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Fig. 2.

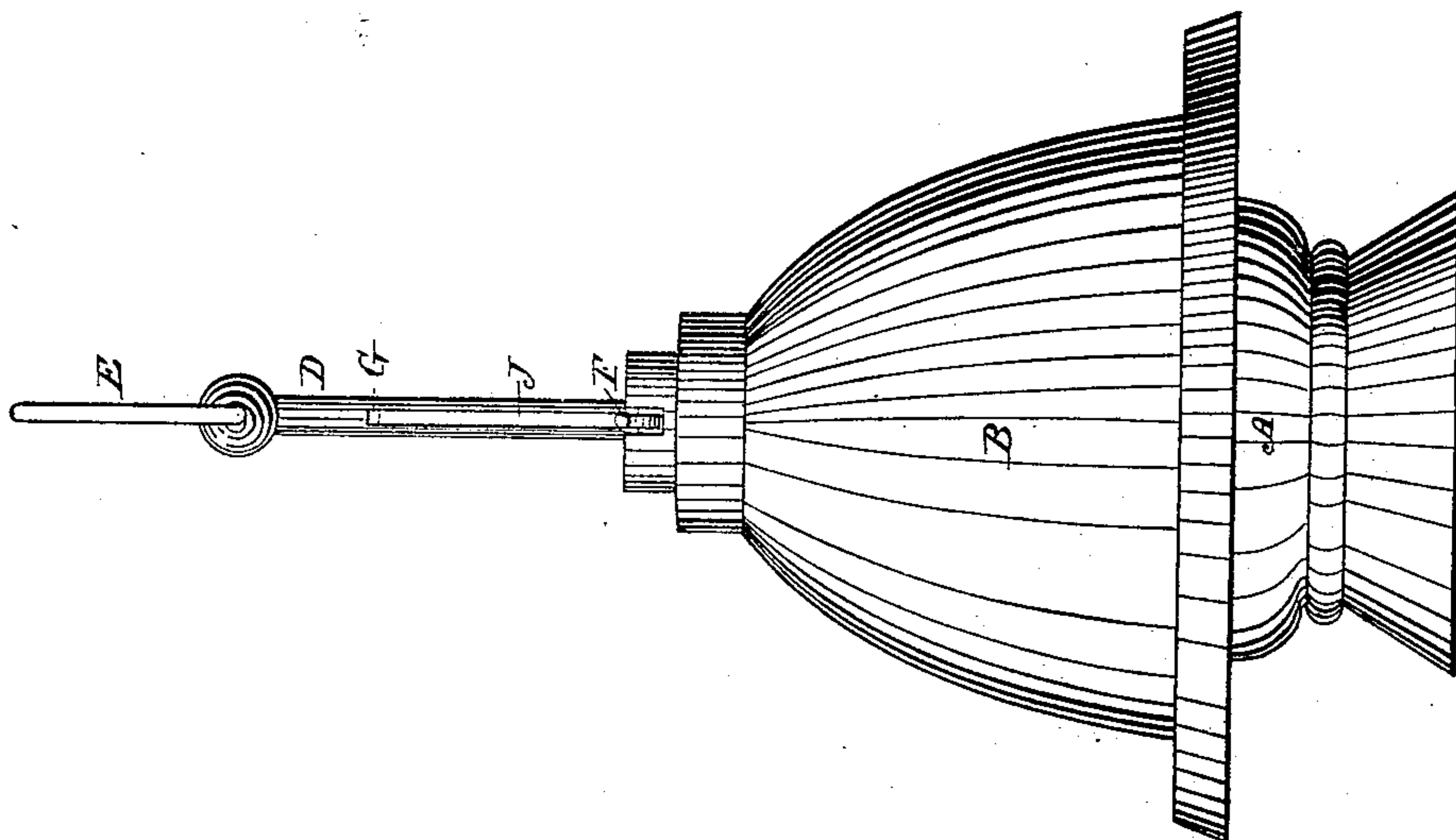
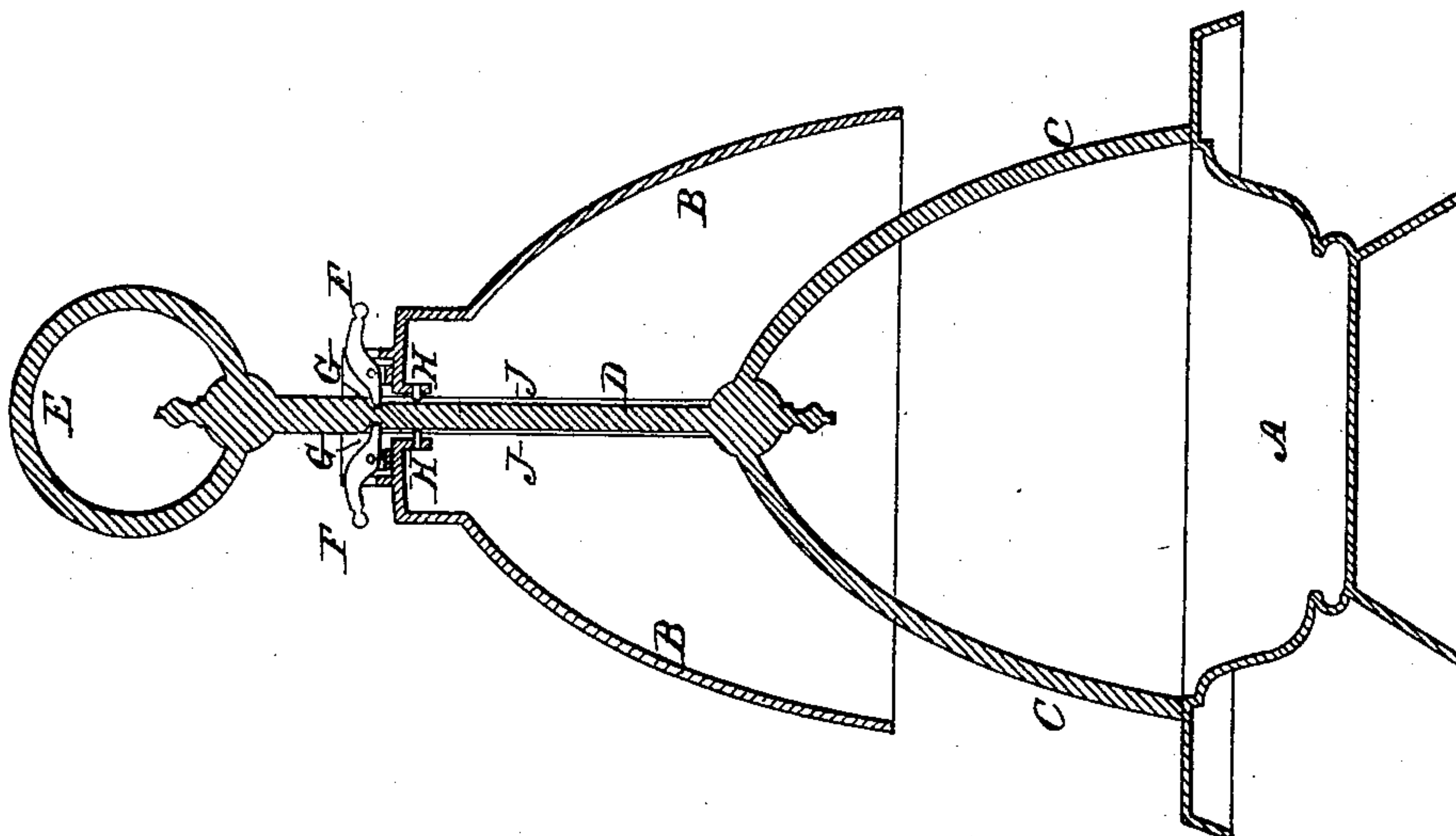


Fig. 1.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, AUGUSTUS CONRADT, of Middletown, in the county of Middlesex and State of Connecticut, have invented certain
5 new and useful Improvements in Butter-Dishes; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, whereby a person skilled in the art can make and use the same, reference being
10 had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Like letters in the figures indicate the same parts.

My improvement relates to butter-dishes
15 the cover of which slides up out of the way, and is held by a catch while the dish is being used.

The object of my invention is to provide a simple and efficient means of raising and holding the cover, and for releasing and lowering it when desired.

In the accompanying drawings illustrating my improvement, Figure 1 shows a vertical section through the middle of the butter-dish
25 with the cover raised. Fig. 2 shows a side view of the butter-dish at right angles to the view in Fig. 1 with the cover down.

A is the base of the dish, which contains the pan for the butter in the usual manner.

30 B is the cover.

C is a bow reaching from side to side of the base A and firmly attached to it, being of such a form that it will lie just within the cover when it is down.

35 D is a vertical stem upon which the cover slides up and down. It fits in an opening through the top of the cover sufficiently tight to give a true and easy movement.

40 E is a ring forming the handle. It is attached to the top of the stem D, and can be used at any time to lift the butter-dish, whether the cover be up or down.

F F are two levers the inner ends of which form pawls, which enter into the sockets G G when the cover is raised, and hold it in its position. The outer ends of these levers project
45 so that they can be taken hold of by the thumb and finger and pressed together so as to release the pawls and allow the cover to descend.

H H are pins attached to the cover B, which
50 move up and down in slots J J in the sides of the stem D as the cover is raised or lowered. These slots extend from the sockets G down to the bottom of the stem, and serve to guide and inclose the ends of the levers F as well as the
55 pins.

If it is not desired to hold the cover B from rotating, the pins and slots can be dispensed with, in which case it is better to support the ends of the levers F by a circular groove around
60 the stem or by a collar on the stem.

The operation of my improved butter-dish is as follows: To raise the cover it is merely lifted until the pawls enter the catch. To lower it the levers are grasped and pressed by
65 the thumb and finger. This releases the pawls and allows the cover to be lowered to the position shown in Fig. 2.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The combination of the cover B and its
70 levers F with the vertical stem D, bow C, and base A, substantially as described.

2. The bow C and stem D, as a guide and support for the sliding cover, substantially as
described.

3. The cover B, provided with the levers F
75 and pins H, in combination with the stem D, provided with the sockets G and slots J, substantially as described.

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