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CUP-HOLDER.

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FIG. 1.

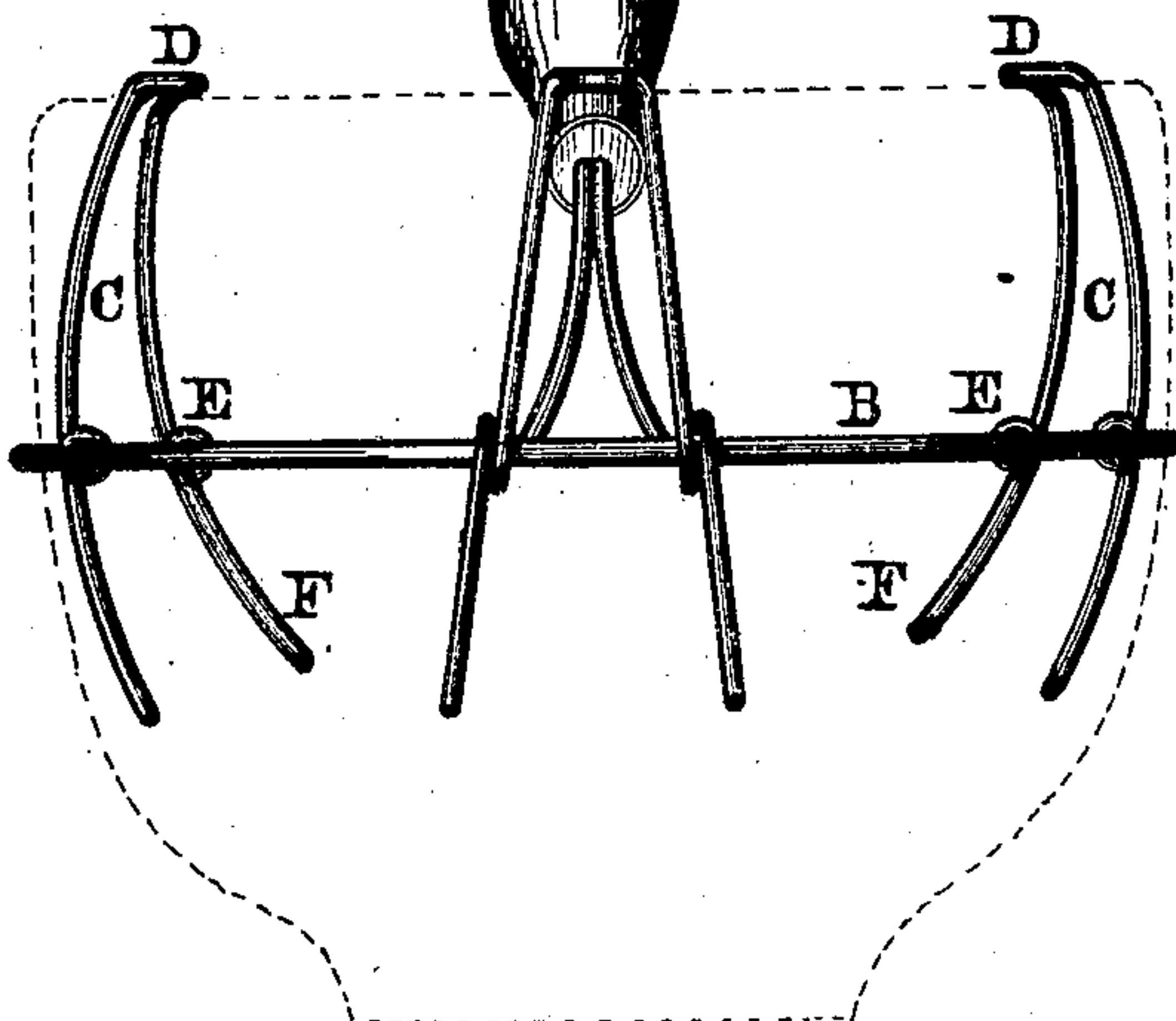
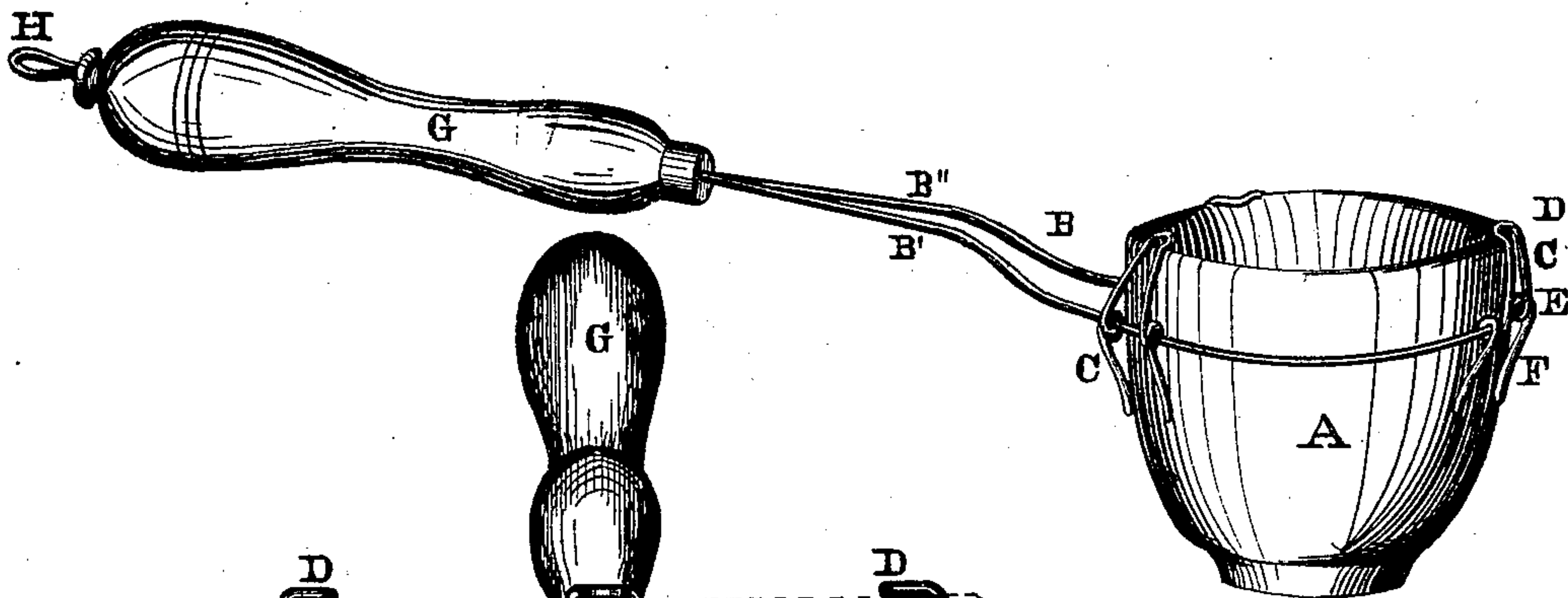


FIG. 2.

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IMPROVEMENT IN CUP-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOSEPH SCHERER, of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented a Cup-Holder; and I do hereby declare that the following description of my invention, taken in connection with the accompanying sheet of drawings, forms a full, clear, and exact specification.

This invention relates to a cup-holder as a new article of manufacture; and it consists in the arrangement, with a suitable handle, of a circular ring or band provided with a number of clamps, in such manner that a tea-cup or the like placed into said band, and secured by said clamps, will be securely held therein, so as to be used as a dipper, soup-ladle, and for such other purposes to which a bowl-shaped vessel is applicable.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains to make and use the same, I shall proceed to describe its particular construction, and refer to the annexed sheet of drawings hereinbefore mentioned, which forms a part of this specification, and illustrates my invention more fully.

In these drawings, Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved cup-holder with the tea-cup attached. Fig. 2 is a horizontal elevation.

Similar parts are designated by corresponding letters in both figures.

A is an ordinary tea-cup, as found in every household. B is a wire frame, consisting of a ring of suitable size, and the shanks B' B''. This part of my invention is made of wire suitably plated or covered with a metal not affected by any of the liquids, &c., with which it may come in contact—such as tin, nickel, &c.—and is bent in such manner that the two extremities of said wire form the shanks B' B'', to which is secured a wooden handle, G. The ring B is provided with three clamps, C, consisting each of one piece of wire bent in such manner as to form the hook or catch D on one end, the eyes E centrally, and the two prongs, F, on the opposite end. They are movably attached to the band B by the eyes

E, and are curved inwardly to impinge upon the cup A when introduced between said clamps, to securely hold the same in proper position, said cup being prevented from slipping out of said clamps by the hooks D, overlapping the upper edge of said cup.

The clamps C may be made either of wire, as aforesaid, or of flat plates or strips of sheet metal riveted or otherwise attached to the band B, their elasticity, when thus constructed, being sufficient to enable the introduction or removal of the cup.

To insert this cup into the holder, it is simply necessary to press it between the clamps until the hooks project over the upper edge of the cup, when it will be securely held in the holder, and can be used for all the various culinary purposes to which a dipper is applicable. To remove the cup, draw back two of the clamps C, and push the cup out of the holder.

It will be observed that on account of the peculiar, but extremely simple, construction of the frame and clamps of four pieces of wire suitably bent into proper shape, this article can be manufactured and sold at a trifle, and will, therefore, be within the reach of every housekeeper, to whom it will be one of the most useful implements, on account of the variety of uses to which it is adapted.

Having thus fully described my invention, I claim—

1. As a new article of manufacture, a cup-holder, consisting of a handle, G, band B, and a series of clamps, C, constructed to operate substantially as described, for the use and purpose stated.

2. The combination, with the band B, of the clamps C, as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

JOSEPH SCHERER.

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