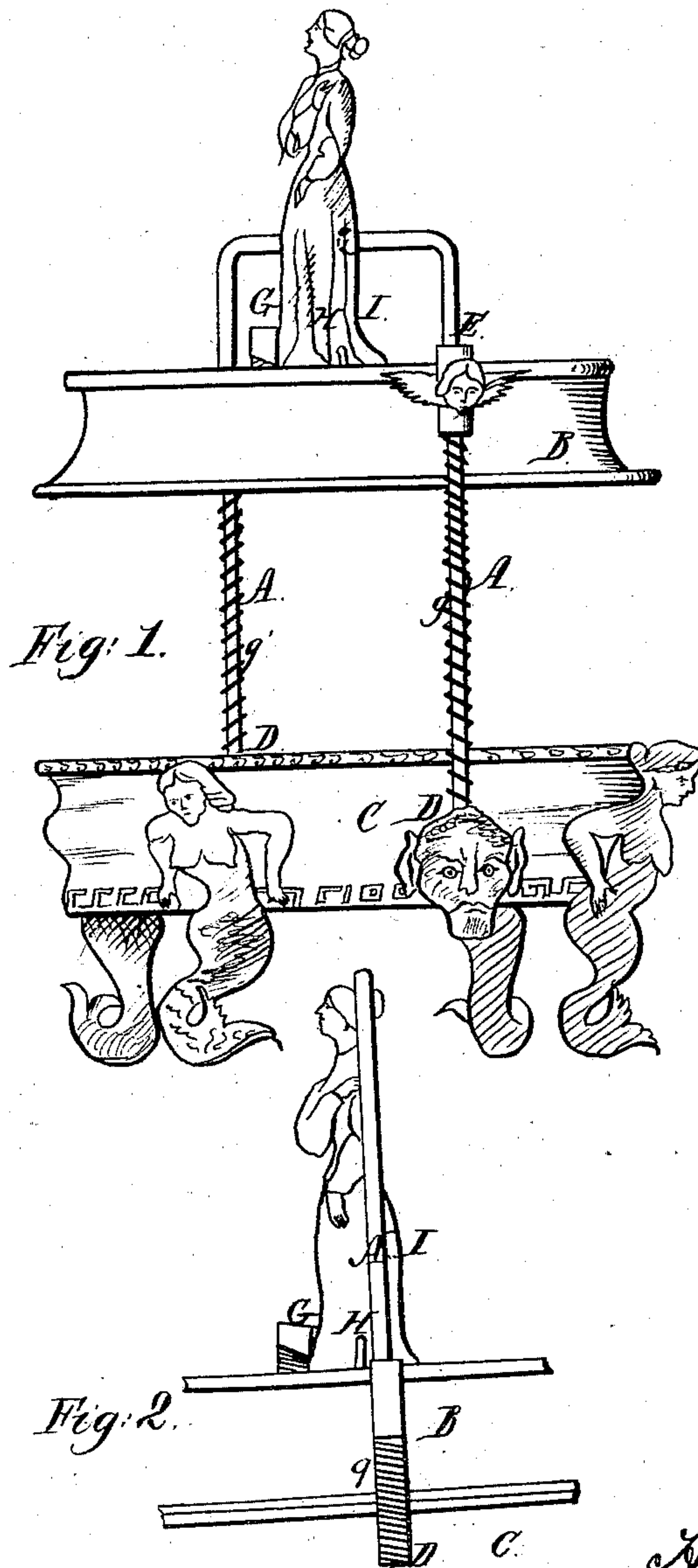


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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Be it known that we, HUBBARD S. GOFF and FRANKLIN M. GOFF, both of Middletown, Middlesex county, State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Adjustable "Dish-Cover;" and we do hereby declare that the following is a full and clear description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon. In the drawings—

Figure 1 shows a side view of our device in one position of parts, and

Figure 2 a diagram of the same, with another position of parts.

This invention consists of an adjustable dish-cover, which is arranged upon the dish in such a manner that the substance in the dish may be covered or uncovered at pleasure, without taking it entirely off and laying it aside.

In construction, we place our cover upon a slide, composed of one or more vertical pieces, A, attached at their bottom ends to the dish, at or near the outside rim of the same.

In the drawings, the cover B is arranged upon the slide formed of the bent wire A, attached at each side of the dish C, at D and D, and spanning across the same at a proper height to let the cover B be raised sufficiently high to allow the substance contained in the dish to be taken conveniently. Springs *a a'* are coiled around the upright portions of the wire A, between the place of attachment at the bottom and the sleeves E upon the cover. These springs, in this case, keep the cover always up, except when it is locked down by means of the spring-figure at the top, which springs under the top cross-wire when the cover is forced down upon the dish, the wire resting across a notch formed at the top of the figure by the conformation of the head. The figure has a spring, G, at the front and foot, which tends always to throw it backwards, the bottom of the figure being pivoted or hinged to the top of the cover, upon a pin, H.

In some cases we do not use springs *a a'* upon the slides, and the weight of the cover keeps it down, and it is fastened up by means of a notch formed in the part of the top figure, opposite the cross-wire, when the top is fully up. A similar notch, I, is dotted in the drawings.

Various similar methods of forming this device may be made without affecting the principle here shown. For instance, we sometimes use a single upright, A, on one side of the dish, and a set-screw in the sleeve on the cover, and they are in this case made without the spring-figure at the top.

By this means we obtain a neat and useful device, by which articles of food may be kept secure from flies, dust, &c., while dished, and in times when it is impossible to secure them otherwise than by keeping them constantly covered, even while upon the table.

Having described our invention, what we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The arrangement of the cover B of the dish, upon one or more vertical pieces A, so that it slides up or down, and can be fastened up or down upon the dish at pleasure, substantially in the manner described and shown.

2. The arrangement of the figure hinged at the top of the cover, and operated by the spring G, so as to form a lock, substantially as shown.

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