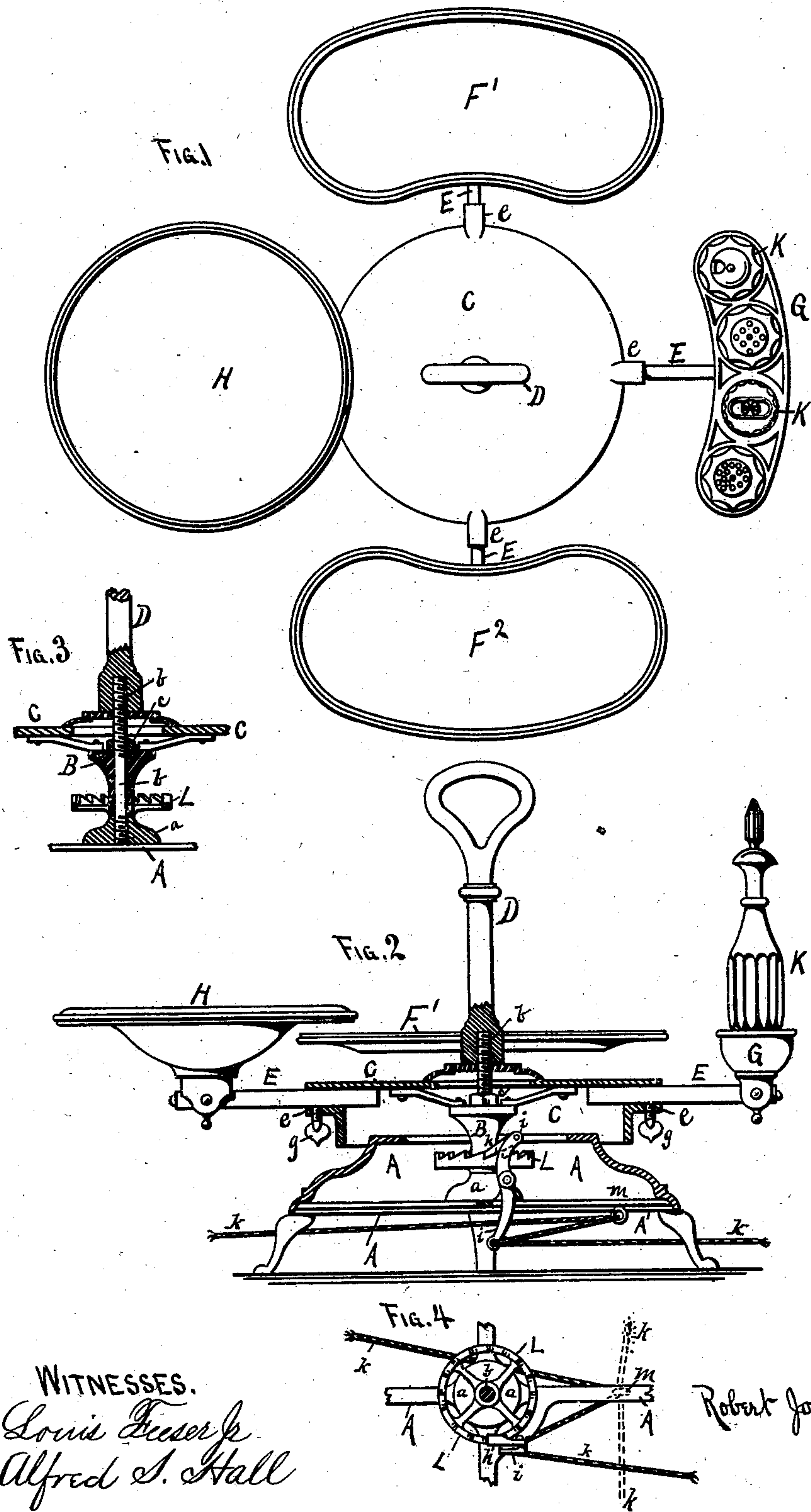


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## SERVER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ROBERT JOSEPH CARSON, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Detroit, in the county of Wayne and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Servers, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to servers used upon dining-tables, &c., for holding the condiment-bottles, butter-dish, bread-plate, sugar-bowl, cream-jug, and fruit and confections, &c.; and it consists in the construction and mechanism as hereinafter explained and claimed. I attain these objects by the use of the mechanism illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a plan view. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation. Fig. 3 is a detached sectional view, illustrating the manner of connecting the revolving top with the base. Fig. 4 is a detached plan view of the ratchet mechanism.

A is a base or stand, in the center of which a standard, *a*, is secured, having fixed therein an upright stud, *b*.

B is a sleeve or collar setting down loosely over this stud *b*, and having attached thereto a hood or plate, C, adapted to be revolved upon the stud as a center. The stud *b* projects up through the hood C some distance, and is provided with a screw-thread upon which a nut, *c*, is placed to hold the hood C down in place upon the standard *a*, but not tight enough to prevent the hood revolving freely. The projecting upper portion of the stud also serves as a center upon which the handle D, for carrying the server about, is screwed.

Arranged in the sides of the hood C are a number of sockets, *e*, in which square rods E are secured by set-screws *g*, so that the rods may be adjusted inward or outward.

Upon the outer ends of the rods E plates or frames F', F<sup>2</sup>, G, and H are secured for holding the various articles above mentioned, the frame G being adapted to support the condiment-bottles K, the plates F' F<sup>2</sup> for the bread,

butter, cream, sugar, &c., and the plate H for the cake, fruit, confections, &c. Any number of these plates or frames may be employed, or they may be made in any fancied form or design, and adjusted to any distance inward or outward by the rods E. By this arrangement any person at the table by revolving the plate C may bring any one of the plates F', F<sup>2</sup>, G, or H within reach.

L is a ratchet-wheel attached to the lower end of the collar B, and provided with a dog, *h*, actuated by a lever, *i*, pivoted upon any convenient part of the base A, and provided with a cord or a number of cords, *k*, leading through eyelets *m*, so that by pulling upon the cords from any direction, as shown in Figs. 2 and 4, the lever and dog will be made to act upon the ratchet and revolve the server.

As many of the cords *k* will be used as there are persons at the table, and the cords will be laid along over the table and down beside each plate, so that it will only be necessary to pull the cords to revolve the server and bring the desired article around where it is wanted.

The cords may be made of any desired material or color, or fine silvered wire may be used, or larger wires with knobs upon them may be used.

One or more of the dogs *h* and levers *i* may be used.

What I claim as new is—

1. The combination of the stand A and revolving plate C with the adjustable frames F' F<sup>2</sup> G H, substantially as set forth.

2. The stand A, revolving plate C, adjustable frames F' F<sup>2</sup> G H, and means for revolving said plate and adjustable frames upon said stand, substantially as set forth.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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