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Fig. 1.

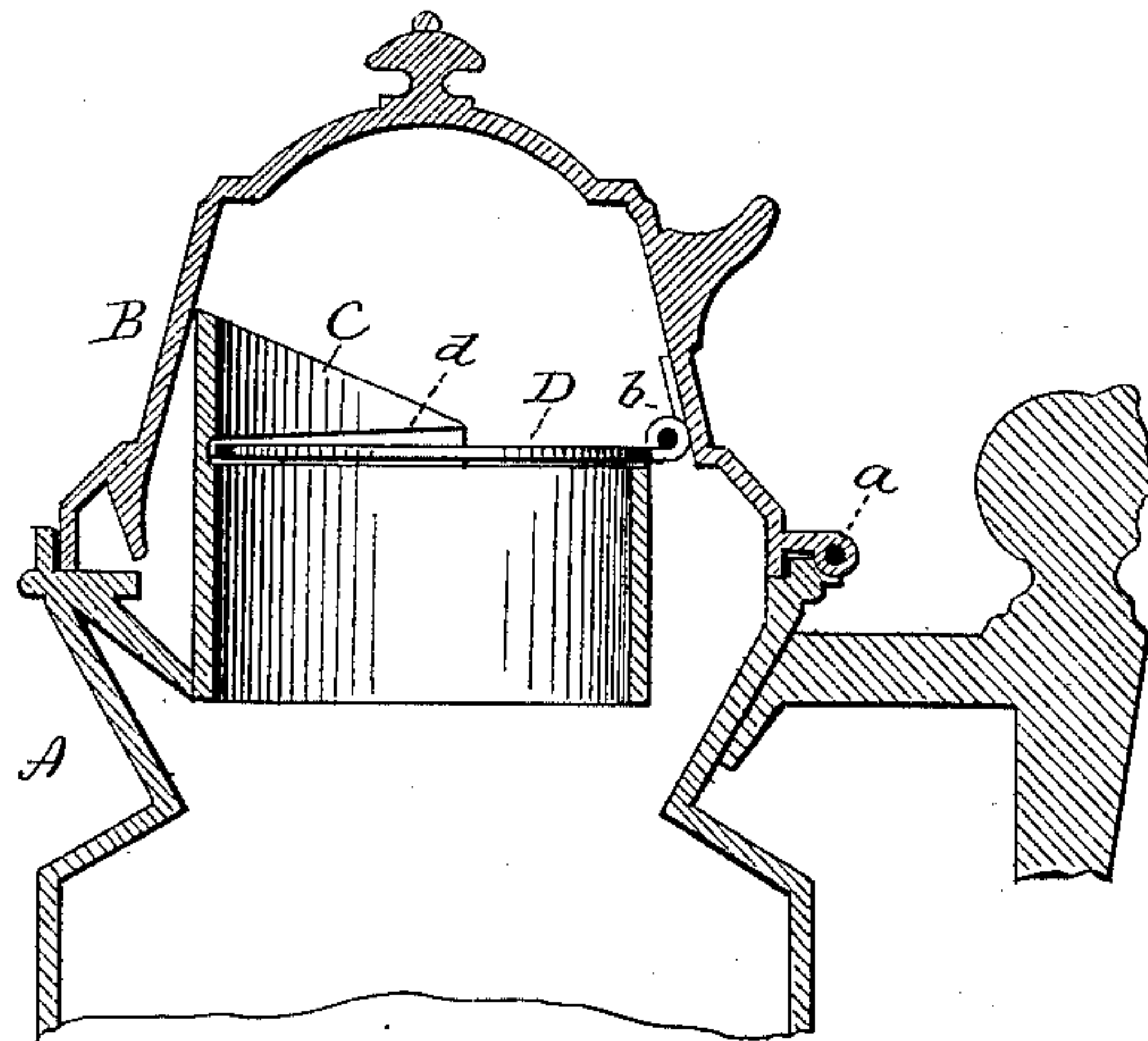
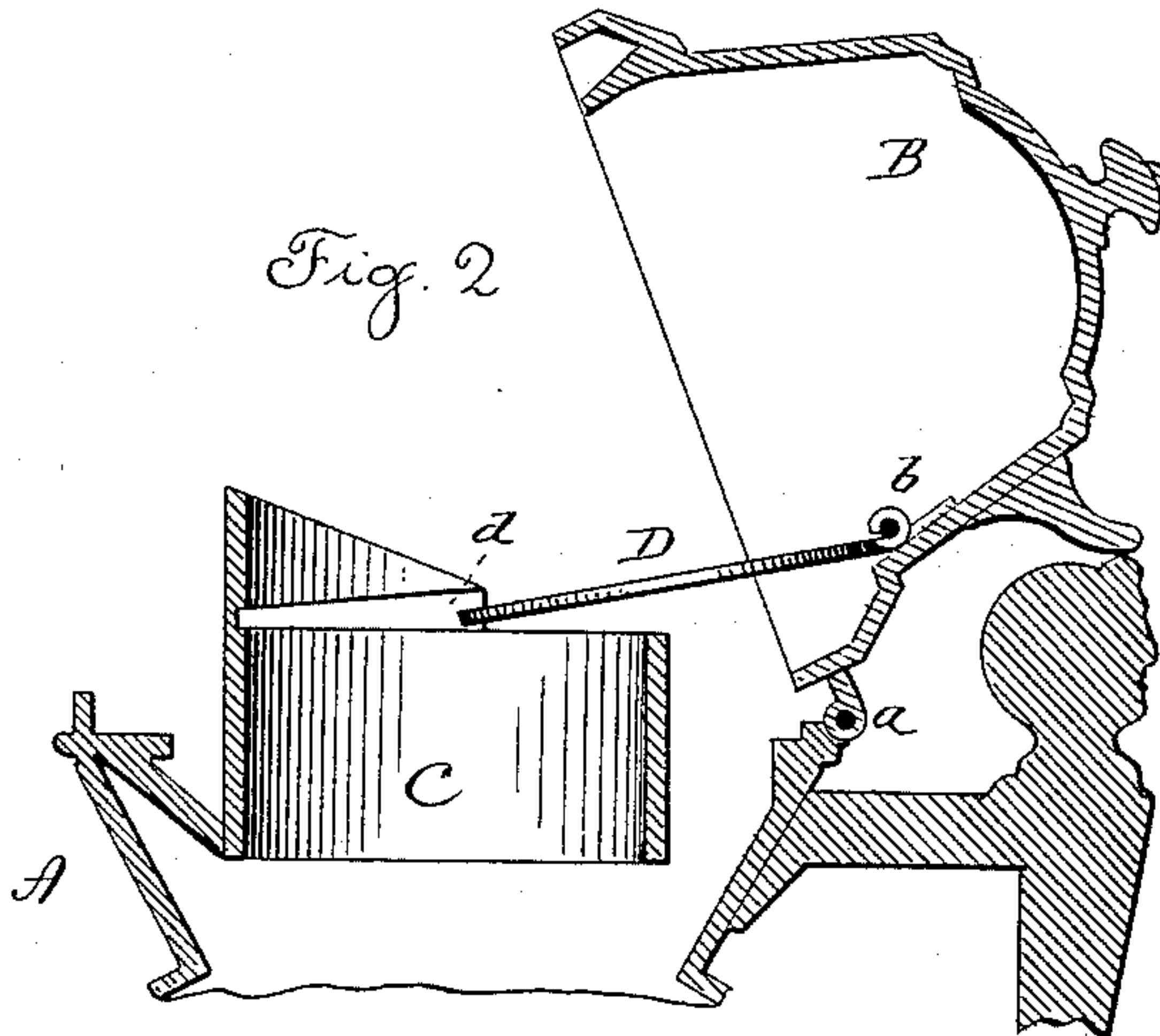


Fig. 2.



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## SIRUP-PITCHER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that we, HENRY E. OSBORN, of Meriden, county of New Haven, State of Connecticut, and JOSEPH U. FRITCHEY, of Lancaster, in the county of Lancaster and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new Improvement in Sirup-Pitchers; and we do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with accompanying drawings and the letters  
5 of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a vertical central section showing the cover and gate closed; Fig. 2, the same showing the cover and gate open.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of pitchers which are provided with a vertical central spout arranged in the  
20 neck, and over which a cover is adapted to close, and such as are commonly used for sirup-pitchers, the object of the invention being to provide a positive cut-off for the spout when the cover is in the closed condition; and it consists in a gate corresponding  
25 in area to the opening in the spout, the said gate hinged to the cover above the hinge between the cover and the neck, the said gate adapted to slide across the opening in the spout, and so that as the cover is closed upon  
30 the neck the opening in the spout will be closed by the gate and the gate withdrawn as the cover is opened, and as more fully hereinafter described.

35 A represents the upper part of the pitcher, commonly called the "neck;" B, the cover, hinged thereto, as at *a*; C, the spout, arranged centrally in the neck, and opening from the chamber below, so that as the pitcher is tilted  
40 the contents will flow through the spout, a common and well-known construction.

To the cover B, at a point, *b*, above the hinge *a*, between the cover and the neck, I hang a gate, D, which corresponds to the opening  
45 in the spout, and which, when the cover

is closed, as seen in Fig. 1, extends across and closes the spout. It is adapted to work in a groove, *d*, in the spout, and so that as the cover is raised, as seen in Fig. 2, the gate will be withdrawn to open the spout, the gate  
50 moving backward in its guides, the gate reclosed as the cover is closed. This cut-off is made desirable from the fact that many persons close the cover of a sirup-pitcher while it is in its tilted position and the sirup running, under the impression that the cover will  
55 cut off the flow. The result of such act in the usual construction is an overflow into the neck and cover. By our invention, which makes a positive cut-off when the cover is  
60 closed, if the cover be closed, as before described, the gate cuts off the flow as the cover closes; hence the overflow, before mentioned, is avoided.

While specially adapted to sirup-pitchers, 65 this invention may be employed to good advantage in other classes of pitchers, and while, therefore, particularly mentioning sirup-pitchers, we wish to be understood that the invention is not limited to any particular class  
70 of pitchers.

We claim—

In a pitcher having a neck with a cover hinged thereto, a spout arranged vertically within the neck and so as to be inclosed by  
75 the cover, the combination therewith of the gate D, hinged to the cover above the hinge between the cover and the neck, the said gate adapted to work across the spout as the cover is opened and closed, whereby said spout will  
80 be accordingly opened or closed, substantially as described.

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