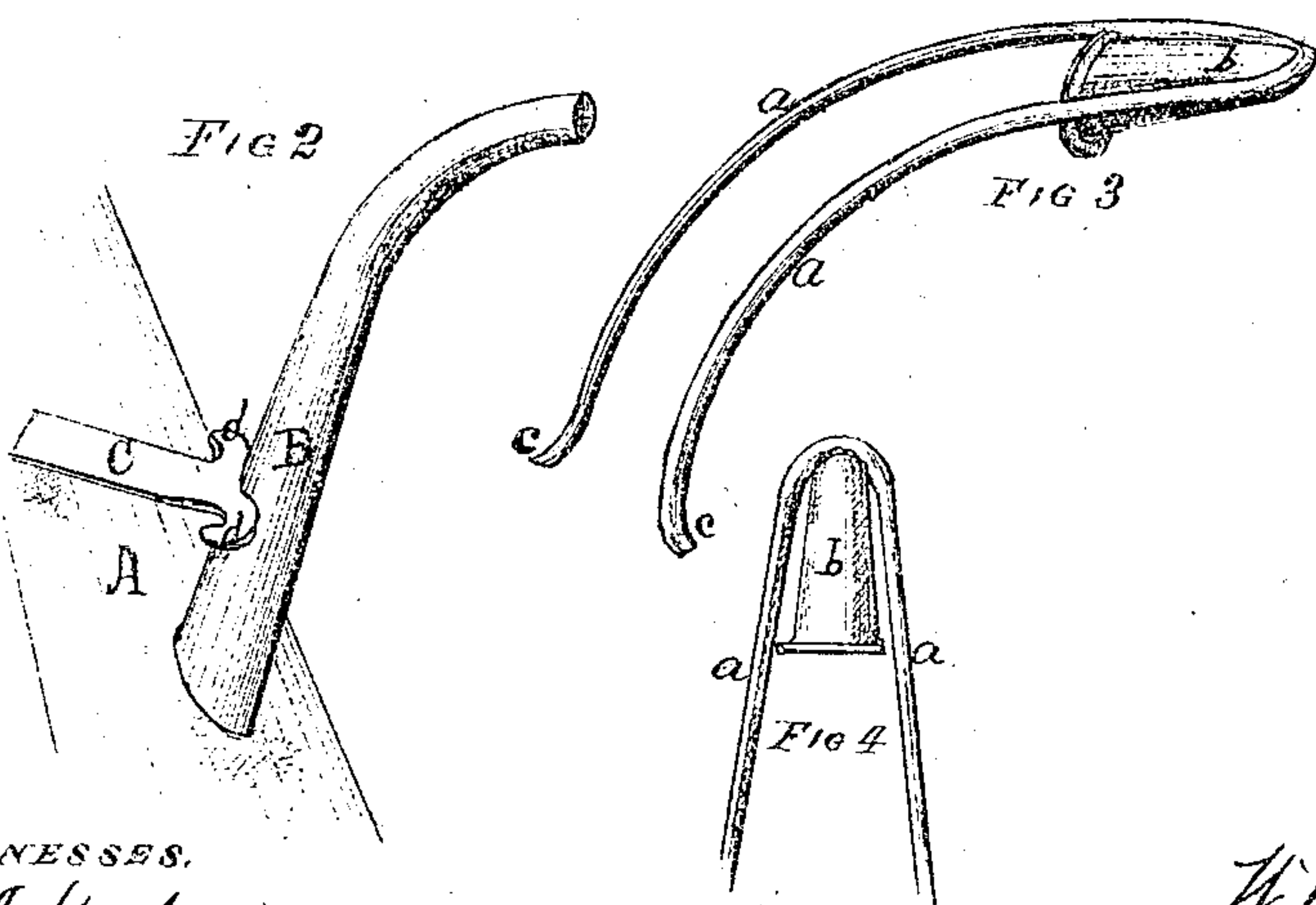
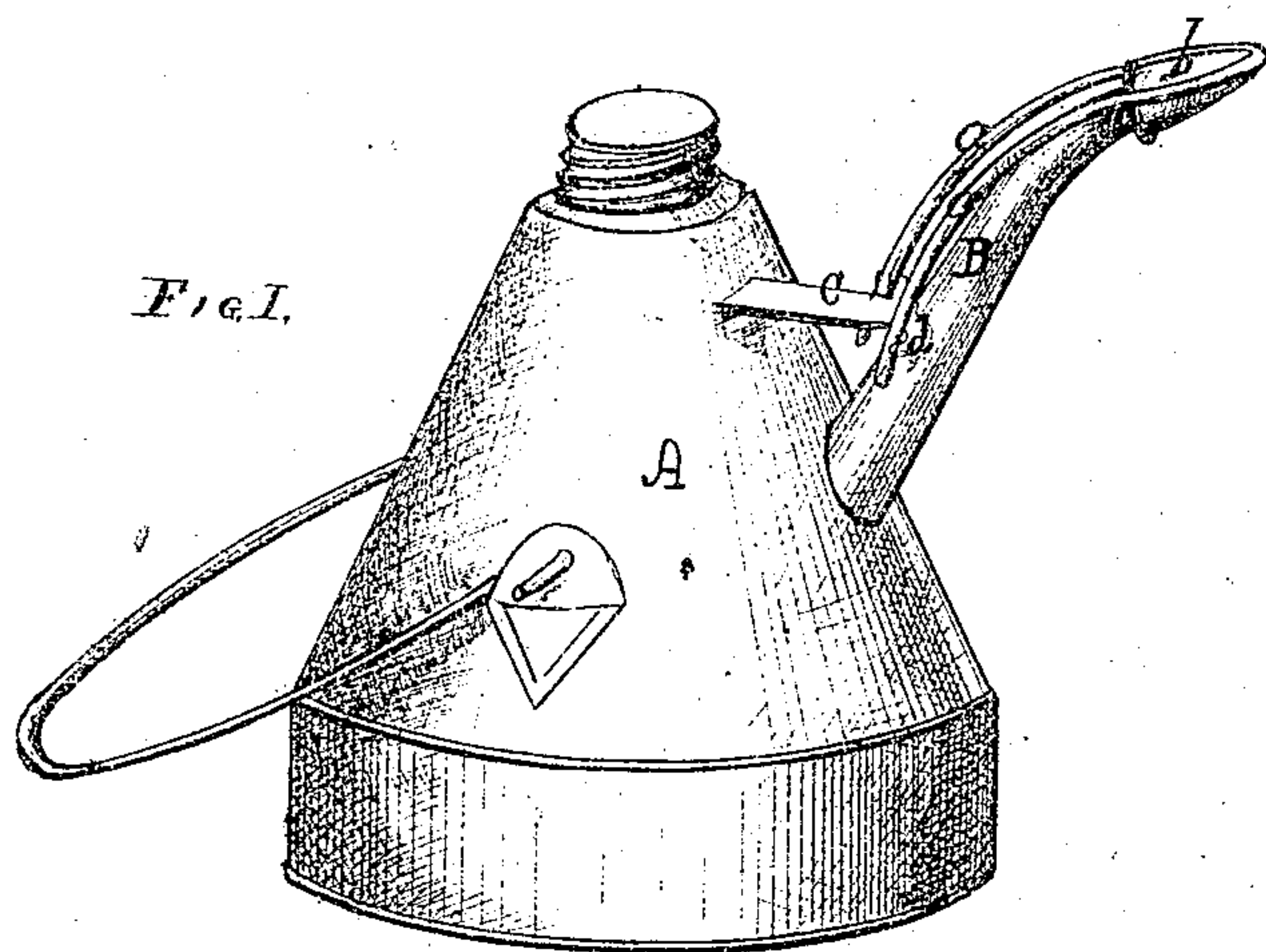


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## IMPROVEMENT IN OIL-CANS.

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

I, WILLIAM WESTLAKE, of the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Oil-Cans, of which the following is a full description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation.

Figure 2 shows the can-spout, with the cover removed.

Figures 3 and 4 show the spout-cover and the wire to which it is secured, in two positions.

The object of my invention is to provide a method of holding the cover of a can-spout upon the spout, so that it will not be likely to be removed unintentionally. Also, to combine with such cover a device for holding the wicks of lamps while being filled, for which device I have heretofore obtained a patent.

In the drawing—

A represents the body of an oil-can.

B, the spout.

C, a brace, one end of which is fastened to the body of the can, the other to the spout. The end which is fastened to the spout has a hook, *d*, upon each side of it.

The cover *b* of the spout is secured to and between the two parts of the bent wire *a a*, the ends *c* of which are curved outward a little, as shown in fig. 3.

The bent wire *a a* can be used for the purpose of holding the wick of the lamp in the mouth of the same, while the lamp is being filled, and I make it of such length that when the cover *b* is placed upon the spout the curved ends *c c* will engage in the hooks *d d*, thus holding the cover upon the spout, and preventing its accidental removal.

I thus provide an easy and efficient method of holding the cover upon the spout securely, and furnish with the can a device for holding the wick while filling the lamp.

The use of this wick-holding device will be understood by reference to a patent recently issued to me.

If the brace C should not be used, a hooked wire might be secured to the spout, to hold the wire *a a* in position.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is as follows:

The combination and arrangement of the cover *b* and wire *a a* with the hooks *d d* and can-spout B, substantially as and for the purposes specified.

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