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Dish Cleaner,

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FIG. 1.

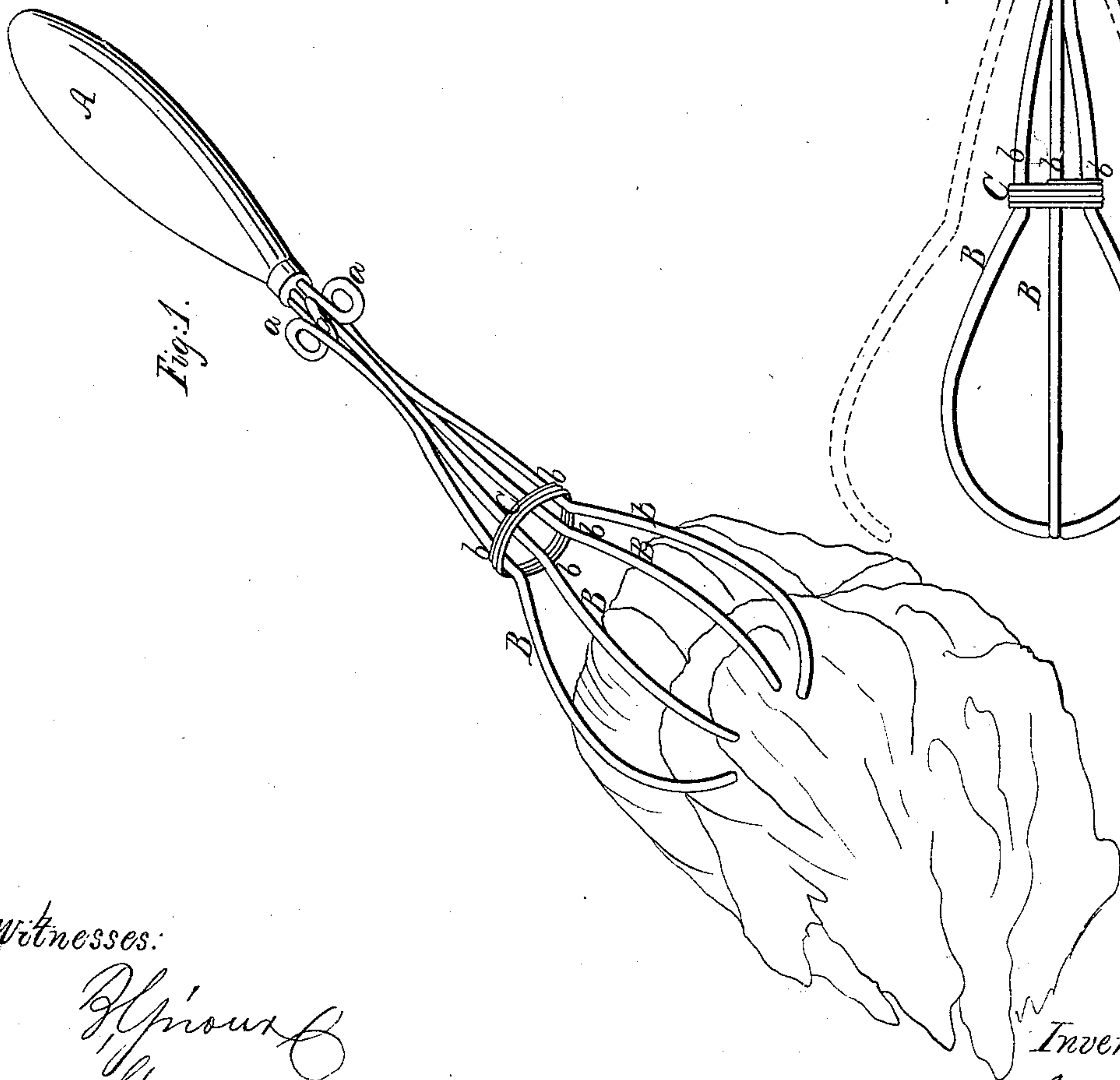
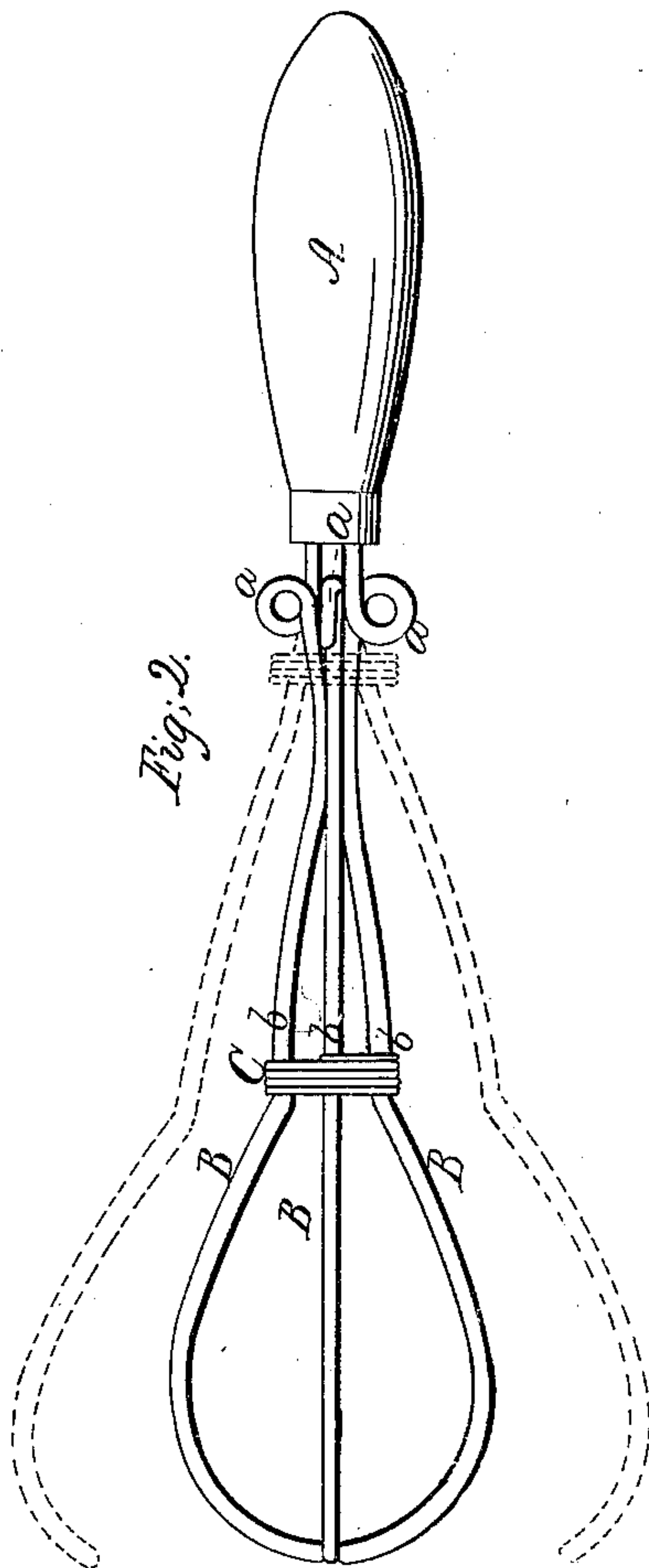


Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.



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DISH-CLOTH HOLDER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, W. J. JOHNSON, of Newton Corner, in the county of Middlesex and State of Massachusetts, have invented
5 a new and useful Dish-Cloth Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which—

10 Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the handle for holding the dish-cloth, with the cloth shown between the closed jaws in outlines. Fig. 2 shows a side view of the device in an open and closed state.

15 Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both figures.

This invention is a novel device for holding a dish cloth for washing dishes, bottles
20 and small mouthed vessels which are difficult to make clean. It is an exceedingly simple article, easily made, holds the cloth securely and is very handy to use. It keeps the hands out of hot water and is a useful
25 and cheap article for the culinary department.

30 My invention consists in securing in a suitable handle, A, two or more curved wires, B B, which may be of either round or flat metal and which will possess sufficient elasticity to open, as represented by the red lines of Fig. 2 when they are relieved by a slide, C. This elasticity is given

to the tines, B, by giving each a bend near the handle forming eyes, *a a* (Figs. 1 and 2) they are curved in such a manner as to form a shoulder, *b*, which prevents the slide from accidentally slipping back when the slide, C, is in the position represented by Figs. 1 and 2, and the jaws, which are curved or swelled out and then approach each other so that their ends will all come together, grasping the cloth. When the slide is drawn back, as in red lines, Fig. 2, the tines will all open simultaneously, and the cloth may be removed, or secured.

It is important that the portions beyond the shoulders, *b*, should be swelled out, as represented by the drawings so that the cloth may be grasped by them, in a mass rather than to be loosely held.

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

The within described dish-cloth holder, constructed with round or square jaws or tines, and bent or curved in such a manner that the cloth will be suitably retained by the same and held in a closed state by a metal slide, or its equivalent, forming a new article of manufacture.

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