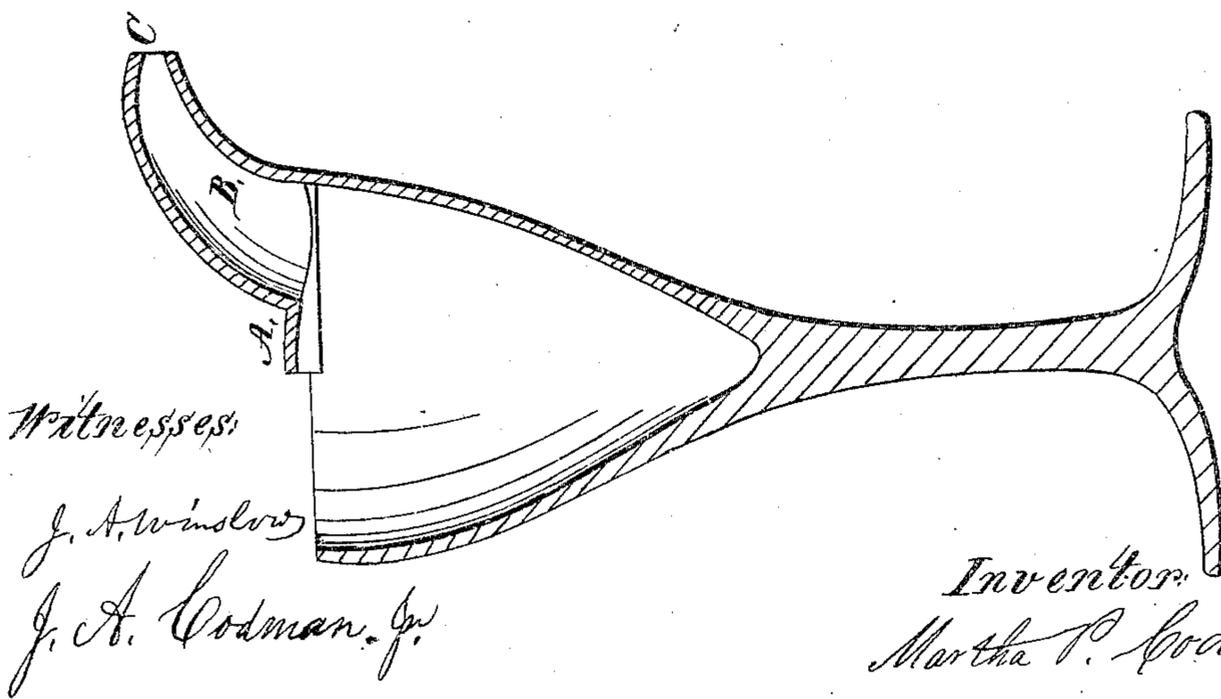
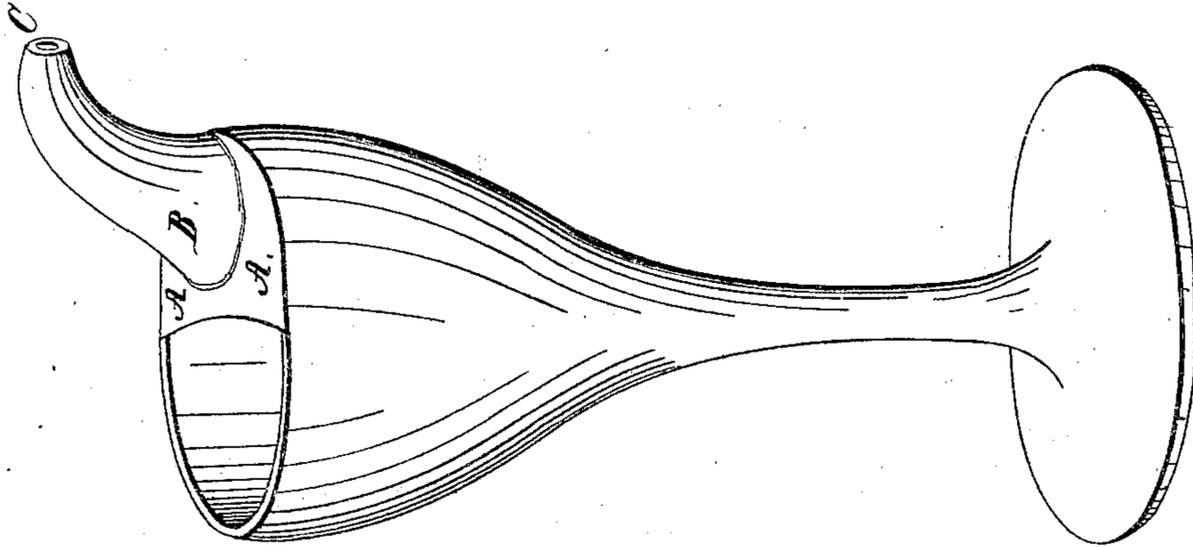


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## IMPROVEMENT IN DRINKING-CUPS FOR THE SICK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARTHA P. CODMAN, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk, in the State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and Improved Drinking-Vessel for the Sick; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

My invention consists in providing a wine-glass, cup, or other drinking-vessel having a partial covering over the mouth, with a tube in such a manner that a sick person lying horizontally on the back can drink from it comfortably without raising the head.

To enable others skilled in the art to make and use my invention, I will describe its construction.

I make my drinking-vessel in any of the ordinary forms—as a wine-glass, cup, or tumbler, &c. The example in the drawing is that of a wine-glass. I construct this with a partial covering, A, which closes about half of the mouth of the glass. Into this partial covering A, I insert a tube, B C. This tube may be of various forms, but a curved one is preferable. I construct a cup, tumbler, or other drinking-vessel with a partial covering and tube in the same manner. The tube B C and partial covering A are made of the same material as the vessel itself, are permanently attached to it and to each other, and with it form but one piece of crockery or glassware.

The method of using this drinking-vessel is as follows: The glass or other vessel containing a small quantity of liquid, the end C of the tube B C is placed at the mouth of a person lying in a horizontal position on the back. The vessel is then turned so that the liquid runs to its upper part, toward the end B of the tube B C, is prevented from spilling by the partial covering A, and is received into the mouth of the drinker through the tube B C.

The advantage of this drinking-vessel is that it enables persons too weak or ill to raise the head to take medicine, tea, gruel, or other nourishing liquids with comfort. The use of the tube B C enables liquid to be taken into the mouth by a person lying on the back in small or large quantities at the pleasure of the drinker, with little effort, without spilling or danger of choking—objects which cannot be attained by the use of a glass having a partial covering and an aperture, but without a tube.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

The application of a tube to a drinking-vessel constructed with a partial covering, as described, in the manner substantially as described.

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