachable strainer-cup, and removed with the same. When the strainer is taken out, the main cup may be used as required, it being still complete for use without the strainer.

The convenience of filling and using the cup for any fluid, tea, or medicine having dregs or sediments, and straining the fluid at the same time without an extra strainer, forms the advantageous feature of the same.

By the use of the strainer no large particles may pass into the main cup, so that a clear fluid is furnished to the patient. By taking out the strainer, both cup and strainer may be conveniently cleaned, the cup being instantly ready for use by replacing the strainer-section, forming thus a useful and compact strainer-cup for sick-rooms.

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

The strainer-cup herein described, consisting of the main section A, having a spout, B, and an open back, and the detachable rear section D, provided with a strainer-front and a suitable cover, D', substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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