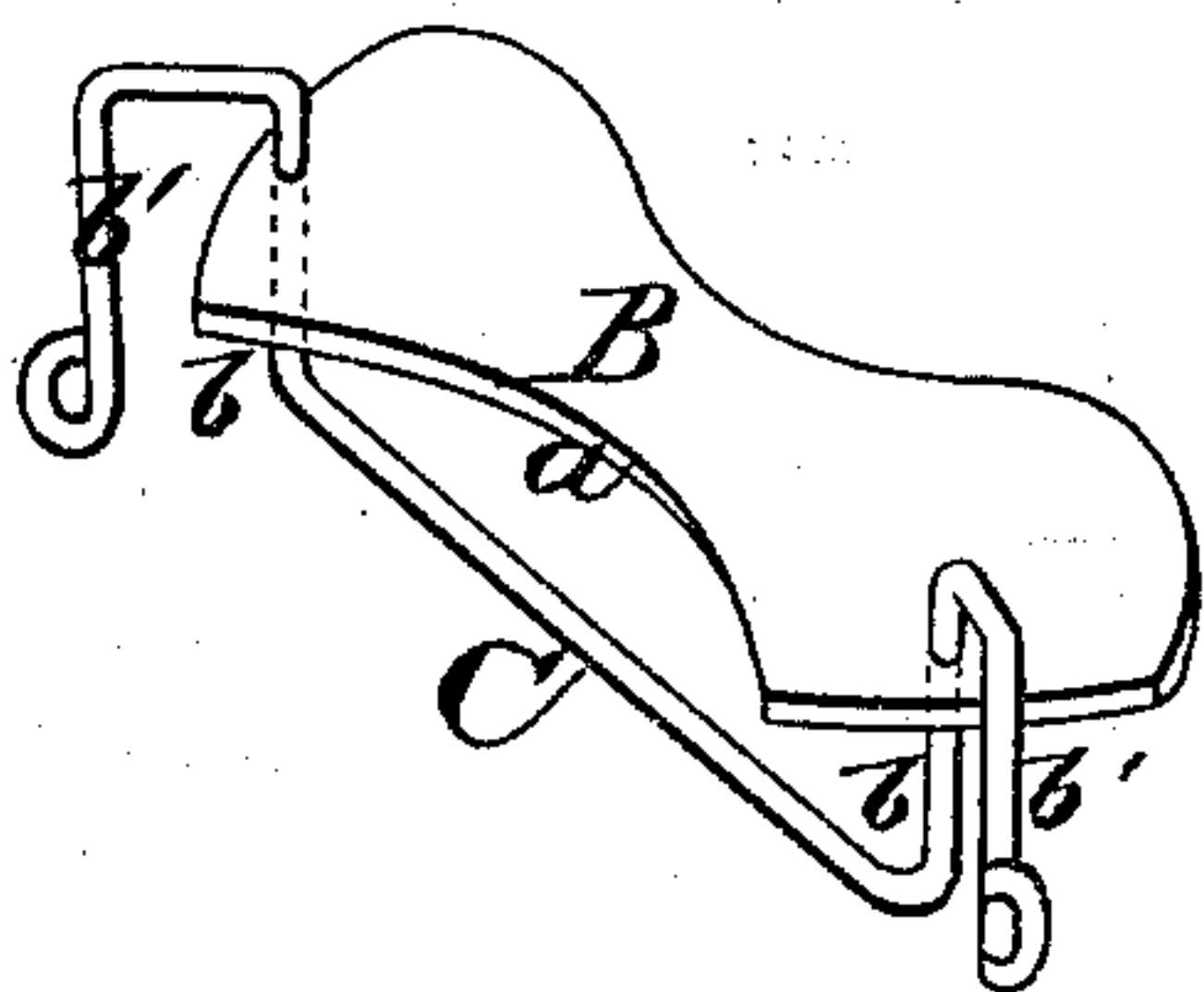


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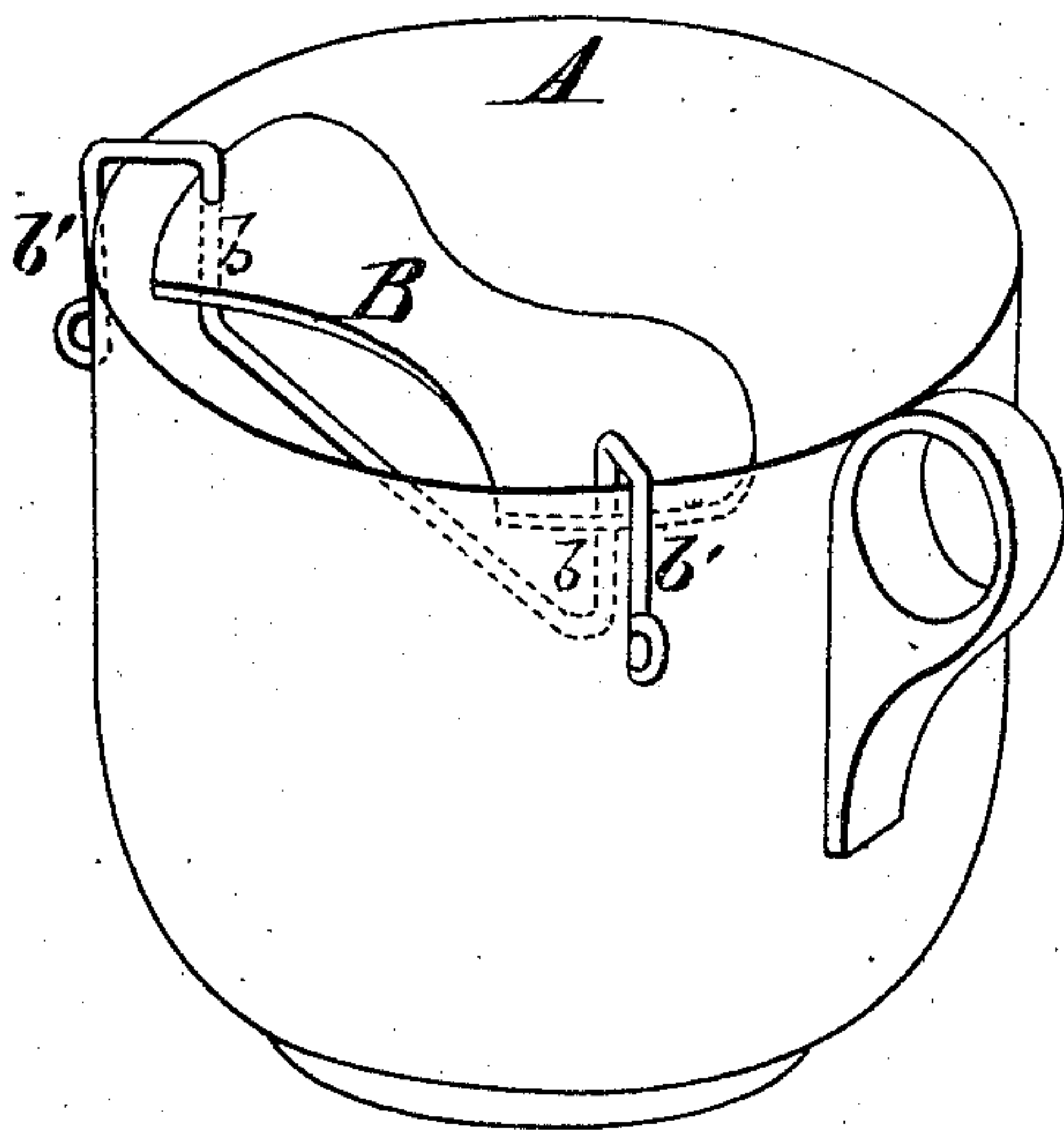
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN MUSTACHE-GUARDS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ELIJAH AVEY, of Mount Morris, in the county of Ogle, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Mustache-Guard; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my mustache-guard, and Fig. 2 shows the same applied to a cup.

This invention has relation to mustache-guards; and the nature of my invention consists in a mustache-guard, which is provided with clasps on its ends, in combination with a loop adapted to receive a napkin, and also to afford an outside bearing against the cup, as will be hereinafter explained.

In the annexed drawings, A designates a drinking-cup of the usual well-known form, and B is a mustache-guard, which is adapted to fit the inside of the cup, and which is constructed with a concavity, *a*. To this guard

wire clasps are applied; also a loop, C. The clasps are formed of vertical portions *b b'*, which embrace the edge of the cup and hold the guard in its proper place, as represented in Fig. 2. The portions *b b'* are connected by the loop C, between which and the guard-plate B is a space, which is adapted to receive a napkin. The loop C and the clasps may be formed of a single wire, as shown in the two figures.

My mustache-guard is adapted for cups of various sizes, and can be readily detached from the same at pleasure, and used as a napkin-holder.

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

The combined mustache-guard and napkin-holder, composed of the guard-plate B, clasps *b b'*, and loop C, combined substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the above, I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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