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Fig. 1.

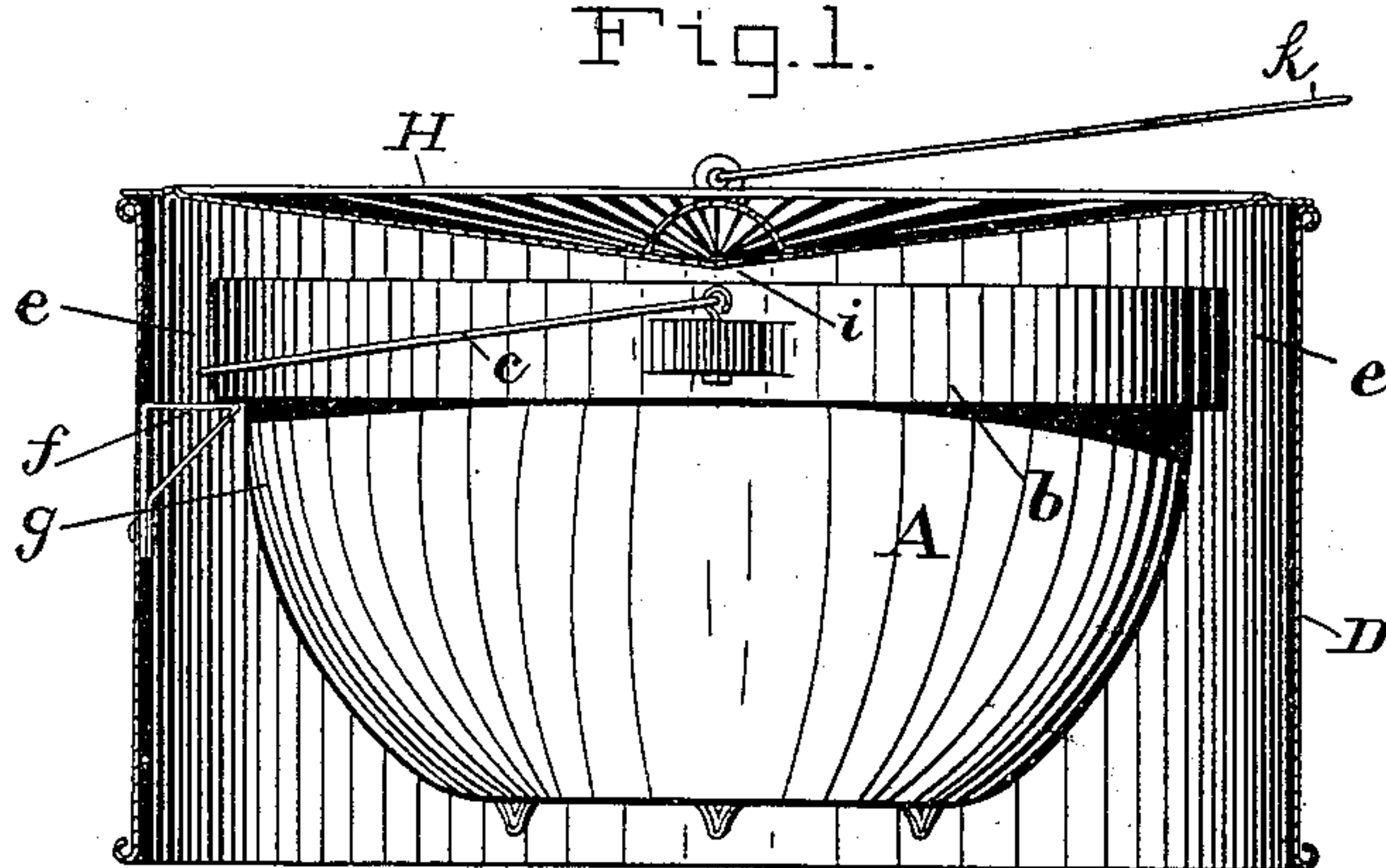
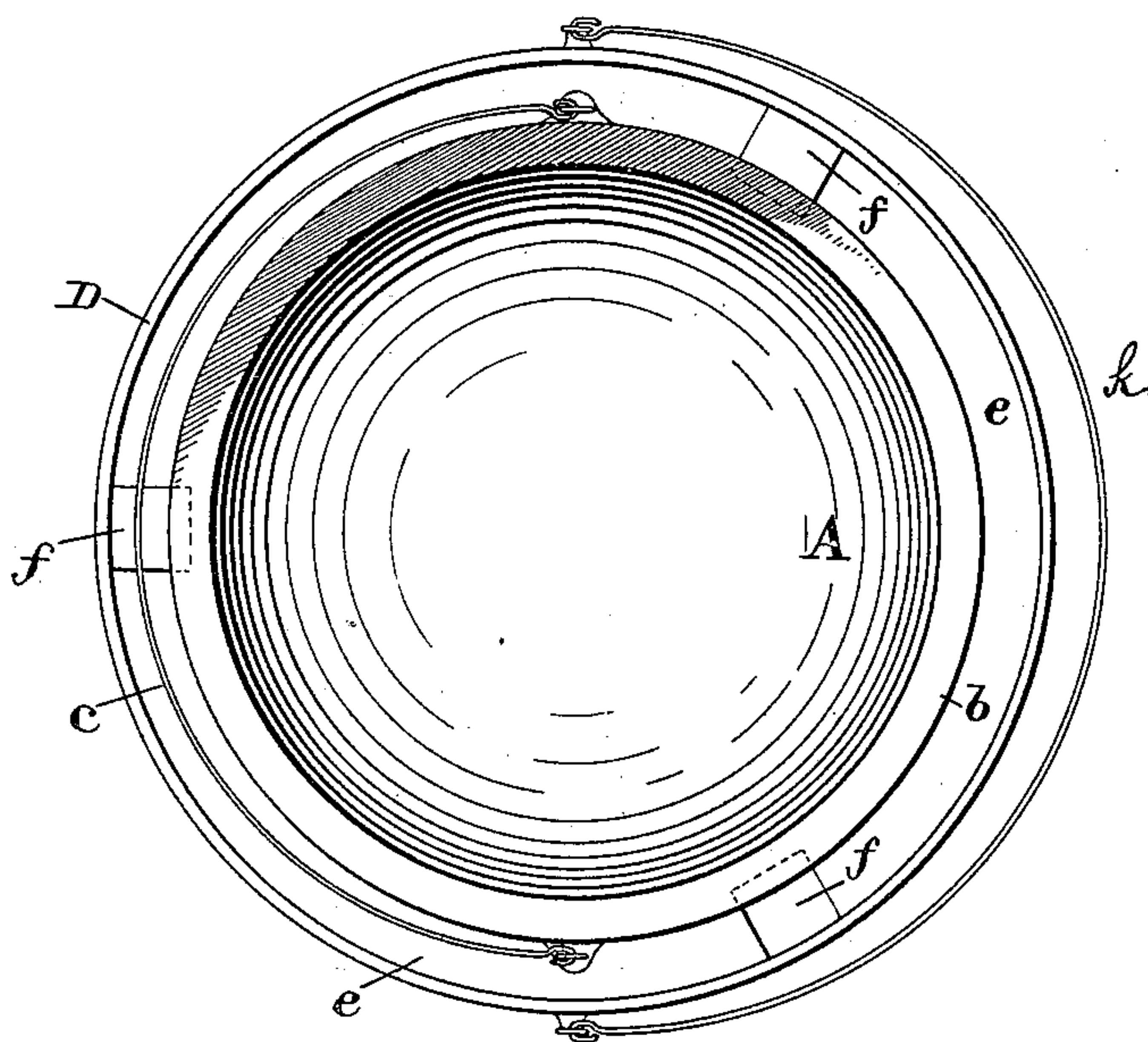


Fig. 2.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. PARKER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Alberton, in the county of Howard and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cooking-Vessels, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved cooking-vessel, and has for its object to combine with an earthenware crock of certain special shape a sheet-metal inclosing-jacket of certain construction, all as hereinafter set forth.

The accompanying drawings illustrate the invention.

Figure 1 is a vertical section of the inclosing-jacket and a side view of the crock, showing its position in the jacket. Fig. 2 is a top view of the inclosing-jacket (without the cover) and crock.

The letter A designates an earthenware crock, provided around its top rim with an exterior flange, *b*, and a bail, *c*. The bottom of the crock is rounded and the sides incline or converge to the bottom; in other words, the sides and bottom together approximate the shape of a half-sphere. The food or article to be cooked is to be placed in this crock. A cylindric sheet-metal jacket, D, is large enough to receive the crock A and leave an annular space, *e*, all around between. This jacket is a straight cylinder without bottom. The wall of the jacket is straight or vertical, and is provided on its inner surface, near the top, with lateral lugs or brackets *f*, which are spaced equal distances apart. In the present instance three of these lugs are employed, though a greater number might be used. These lugs or brackets *f* serve both for suspending the crock A and centering it within the jacket, so as to insure an equal space all around. They do this by the flange *b* of the crock resting upon them, and by the inclined or converging outer wall, *g*, of the crock coming in contact with them. The lugs or brackets *f*, while serving to suspend and center the crock, also serve to insure an unobstructed space around the crock, including the bottom, sides, and top.

It will be seen the crock is suspended by its rim within the jacket D, and may be lifted out of the jacket at any time, and the rim of the crock sets below the rim of the jacket.

An important feature is the removable

cover H, which sets upon the top rim of the cylindric jacket only, and thereby leaves a space under it and above the crock A. This cover is sunk or dishing, and is thereby lowest at a point in the center *i*, which is directly above the crock.

This cooking-vessel is designed to be set upon a stove or range top, and not over an open hole in the stove. Only the sheet-metal jacket rests upon the stove.

By the construction and combination herein described several useful results are produced. The crock occupies the jacket, and has at its bottom, sides, and top a hot-air space, and the contents of the crock therefore will cook on all sides, including the top. While the above advantage is secured, the steam arising from the contents of the crock will condense on the lower side of the center-sunk or center-dished cover, and in consequence of the said "center dish" the condensation will drip into the crock, whereas if it were not for this space of the cover the condensation collecting on the lower side of the cover would run down the inner wall of the jacket upon the stove-top.

The jacket is provided with a bail, *k*, by which both the jacket and crock may be lifted.

Having described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

A cooking-vessel comprising a cylindric sheet-metal jacket, D, without bottom, provided on its inner surface, near the top, with lateral lugs or brackets *f*, spaced equal distances apart, and having a removable cover resting on its top rim, in combination with a crock, A, having sides and bottom which together approximate the shape of a half-sphere, and provided around its top rim with an exterior flange, *b*, and the crock occupying the cylindric jacket and supported and centered therein by the said lugs or brackets, and leaving a space around the crock, including its bottom, sides, and top, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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