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Fig. 1.

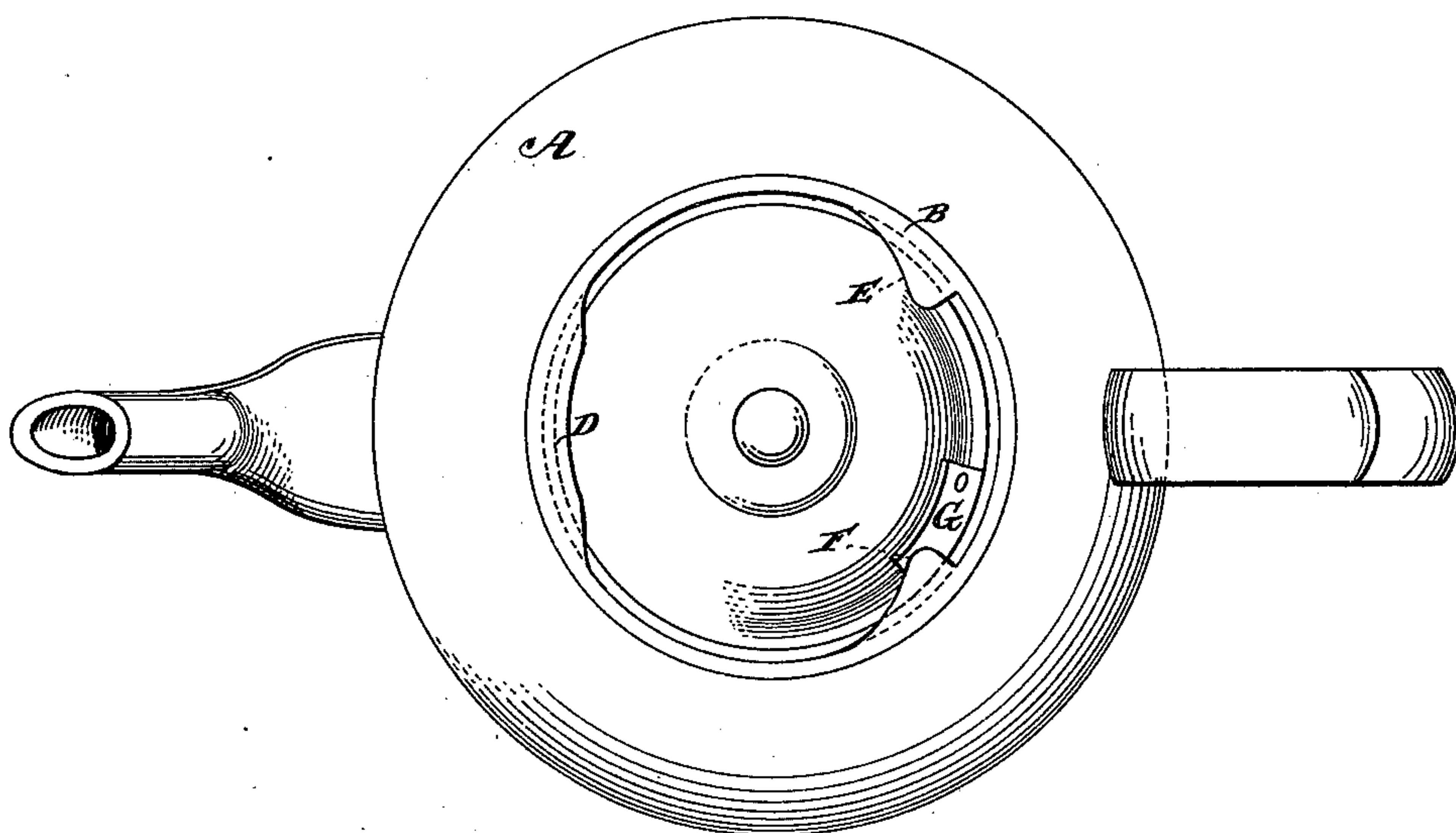


Fig. 2.

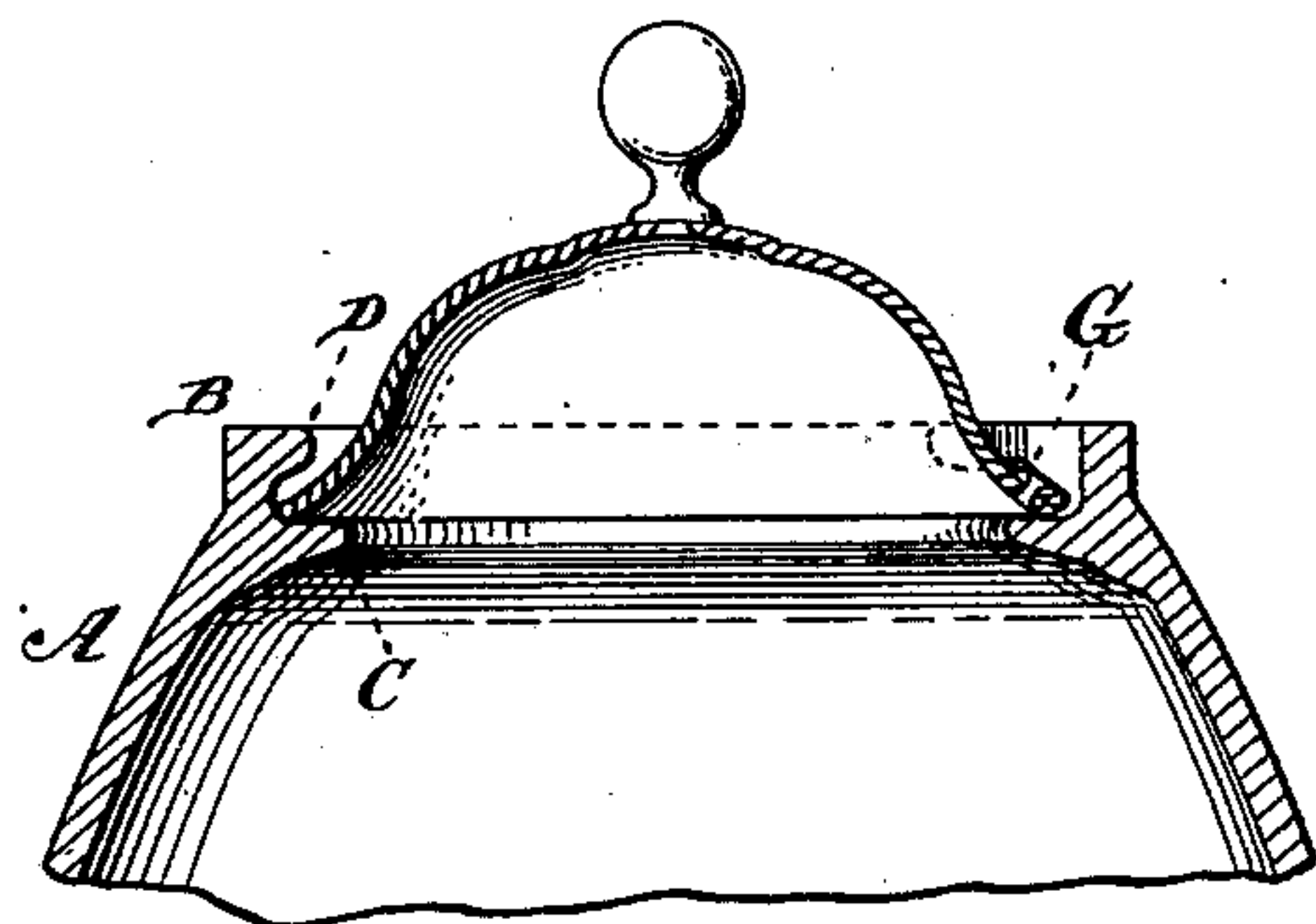
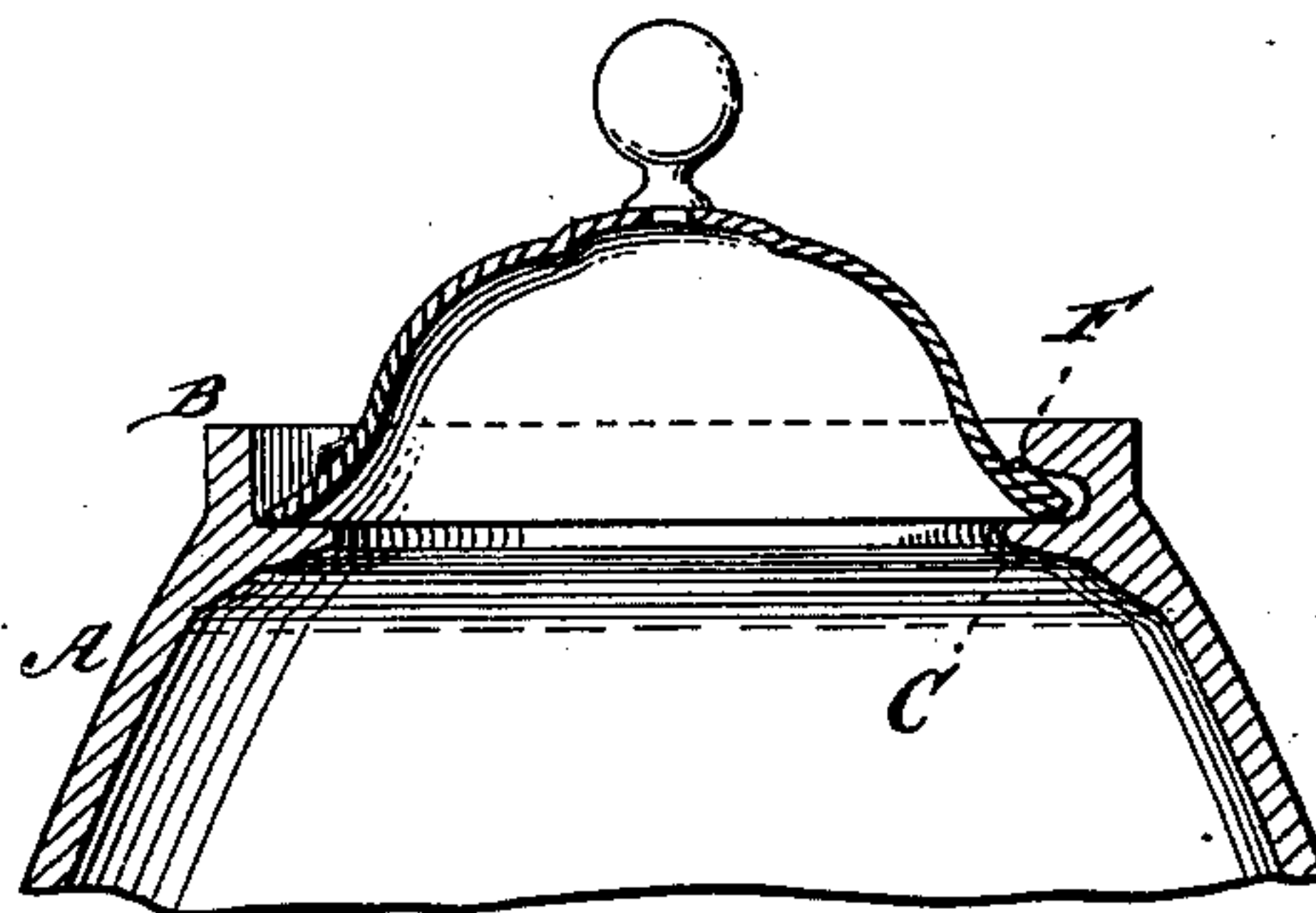


Fig. 3.



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TEA-POT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN E. JEFFORDS, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Tea-Pots; 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.

This invention has relation to earthenware vessels, such as tea-pots and the like, in which hinged covers or sliding covers are ordinarily used; and it consists in the construction and novel arrangement of the laterally-arranged rear nibs and broad front nib on the mouth of the vessel; also, in the reinforcement or cleat arranged on the edge of the cover, which is designed to be introduced under the nibs, whereby said cover may be locked in place, all as hereinafter shown and described, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a tea-pot, showing the nibs and cover in place. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view showing the cover in position but not locked. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view taken through one of the rear nibs, showing the cover locked in place.

Referring by letter to the accompanying drawings, A designates an earthen tea-pot of any ordinary construction, having a vertically-projecting flange, B, and a horizontally-projecting flange or cover, C.

The vertical flange B is provided at a point in the rear of the spout of the vessel with an elongated nib, D, above the inwardly-projecting flange C, said nib D being curved to correspond to the curvature of the opening or mouth of the vessel.

On each side of the point at which the handle of the vessel is located the vertical rim or flange B is provided with nibs E and F.

The cover of the vessel may be of any ordinary construction or pattern, and is shown circular in this instance. Upon the upper face of the lid or cover and near its edge is secured a cleat or strip, G. The cover is

preferably of sheet metal nickel-plated or of other construction.

My main object is to dispense with the hinged cover ordinarily employed, and at the same time to provide a locking device that is simple, secure, and inexpensive.

Although I have shown my improvement applied to a tea-pot of earthenware, it is obvious that it is equally applicable to vessels intended for analogous uses.

The operation of the invention is as follows: The edge of the cover or lid is to be introduced beneath the nibs E and F, and its opposite or forward edge will fall to place upon the cover-seat or horizontal flange C. When the vessel is tipped to pour out its contents the cover would naturally slide under the nib D, and as the nibs E and F project a sufficient distance inwardly to prevent the rear edge of the cover from rising from its seat the cover will be held in place. To provide greater security, however, I have placed the cleat or strip G upon the cover, and by slipping this cleat beneath either the nib E or F the cover may be securely locked in place.

I am aware that it is not broadly new to provide the vertical flange usually surrounding the mouths of earthen and other vessels with inwardly-projecting lugs or ears for securing the cover in place thereon; and, further, that the cover has been recessed in its periphery, and an inclined edge of the recess has been forced under the inclined face of an inwardly-projecting lug located above the cover-seat for the purpose of locking the cover in place.

I desire herein to limit myself to the precise construction shown and described.

Having thus fully described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a tea-pot or other vessel provided with the cover-seat C, the combination, with the vertical flange B, of the elongated inwardly-projecting nib D, located in the rear of the spout of the vessel, the short nibs E and F, located one at each side of the handle of the vessel and projecting inward farther toward the center than the nib D, and the cover

of the vessel, constructed and operating substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

2. In a tea-pot, the combination, with the cover-seat C and the vertical flange B, provided with the nib D in rear of the spout, and the nibs E and F, one on each side of the handle and projecting inward farther than the nib D, of the cover, provided upon its top and near the periphery with the locking-cleat G, con-

structed and operating substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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

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