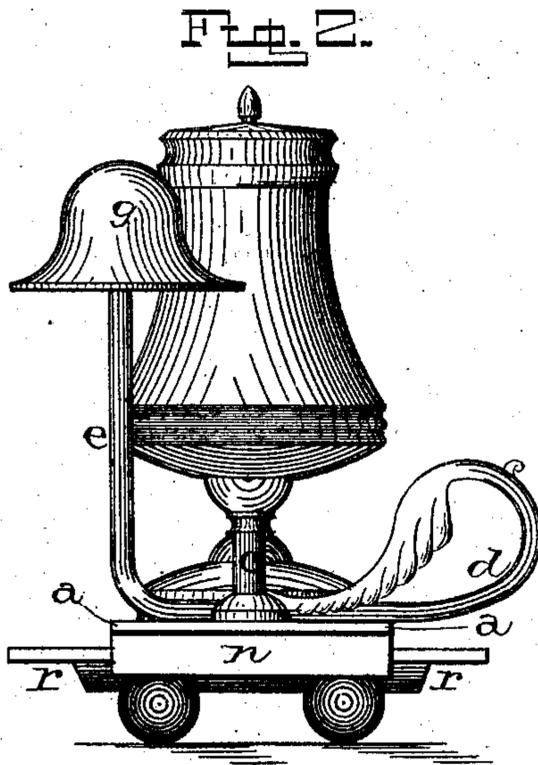
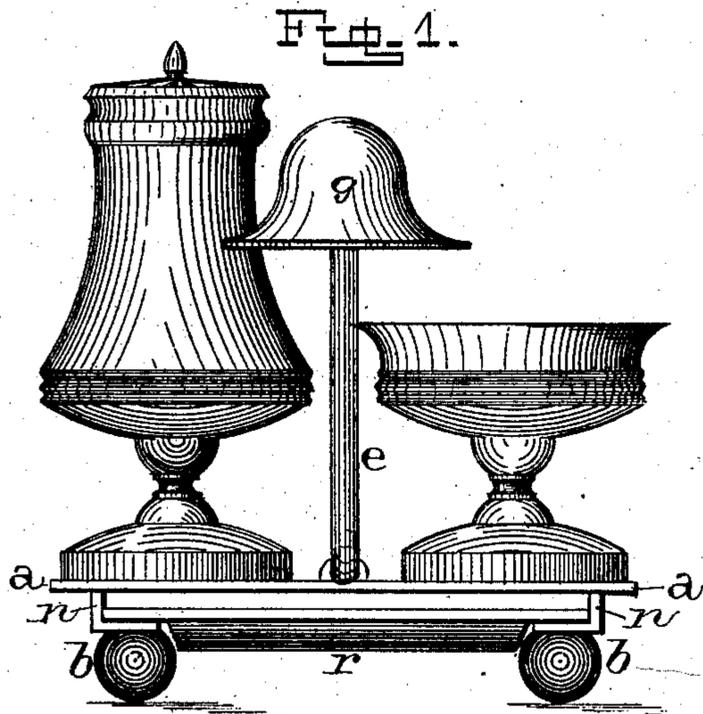


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN CULVER, of Derby, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Casters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it pertains to make and use it, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification.

My invention relates to an improvement in casters; and it consists in forming in the bottom part of the stand a place to receive the butter-dish.

It also consists in the arrangement and combination of parts that will be more fully described hereinafter.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention. Fig. 2 is an end view with one of the articles removed.

a represents the base or stand, which is raised above the table a suitable distance by the legs *b*. Upon the top of the base *a* are formed any suitable number of projections, *c*, upon which the pepper-box, salt-stand, and other such articles are placed. These projections extend up into recesses in the bottoms of these articles and hold them so securely in place that there is but little danger of their falling off while the caster is being carried about.

Secured to the center of the top of the base is the handle *d*, for carrying or moving the caster from place to place. Also secured upon the top of the base is a standard, *e*, which may either form a part of the handle, as here shown, or

be entirely separate, and upon the top of which standard a call-bell, *g*, is secured. This bell, being raised some distance above the top of the base, is entirely out of the way, and yet forms a very valuable addition to the caster, especially in a sick-room.

Under the top of the base, and in the inner sides of the legs *b*, are formed the two shoulders *n*, which extend entirely across the base, and which form supports for the butter-dish. This butter-dish being placed in the caster, as shown, the two articles occupy no more room on the table than the caster alone.

The object of my invention is to produce a small, light, elegant caster, which shall be as compact as possible, and which can be handed around with perfect safety.

This caster is especially adapted for use in sick-rooms or in private rooms in hotels, where it has to be sent upon a waiter.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A caster having shoulders or supports formed under its base *a* to receive a butter-dish, substantially as shown.

2. A caster provided with a standard to receive a bell, and a number of projections to hold the different articles in place, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 26th day of December, 1879.

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