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Covered Dish.

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fig. 1

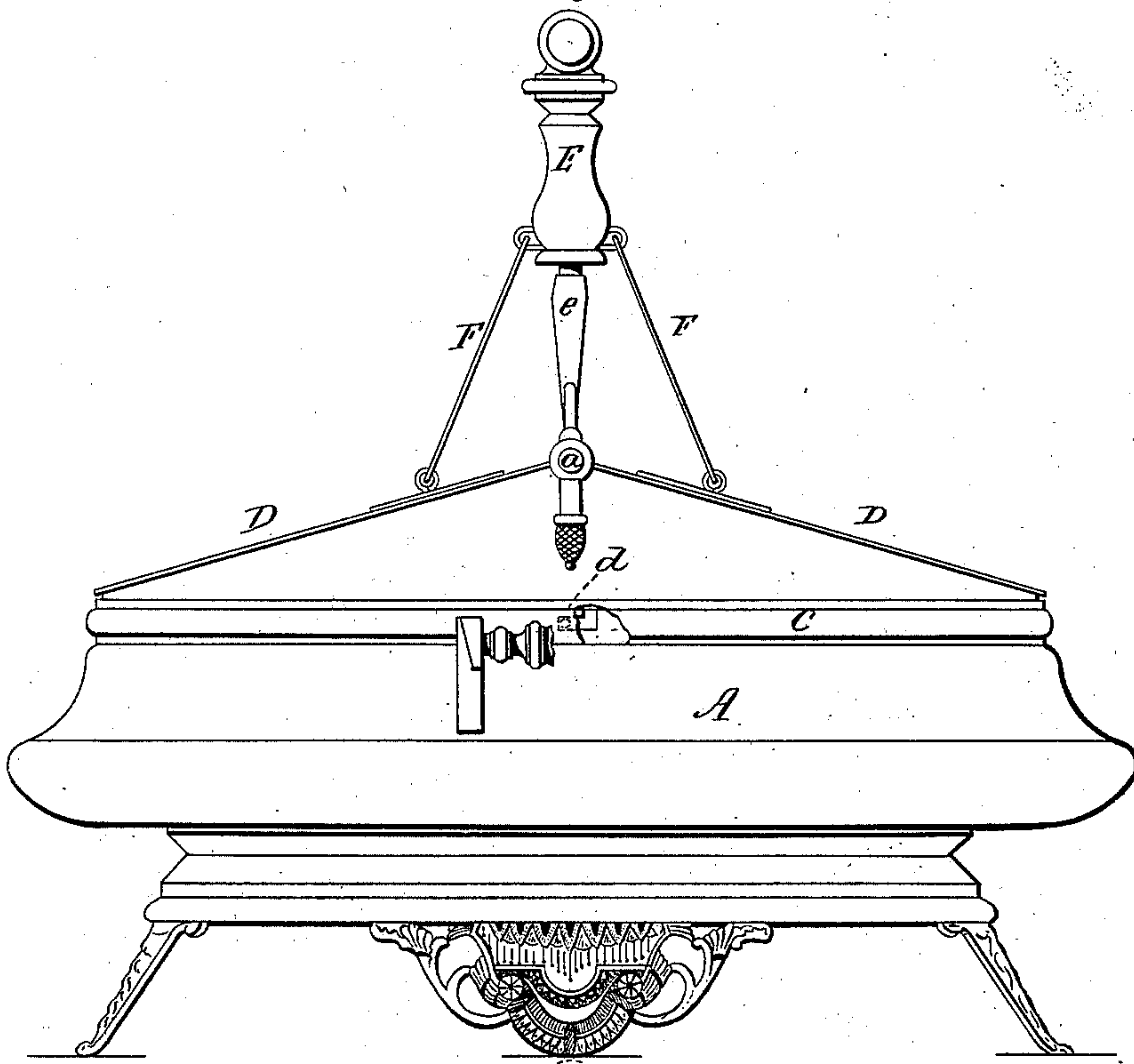


fig. 2

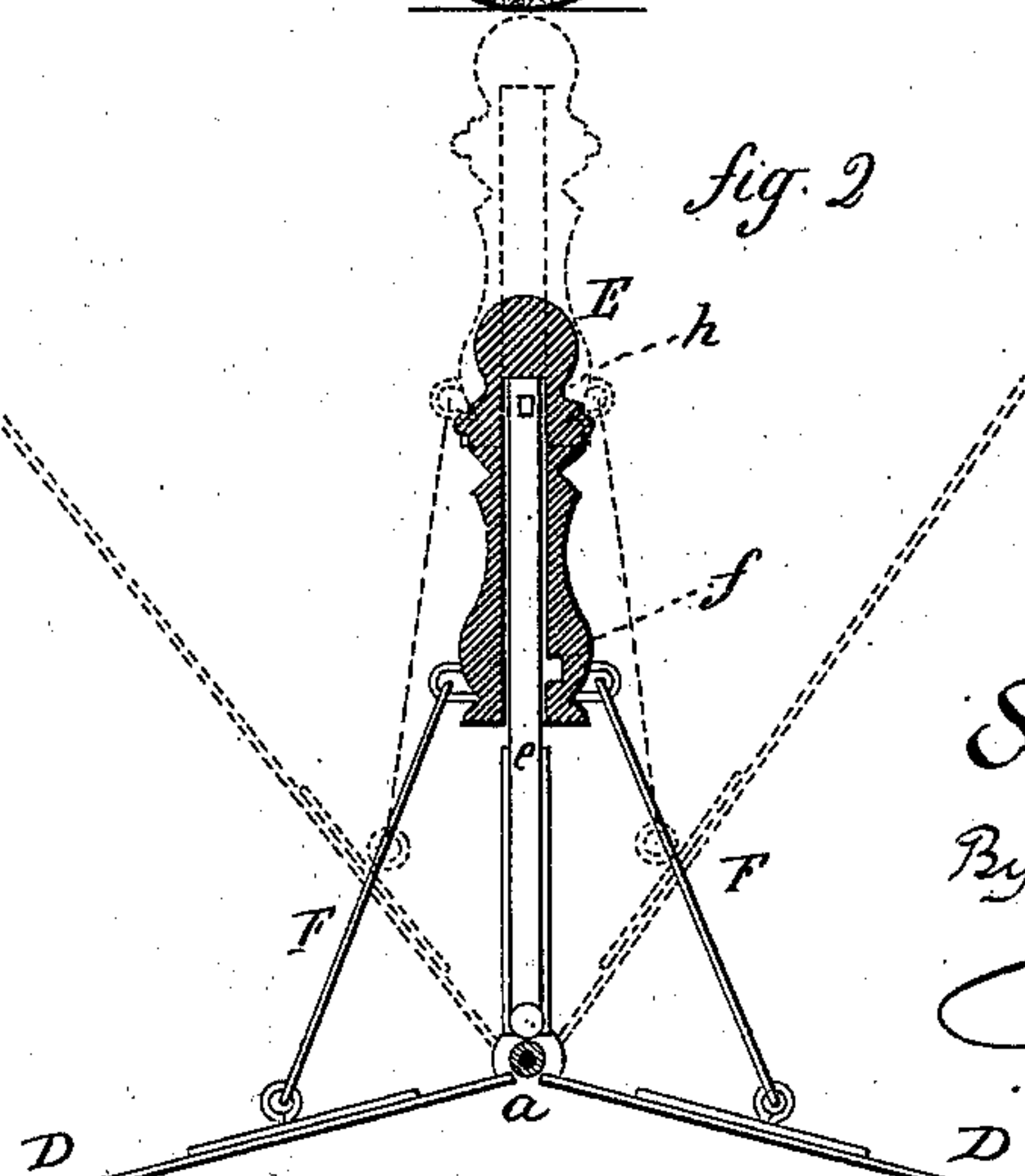
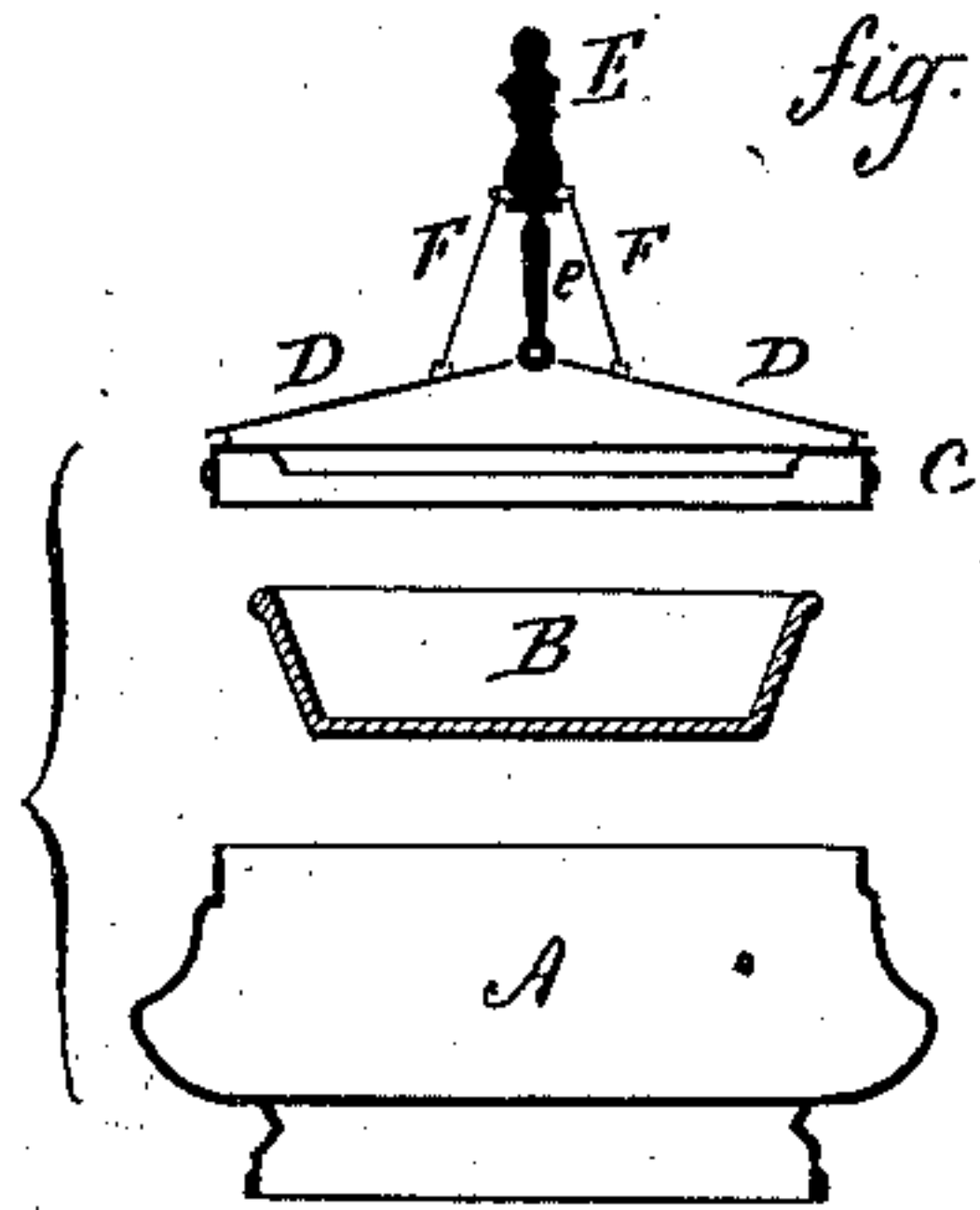


fig. 3

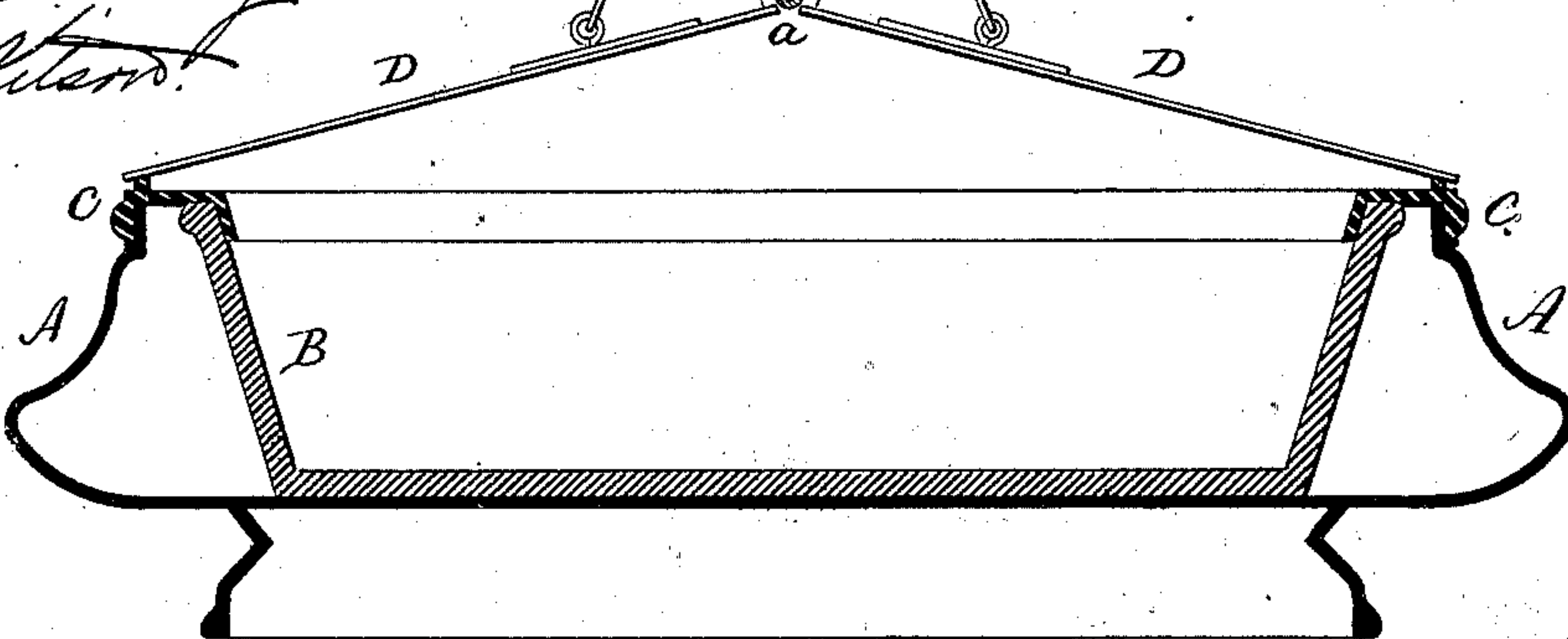


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## IMPROVEMENT IN COVERED DISHES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, S. WM. BABBITT, of West Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Covered 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; Fig. 2, a vertical central section; and Fig. 3, the three parts detached.

This invention relates to an improvement in articles or dishes for table service and other purposes, and particularly to that class of plated ware in which a porcelain pan is introduced into the body of the plated portion, and its edge covered by a band extending over the edge both of the body and the said pan, and commonly called "pudding-dishes," but parts of the invention are applicable to other dishes and uses; and the invention consists in the construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter described, and more particularly recited in the claims.

For convenience of illustration, the invention is shown as applied to a pudding-dish, and in which A represents the base or body, constructed to receive within it a porcelain-lined pan, B. C the hoop or band, which overlaps both the body and the pan, so that the edge of both are concealed, and the separation of the parts is not apparent.

In this class of dishes a cover is generally used in a single piece, and to simply sit on over the band C; and to remove it, it must be entirely detached from the band, thus making the dish in four parts.

In order to combine the cover with the band, and thereby practically lessen the number of parts, there is a cover in two parts, D D, hinged at the center to a pintle or bar running across from one point of the band C to the opposite, and preferably this hinged point *a* is raised on the said central or hinged line, causing the covers, when closed, to lie in an inclined position, as seen in Figs. 1 and 2. Thus the band and cover are made substantially one and the

same, and so that the dish may be opened by raising either one or both covers; and a handle applied to the said central bar serves as a convenient means for carrying the dish. In order that the dish may be lifted by such handle, the band C is locked to the body A by a bayonet or other suitable joint, as at *d*, Fig. 1, where a portion of the band is broken away to show the locking device. By unlocking these parts they may be separated, as seen in Fig. 3; or when locked together the whole may be lifted as one article by taking hold of the handle.

In order to automatically open the covers, a post or guide, *e*, is centrally attached to the cross-bar, and onto this a vertically-sliding handle, E, is placed, and so as to move freely up and down thereon within certain limits. From this handle E a connection, F, is made from each side to the cover, and so that when the handle is raised the covers will, by such connection, be drawn up, as seen in Fig. 2, to open the cover. This will occur in lifting the dish by the handle, so that the servant in passing it will present it in an open condition.

When standing on the table it is desirable at times to sustain the covers in their open condition. To do this a notch, *f*, is made in the sleeve, and a corresponding projecting stud, *h*, on the post *e*, and so that when the handle and covers are raised, as seen in broken lines, Fig. 2, the handle may be partially turned to bring the stud into the notch *f*, and, there resting, support the handle and covers in that condition; or, instead of the notch *f*, the handle may be raised entirely above the stud, and accomplish the same result.

The connection between the handle and the covers may be made in various ways, as, for instance, it may be chains or rods; or the handle may be extended down to the covers, and make a simple hook engagement; or, instead of lifting the handle to open the covers it may be simply rotated, the connection of the covers being so that such rotation will act to raise the covers, as by worm and segment.

It is therefore to be understood that this invention is not limited to the particular arrangement for lifting the covers shown in illustration.

As before stated, and by the foregoing description, it will be evident that this invention and parts of it are applicable to other dishes or articles, and the invention is therefore not limited to any particular class of dishes.

I claim—

1. The combination of the body A, the inner pan B, band C, and a cover hinged to the said band, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the body A, the inner pan B, the band C, and a cover hinged thereto, with a locking device between the

said band and the body, substantially as described, and for the purpose of securing the parts together.

3. In a covered dish, a divided cover, the two parts hinged permanently to the band, combined with a lifting-handle in connection with said covers, and so that by said handle the covers may be lifted, substantially as described.

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