

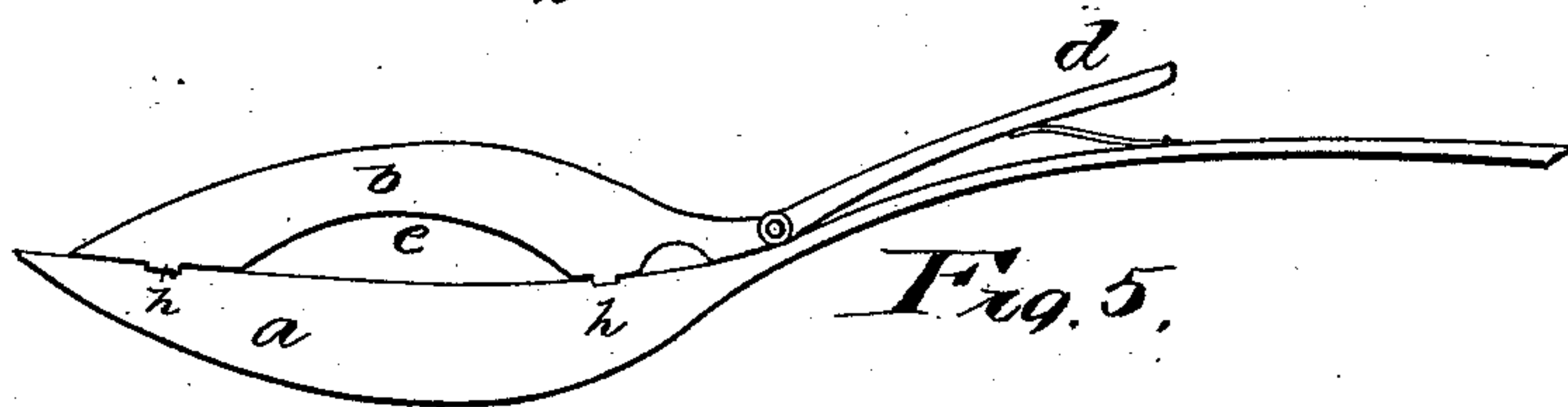
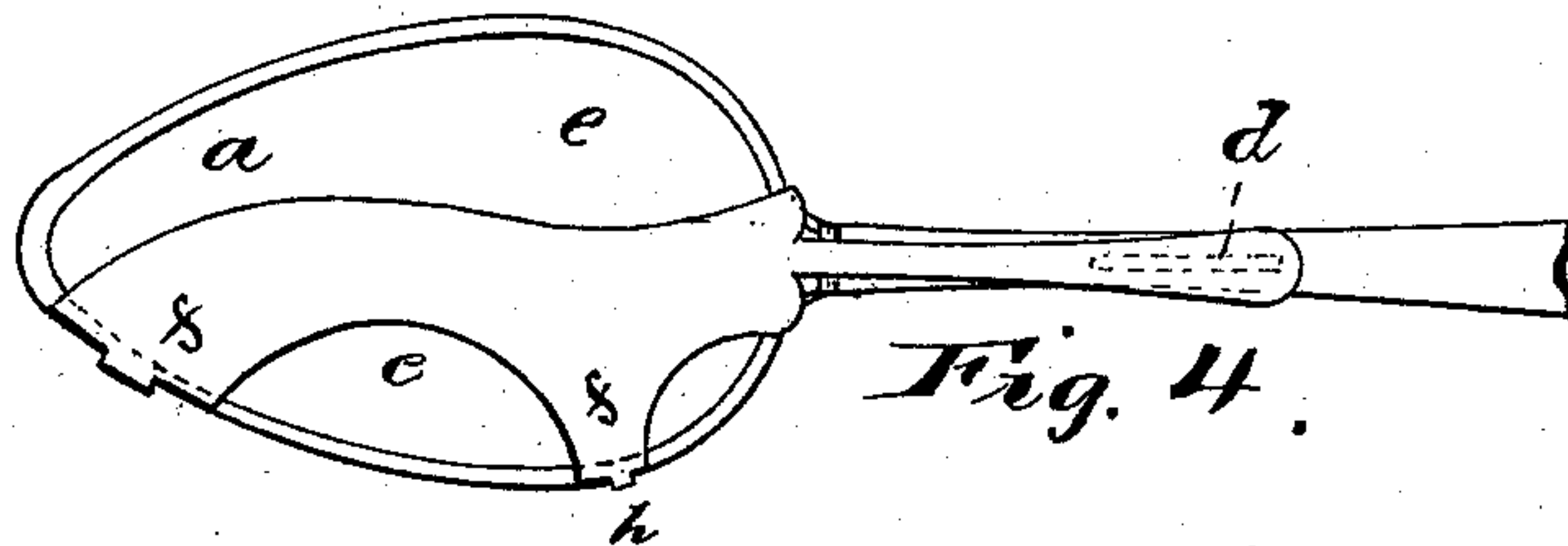
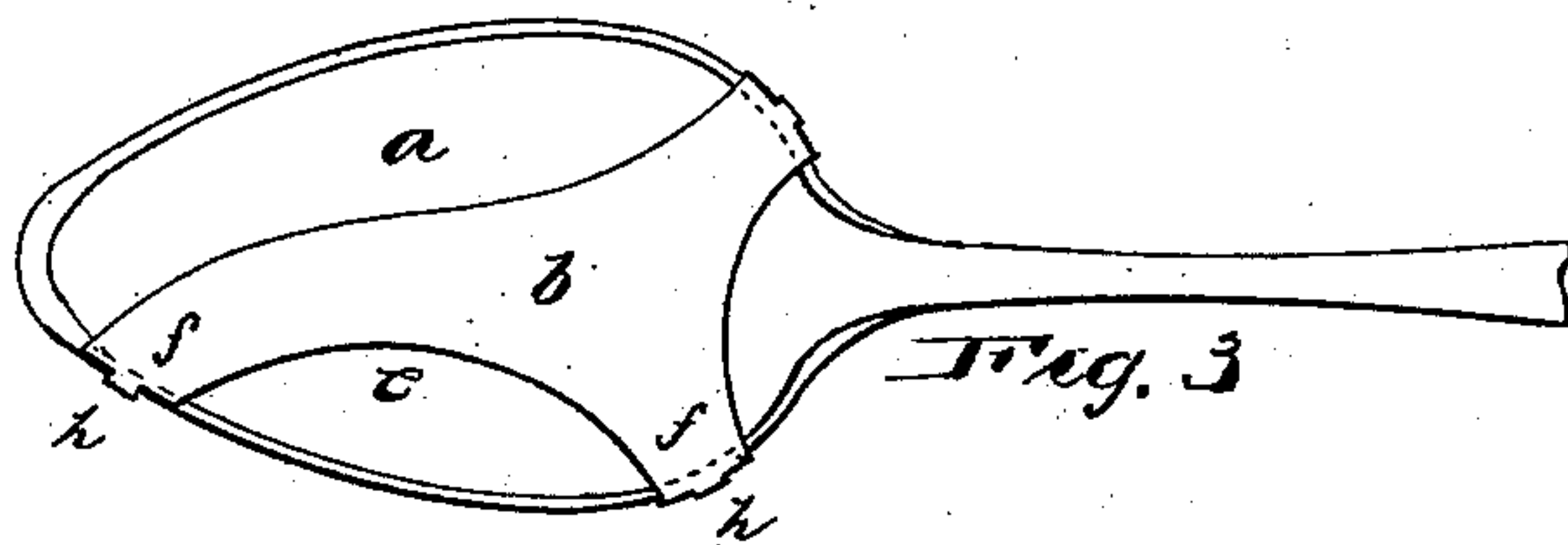
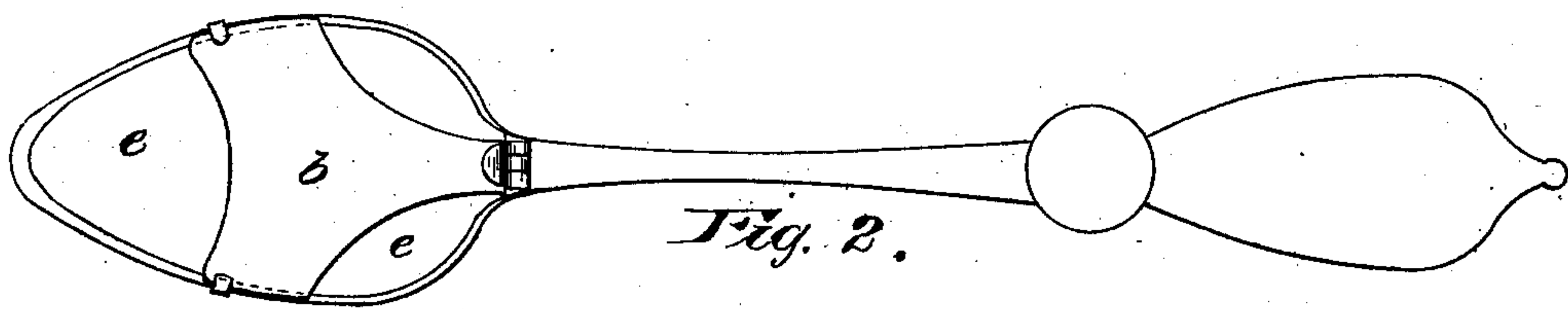
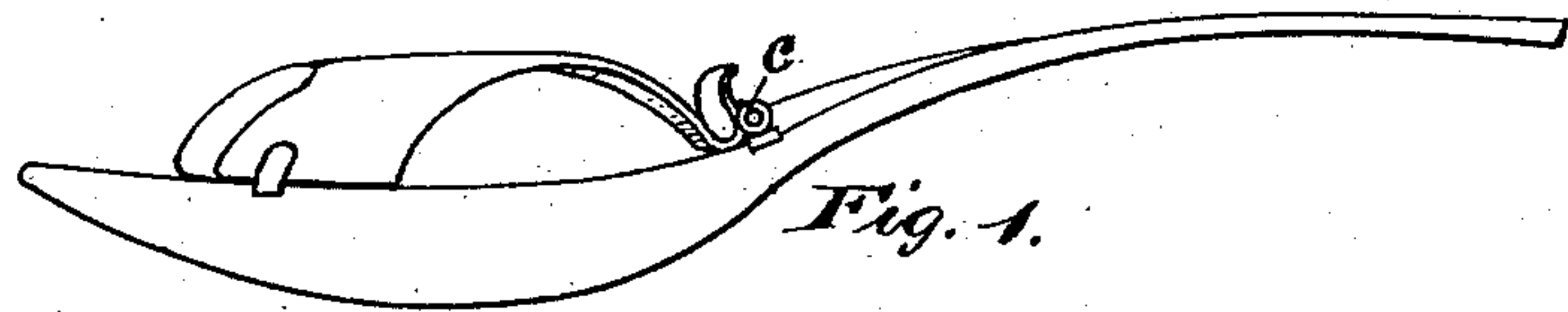
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SPOON.

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SPOON.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JULIUS BERGFELS, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spoons; 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 appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

The object of this invention is to prevent wetting the mustache when in the process of partaking of liquid food—such as soup—with a spoon.

The invention consists in the arrangement and combination of parts, substantially as will be hereinafter set forth, and finally embodied in the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which similar letters of reference indicate like parts in each of the several figures, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a spoon embodying my improvement. Fig. 2 is a plan of the same, and Figs. 3, 4, and 5 illustrate modified forms thereof.

In carrying out my invention I arrange on or secure to the spoon *a*, which may be formed in the ordinary way, a protecting-plate, *b*, which may be simply pivoted upon the shank of the spoon, as at *c*, be entirely detachable from the spoon, as in Fig. 3, or be pivoted and be operated by a finger-piece, *d*, which is formed integral with the plate, whereby said plate is raised or lowered. Said protecting-plate is provided with mouth-apertures *e*,

adapted to allow the mouth to gain access to the matter in the spoon, while the protecting-plate prevents the mustache from being soiled by contact. The extremities of the arms *f* of the protecting-plate are provided with catching-lugs *h*, which spring into engagement when the plate *b* is pressed with the edge of the spoon, holding said plate rigidly in position during the process of eating, but allowing the plate to be raised when it is desired to clean the spoon.

I am aware that it is not new to provide a spoon with a guard which extends over the bowl thereof, as many devices for this purpose have already been devised; but I am not aware of the existence of the particular form herein shown, which consists of a plate formed with arms which are each provided with a spring-catch for a more ready and easy adjustment of the plate to the spoon, the whole approximating in shape to a triangle, and having a finger-piece integral therewith.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and wish to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Jointly with a spoon, as shown, the protecting-guard *b*, having the arms *f*, each of said arms provided with the spring-catch *h*, and the finger-piece *d*, formed integral with said plate, all substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of May, 1883.

JULIUS BERGFELS.

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