

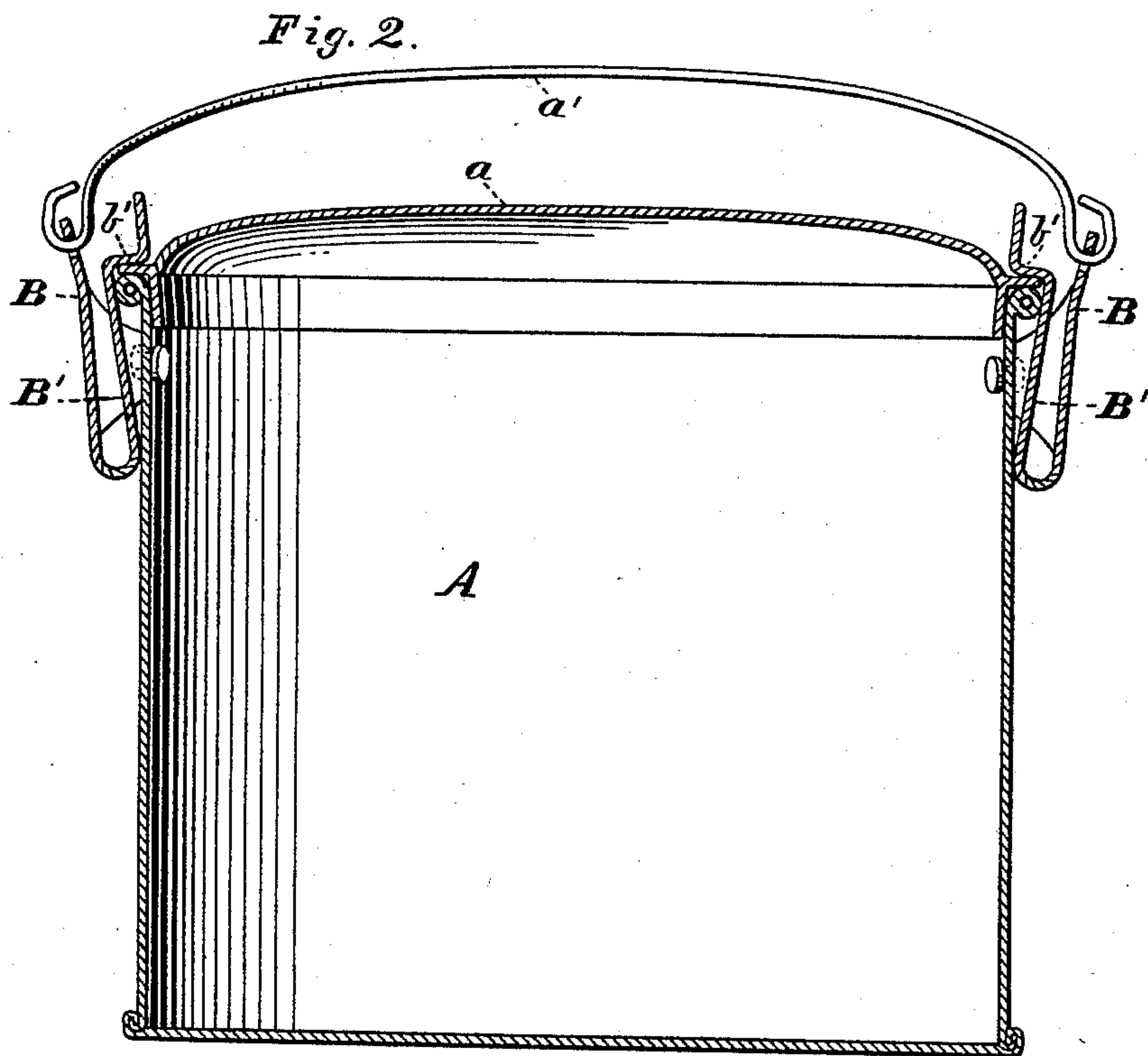
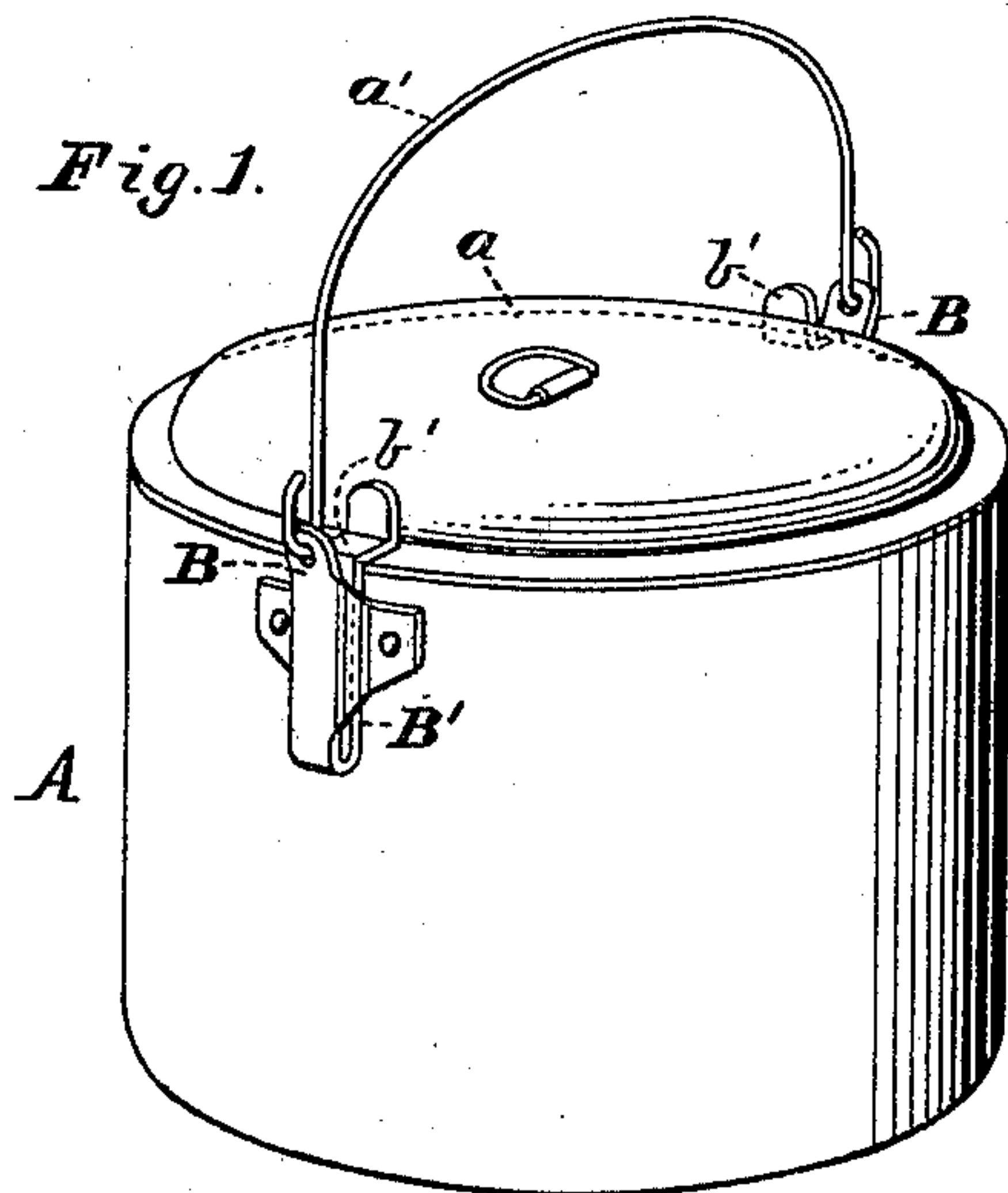
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COVER-FASTENING AND BAIL-EAR FOR PAILS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. STRAYER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of East Stroudsburg, in the county of Monroe and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cover-Fastenings and Bail-Ears for Pails; and I do 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.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of this invention and is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a vertical section.

This invention relates to certain improvements in bail-ears, especially for that class of pails or buckets having tops or covers; and it consists in the construction and novel combination of parts, as will appear from the following description and accompanying drawings.

In the accompanying drawings, A refers to a tin pail or bucket furnished with a cover or top *a* and a bail *a'*, this form of bucket, however, only being shown to illustrate the application of my invention.

B B refer to the ears for the bail, which are made of spring metal, and, as is usual, secured to opposite points upon the sides of the bucket at the top edges thereof. Each ear B is in the form of a keeper and has an inward and upward continuation, which is passed up through the ear and forms a spring-clasp B'.

The free or upper end of the clasp B is bent, as at *b'*, so as to extend inward and engage the cover or top of the pail or bucket A, thus holding the cover or top upon the bucket or pail against displacement in event of the overturning of the bucket or its falling to the ground.

This invention is especially designed for and serviceable in connection with workmen's dinner-pails.

Having described this invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The bail-ear for pails or buckets, made of spring metal, having a keeper-like form, the lower edge of the same being formed with an inward and upward extension carried through the keeper-shaped portion, and having a clasp or bent portion adapted to engage the bucket or pail cover, substantially as set forth.

2. The bail-ear for pails or buckets, made of spring metal, having a keeper-like form, the lower edge of the same being formed with an upward and inward extension carried through the keeper-shaped portion, and having a clasp or bent portion, in combination with the pail or bucket and its cover, substantially as set forth.

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

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