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Butter-Dish.

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Fig. 1.

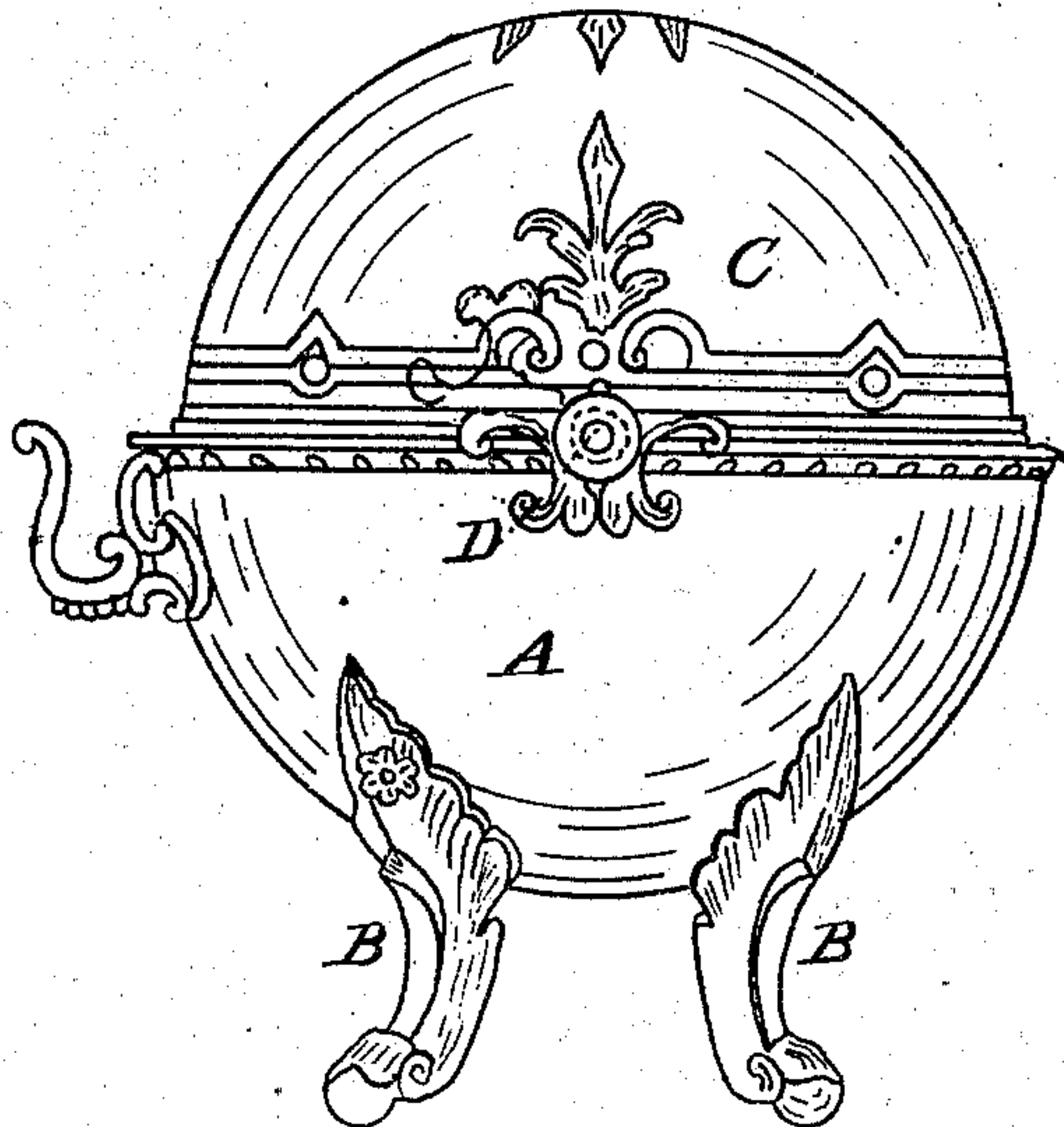
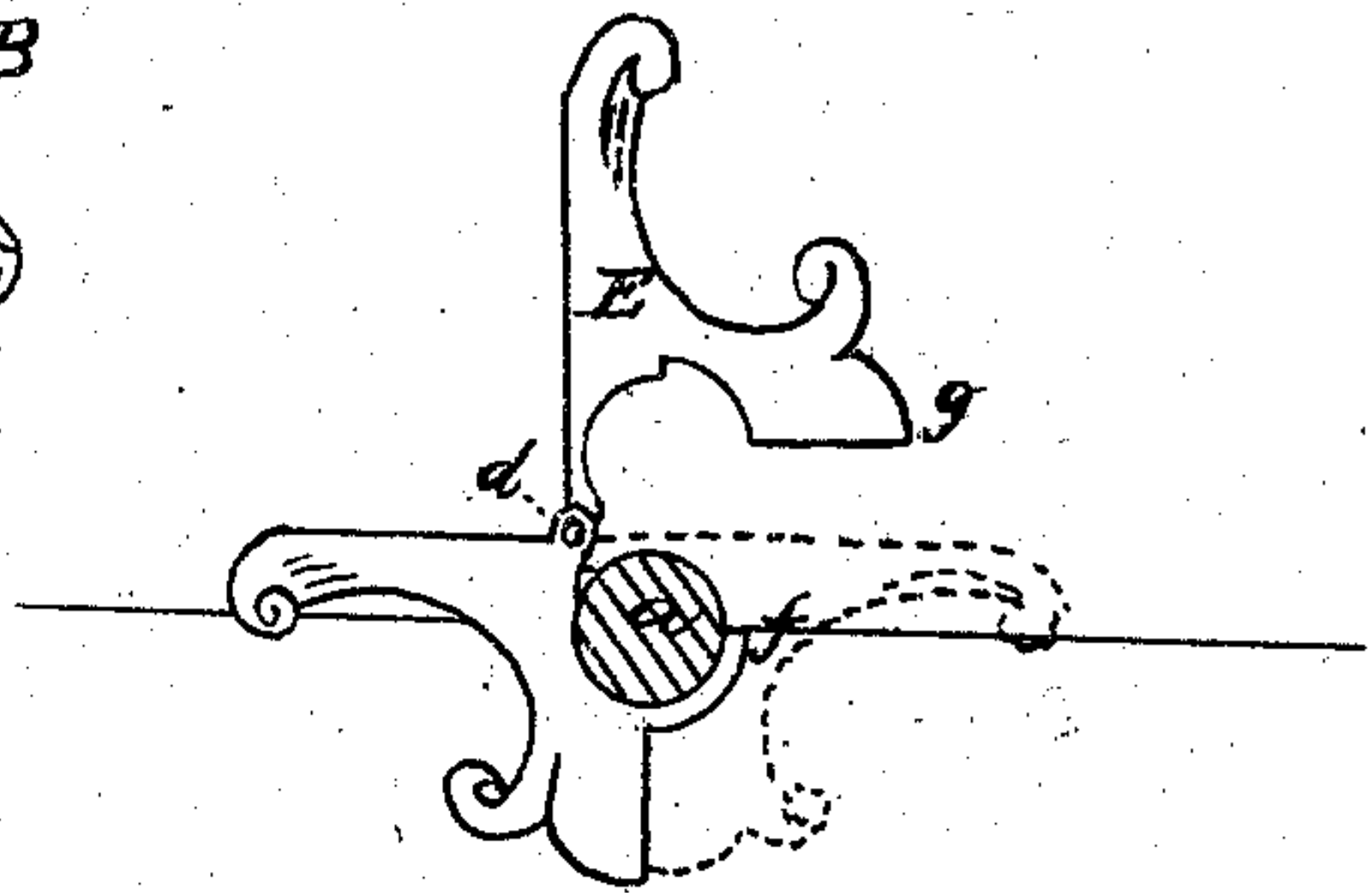
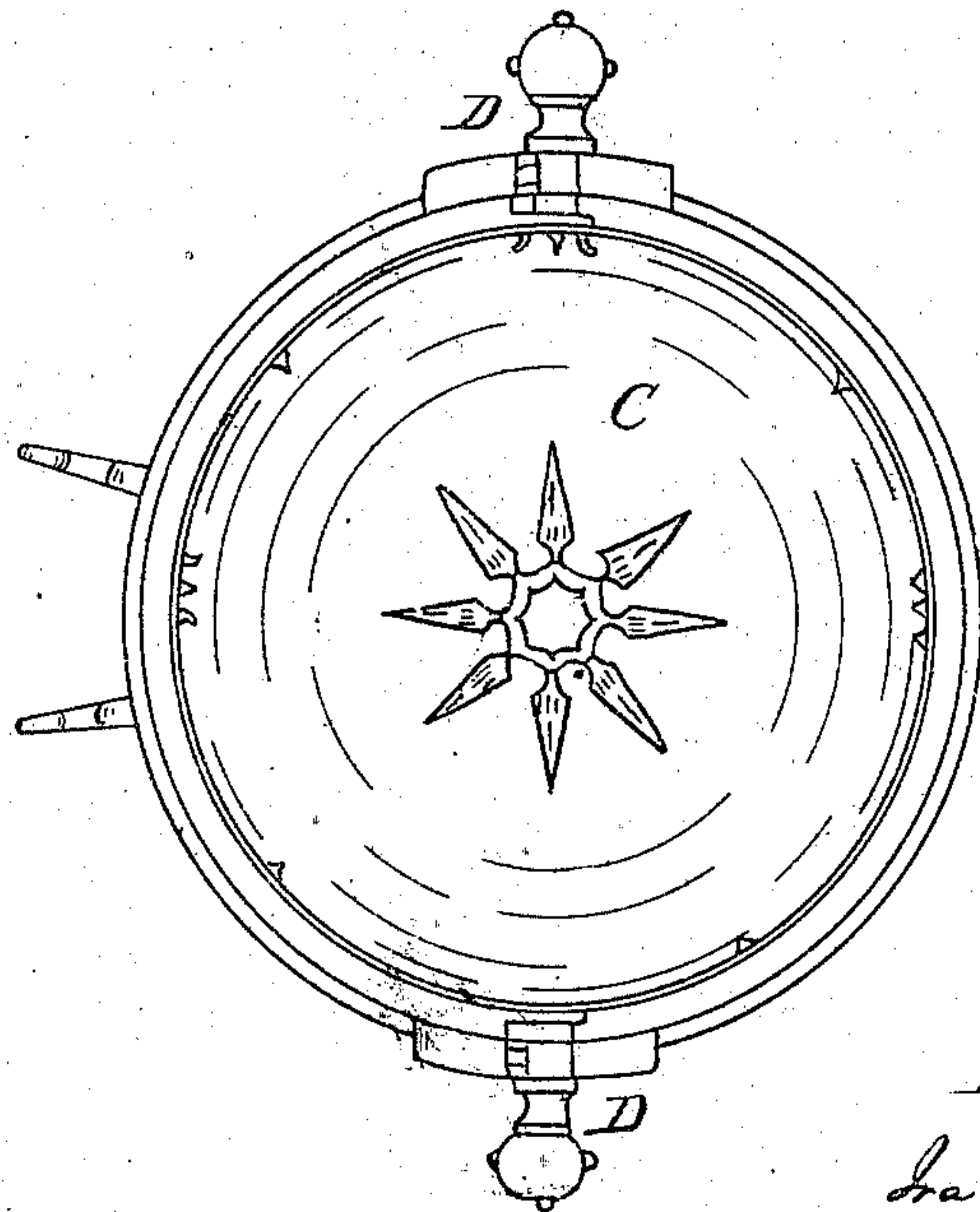


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVED BUTTER-DISH.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that I, IRA A. RICHARDS, of Brookfield, in the county of Worcester, and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new Improvement in Butter-Dish; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a side view,

Figure 2 a top view, and in

Figure 3 detached view enlarged.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of butter-dishes which have a cover, so arranged that it may be turned over into the lower portion, when, closed, forming a sphere, and a hemisphere when open; and the invention consists in the arrangement of a hinged cap over, and so as to secure the bearing in its position.

In order to the clear understanding of my improvement, I will proceed to describe the same as illustrated in the accompanying drawings.

A is the lower portion, supported upon legs, B. C, the top, hung upon pivots, D, all in the usual manner, the lower portion being constructed double, so that the cover turns down between the inner and outer shell. It is necessary, in order to cleanse the dish, that the top be removed from its bearings. Various devices have been resorted to to so construct the bearings that, while forming a secure bearing, they might be removed in a simple manner, but in almost every instance there has been some detachable part or piece arranged in each bearing, which said part or piece is liable to be misplaced or lost, and thus seriously injure, if not entirely ruin, the dish—difficulties which my invention entirely overcomes.

I form the bearing, as denoted more clearly in fig. 3, so as to receive the trunnion *a*; and to the fixed part of the bearing, and at a point, *d*, I hinge a cap, E, the point *d* being above a central dividing line from the point *f*, as seen in fig. 3, so that when the cap is closed down, as denoted in red, the nose *g* of the cap will spring down over the point *f*, and thus securely close over the trunnion, but yet so that the cap may be lifted, as denoted in fig. 3, and turned from the bearing, as seen in fig. 1, so as to permit the removal of the cover.

I have represented the fixed and hinged part of the bearing as forming an ornament upon the side of the dish; but at little or no extra expense the cap may be made a part of the rim around the lower portion, so that the bearing may appear but a part of the rim itself. The construction is a matter of design of the manufacturer, and no part of my invention.

I do not wish to be understood as broadly claiming a hinged cap to close over and secure the trunnion in its bearing.

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

The cap E, hinged at a point, *d*, above the centre of the bearing, and the said cap provided with a nose, *g*, so as to spring down over the point *f*, and secure the trunnion of the cover in its bearing, substantially as set forth.

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