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Fig. 1.



Fig 2.

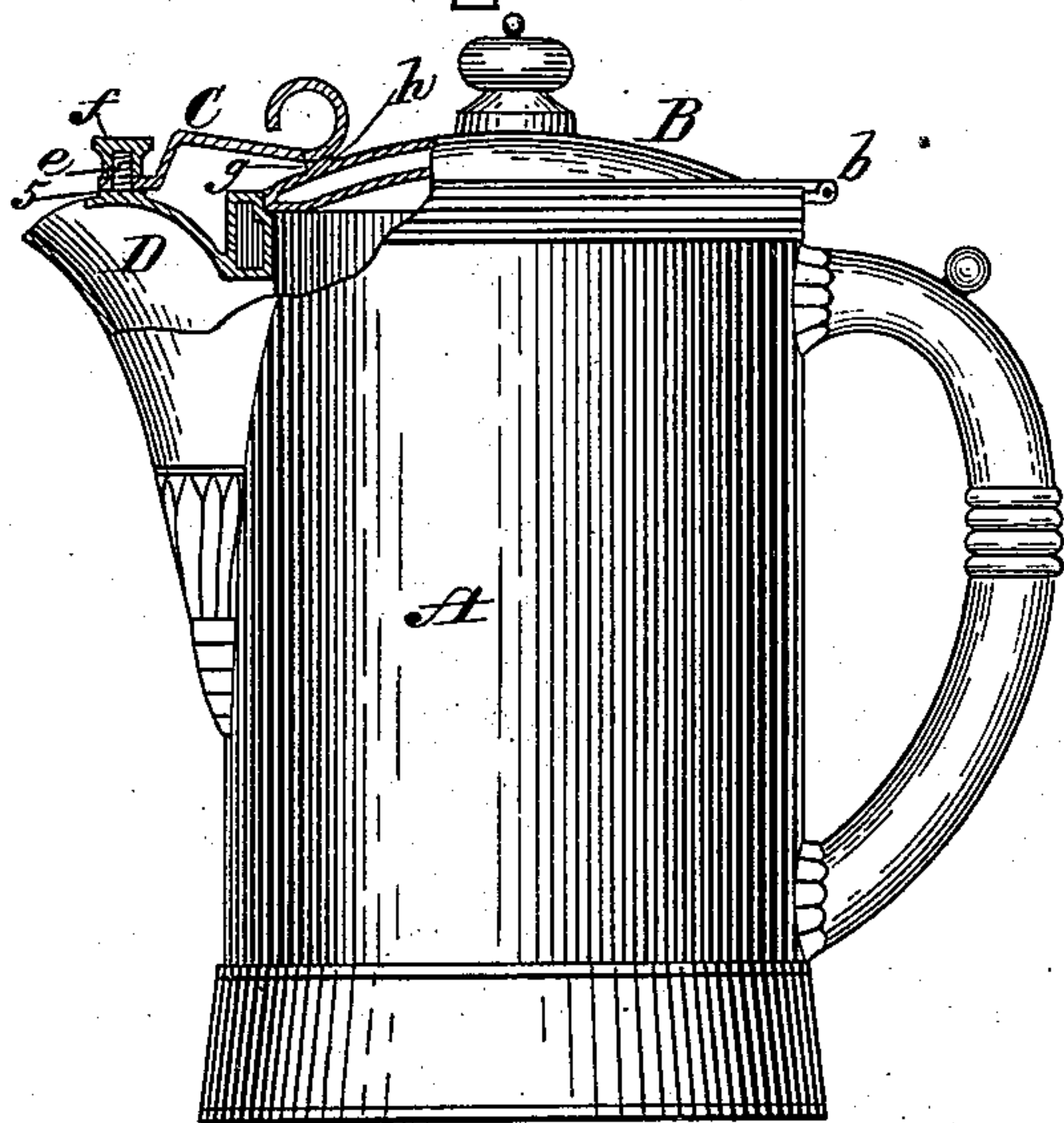
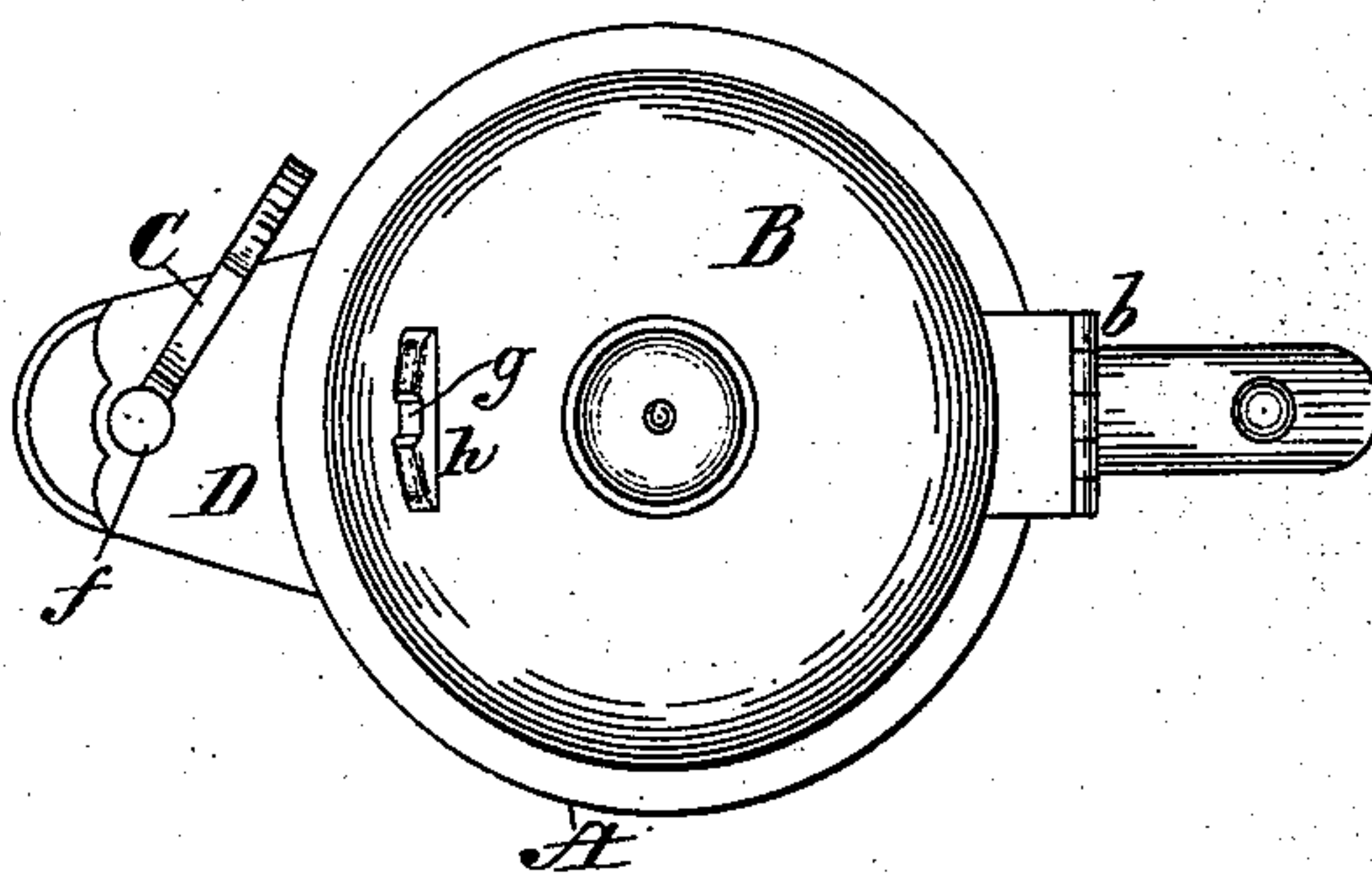


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES E. WHITE, of Malden, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Ice-Pitchers, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, making part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an ice-pitcher having my improvement applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan of the top of the pitcher, showing the catch swung to one side to release the cover.

In tipping up an ordinary ice-pitcher to pour out the water, the hinged lid or cover, having no fastening device to secure it when closed, is liable to be opened by the ice being thrown forward against it, thus allowing pieces of ice to fall out or the water to be spilled, and to prevent this it is customary to hold the cover down with one hand while the pitcher is being tipped up with the other.

To overcome this difficulty is the object of my invention, which consists in the combination, with the body of an ice-pitcher and its hinged cover, of a swiveling catch, which can be readily moved into a position to prevent the cover when closed from being raised or swung to one side to release the cover when it is desired to gain access to the interior of the pitcher, as hereinafter set forth.

In the said drawings, A represents the body of a metallic ice-pitcher, to the neck of which is hinged, in the ordinary manner, at *b*, the lid or cover B.

C is a swiveling catch consisting of an arm formed of spring metal, having at one end an eye, which fits over a stud, *e*, Fig. 2, secured to and projecting up from the upper side of the spout D of the pitcher. Over this stud, which is provided with a screw-thread, is turned a nut, *f*, which, when firmly screwed down to a bearing, leaves sufficient space between its under side and the shoulder of the stud *e* to allow the catch C to swivel freely on said stud.

The catch may be pivoted in any other suitable manner, and instead of being secured to the upper surface of the spout may be pivoted upon the upper edge of the neck of the pitcher or a projection thereon. The free end of the swiveling catch C is bent around, as shown,

and when swung over the cover B, in the position seen in Figs. 1 and 2, springs or snaps into a notch, *g*, formed in a projection, *h*, on the upper surface of the cover, whereby it is held securely in place, this projection being slightly inclined upward on each side toward the notch *g* to facilitate the entrance of the end of the catch within the said notch.

It will be obvious that when the cover B is closed and the catch C is swung thereover into the position seen in Figs. 1 and 2 the cover will be held securely in place, so that if the ice is thrown against it in tipping up the pitcher to pour out the water it will be impossible for it to be thrown open, and consequently all liability of the ice falling out or the water being spilled is effectually prevented, and all necessity of holding the cover down with one hand while pouring out the water, as heretofore, avoided.

When it is desired to gain access to the interior of the pitcher, it is merely necessary to swing the catch around into the position seen in Fig. 3, when the cover B is free to be raised upon its hinge, as usual.

The above-described swiveling catch possesses the advantages of great simplicity and ease of operation, while there is no liability of it getting out of order.

My improvement is particularly adapted to ice-pitchers, but may be applied to pitchers used for other purposes, if desired.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In an ice-pitcher, the combination, with the body A and its hinged cover B, of a swiveling catch, C, consisting of a spring-arm pivoted at one end and adapted to be swung over the hinged cover B and enter a notch or depression therein, substantially as described.

2. In an ice-pitcher, the combination, with the body A and its hinged cover B, of a swiveling catch, C, consisting of a spring-arm pivoted at one end to the spout D, and adapted to be swung over the hinged cover B and enter a notch or depression therein, substantially as described.

Witness my hand this 19th day of August, A. D. 1887.

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In presence of—

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