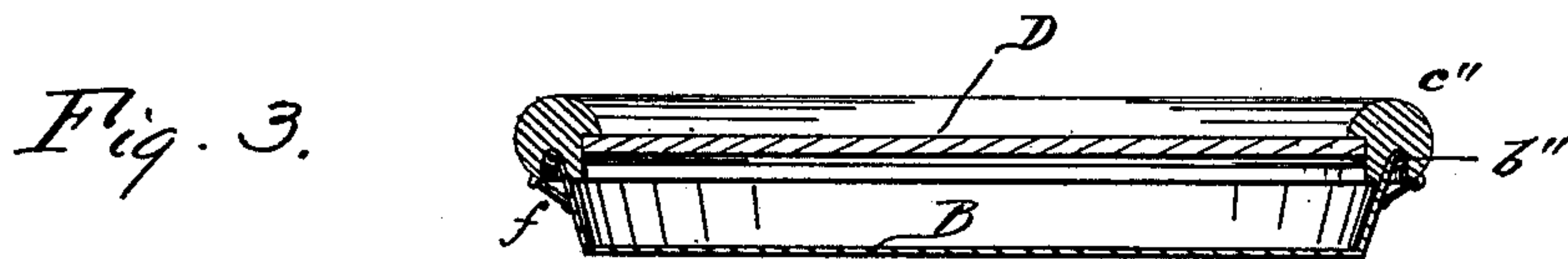
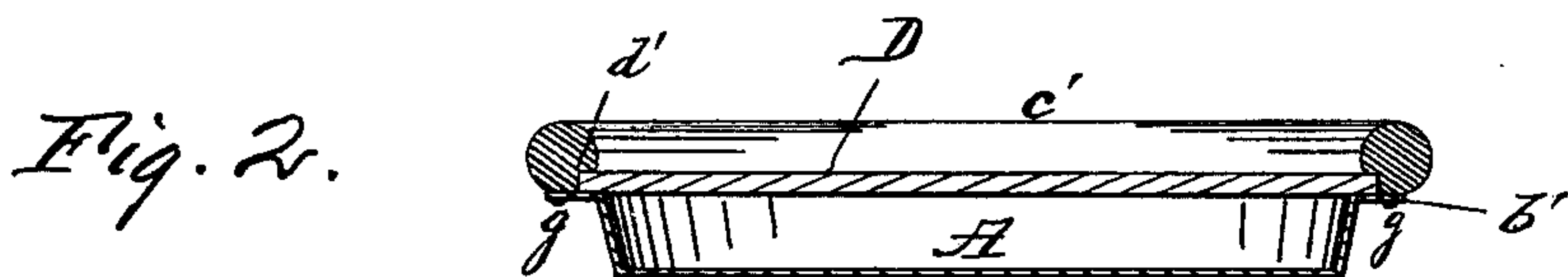
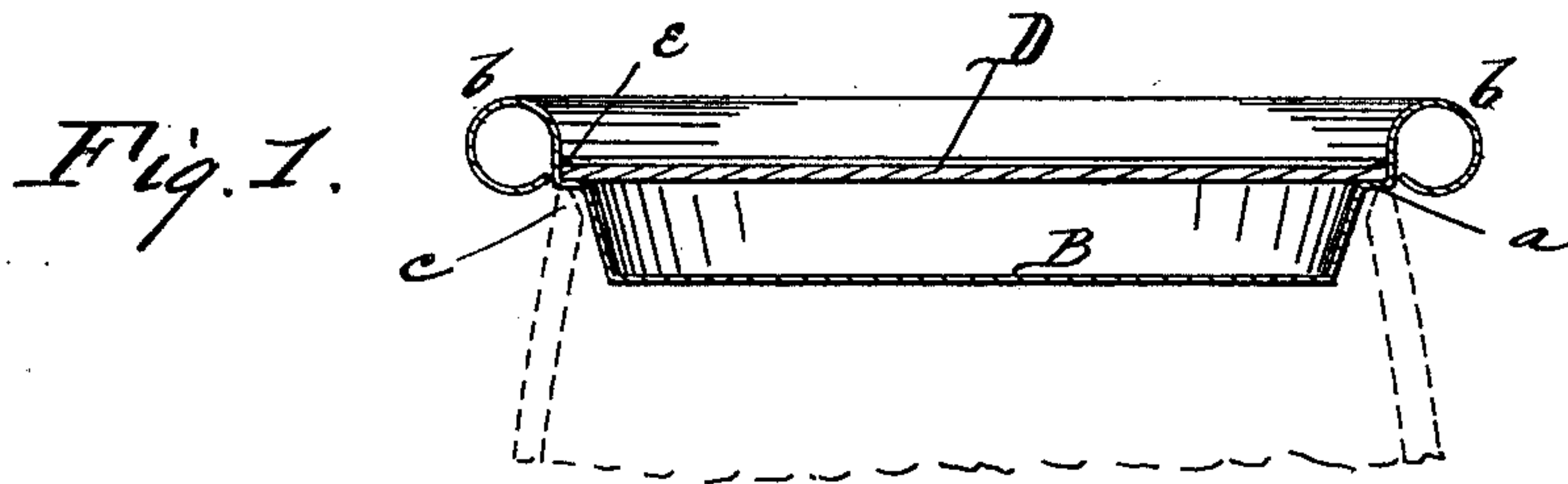


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THEODORE W. LACOCK, of Kittanning, in the county of Armstrong and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Combined Barrel-Cover and Sample-Case; and I declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

10 Figure 1 is a vertical section of my invention. Figs. 2 and 3 are similar views of modifications.

This invention relates to covers for barrels and other goods-packages in store-rooms or elsewhere; and it consists, broadly, in constructing the cover so that while serving as
15 such it will also serve as a sample-case, in which a part of the contents of the package may be disclosed to view while being protected from dust and atmospheric influences.

The invention also consists in the combination and arrangement of parts, substantially as hereinafter fully described and claimed.

In the drawings, A designates the upper
25 part of a barrel containing merchandise of some sort which it is desired to cover up and yet disclose the nature of the contents for examination and criticism.

Fig. 1 illustrates the mode of construction
30 preferred by me. I take a flat plate of tin, sheet-iron, paper, or other suitable material, and press it into the form of a dish, B, having the offset *a*, as shown, and the curled flange *b*. This dished plate fits down into the
35 open top of the barrel and rests upon the chine *c* of the barrel by means of the offset *a* or the curled flange *b*. Some of the contents of the barrel are placed in the cover B, after which a glass or other transparent plate, D,
40 is laid on the offset *a* and fastened in place by putty, or by a hoop or other means of securing the glass. The drawings exhibit a putty filling, *e*, for this purpose. In this manner the contents of the barrel are preserved against

the entry of dust and dirt, against atmospheric 45 influence, and against injury from handling, while a sample is in full view at the top. This is convenient when the contents are nearly exhausted, and makes the barrels of sugar, salt, crackers, &c., in a store always look full 50 and neat.

Instead of the above construction, I may make the cover as in Fig. 2, where the dish A has the horizontal flange *b'*, fastened by screws or otherwise to the wooden ring *c'*, which has 55 an offset, *d'*, to which the glass plate D is attached, as before; or I may proceed as in Fig. 3, and construct the dish B with a wired bead, *b''*, at its top edge, and insert this in a grooved ring, *c''*, of suitable material, having 60 the glass plate D attached, as before. The ring and dish can be attached by a latch, as shown at *f*, or by a screw, as at *g*.

I do not confine myself to any precise manner of construction and arrangement, as my 65 invention is broadly a combined cover and sample-case for barrels and other goods-packages, such as boxes, canisters, firkins, kegs, &c., and it may be made of any material found suitable for the purpose. 70

I claim as my invention—

1. The combined barrel-cover and sample-case, consisting of a dished receptacle, forming the cover proper of the barrel and resting upon the chine thereof, and provided with a 75 suitable transparent top, substantially as described.

2. The combined barrel-cover and sample-case, consisting of the dish B, having offset *a* and flange *b*, all in one piece, and a transparent 80 top, D, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand.

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