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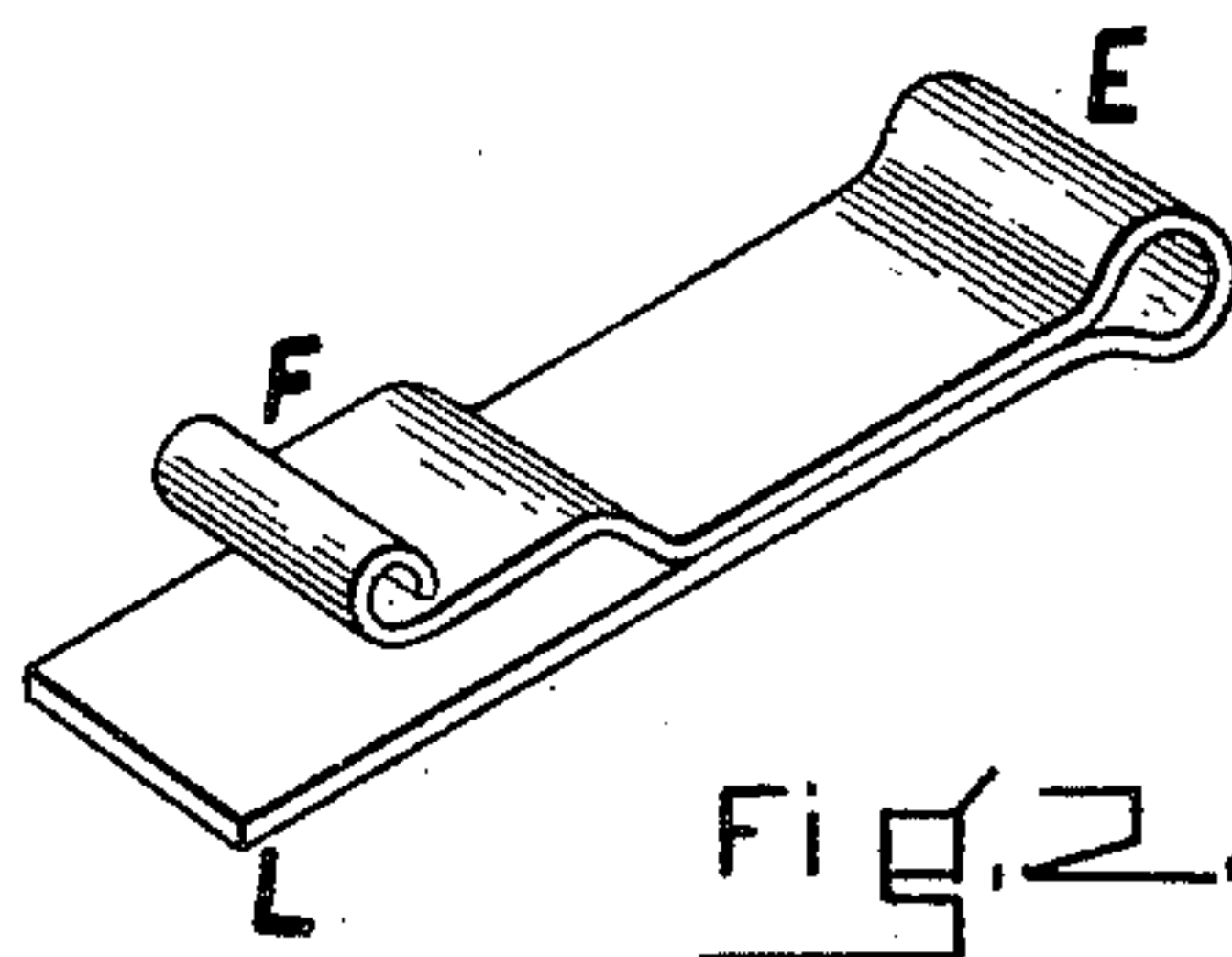


Fig. 2.

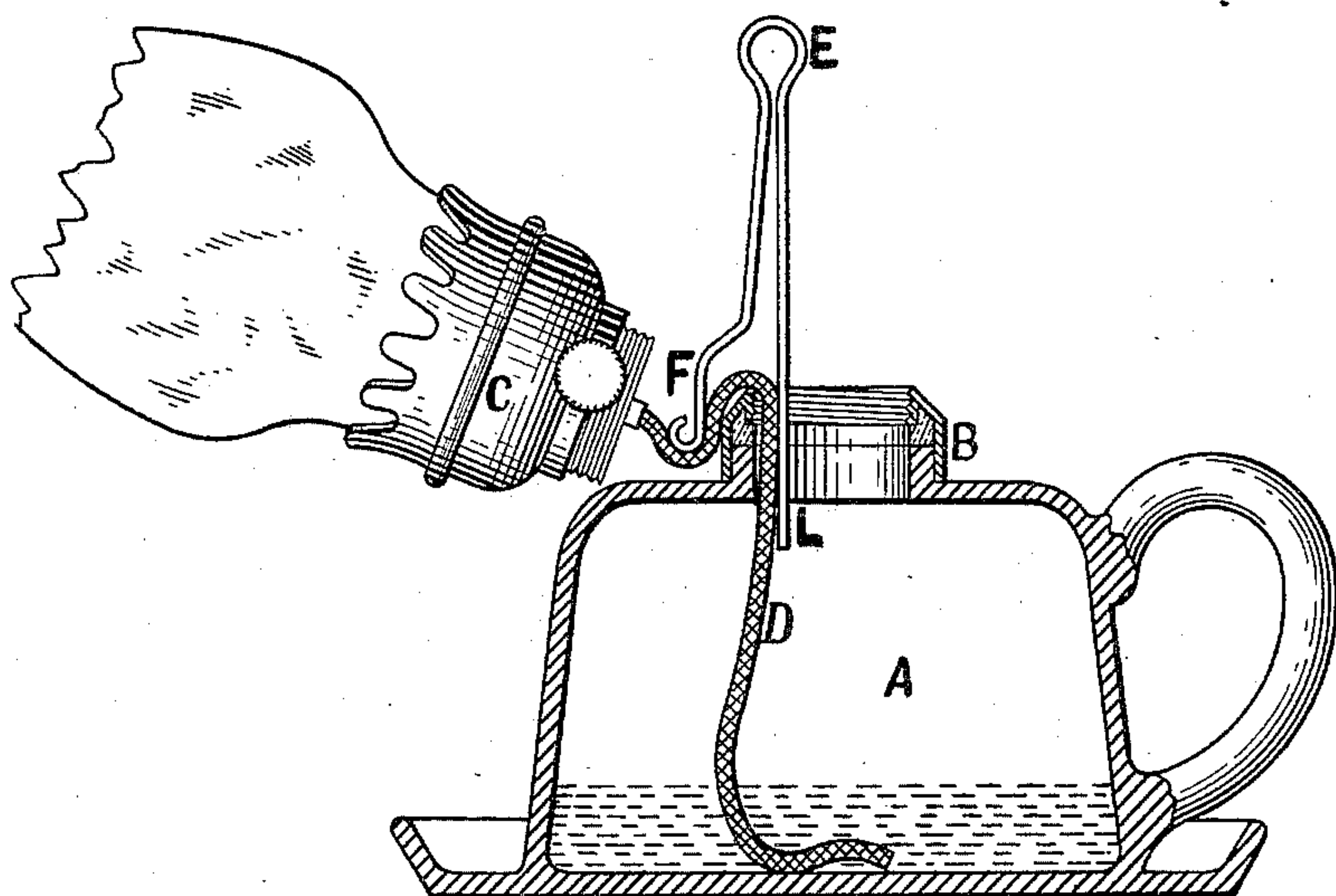


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE E. MESSER, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Lamp-Wick Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The objects of my invention are to provide a cheap, simple, and convenient lamp-wick holder adapted to clamp the wick of the lamp against one side of the collar of the lamp when its burner is unscrewed therefrom preparatory to filling the lamp or fountain in the usual manner; and it consists in the novel constructed spring clamp or holder, hereinafter more fully described, and set forth in the claim.

In the drawings hereto annexed, and which form a part of this specification, is clearly shown a device embodying my invention.

Figure 1 represents a vertical central section of a lamp with burner removed and spring-clamp in position upon one side of the collar to hold the wick thereto with the burner suspended while the lamp is being filled.

Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the holder or spring-clamp removed from the lamp.

A represents a lamp having a collar B, said lamp being provided with a burner C, having a wick D of usual construction.

Now, in order to fill the lamp with oil in the usual manner the said burner C is unscrewed from the collar B, and then removed partially or to one side of the opening, carrying the said wick D therewith, and most frequently the portion which is within the opening through the collar B is in such bent position as to nearly close the opening through the same, thereby preventing the entrance of some portion of the oil therein, thus causing it to run over or spill upon the outside of such lamp, and as the burner has to be held with one hand while the oil-can is held with the other hand in the act of filling renders the op-

eration very tedious, disagreeable, and inconvenient.

By means of my invention such objections are fully obviated, and the operation of filling the lamp is greatly facilitated, as the wick and burner are held to one side of the collar, leaving the opening nearly free through the same and permitting the person to have the free use of both hands to hold and tip the oil-can in the act of pouring the oil therefrom into the lamp, as shown and described.

I provide a sheet-metal or bent-wire spring-clamp consisting of a spring-loop E at the top or upper portion, which unites the two prongs or jaws, as shown, the prong F being formed nearly straight and somewhat longer than the prong L, which is formed with a shoulder or offset near its lower end portion, and then is extended downward a short distance parallel with the former or prong F, so as to leave a space of about one-fourth of an inch between the lower ends or lower end portions of the said prongs F and L, as shown.

It will be seen that when the spring clamp or holder is placed upon the lamp-collar after the burner has been unscrewed therefrom and carried to one side the said prong F is inserted within the collar and against the lamp-wick D, and the prong L is pressed downward over the wick outside of the collar. The said wick is held in position, as shown, bent over the upper edge of the collar with the burner resting on the body of the lamp, as shown.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

A lamp-wick holder consisting of a spring-clamp having one of its jaws provided with an offset or shoulder and the other jaw having a parallel extension, as shown and described, as and for the purposes set forth.

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