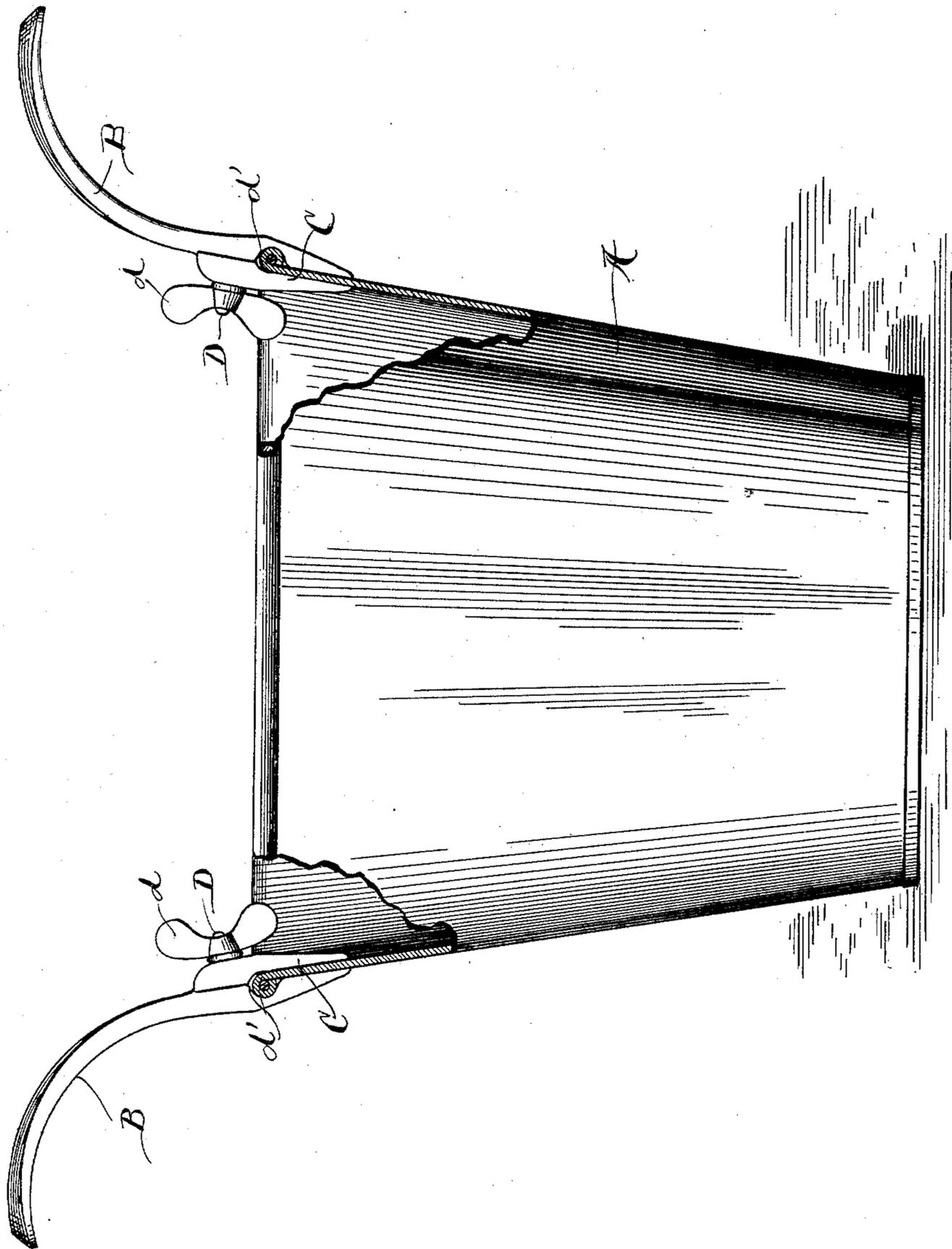


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## PAIL-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, OSCAR J. THOMAS, of Peninsula, in the county of Summit and State of Ohio, have invented certain new and useful  
5 Improvements in Pail-Holders; and I do hereby 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 pertains to make and use the same.

10 My invention relates to improvements in a pail-holder designed more especially for holding milk-pails while milking; and it consists in certain features of construction and in combination of parts hereinafter described,  
15 and pointed out in the claim.

The accompanying drawing is a side elevation, partly in section, showing the pail-holders in position on the pail.

20 A represents a pail—such, for instance, as a tin pail commonly used for milk-pails.

B B are two curved arms adapted to be clamped to the edge of the pail on opposite sides thereof, these arms being curved or extended at any angle laterally, so as to rest on  
25 the operator's leg just above the knees while the operator is sitting on a milk-stool or other seat, as in milking. The operator can therefore support the milk-pail with ease and comfort, and thus avoid setting the pail down in  
30 the filth that is likely to abound in the stable or yard where the milking is done.

The clamping device for securing the respective arms to the edges of the pail may be as follows: The lower section of each arm B  
35 serves as a stationary jaw for engaging, for

instance, the outside of the pail, as shown. To each member B is secured a movable jaw C by means of a securing-bolt D, the latter having a thumb-nut *d*. By loosening the  
40 thumb-nut the jaws may be separated, so that they may be passed astride the edge of the pail, and by tightening the thumb-nut the devices are clamped firmly to the pail. The  
45 grooves *d'* are used when the device is supposed to be fastened to a tin pail having a wire around the top, and if in case of a wooden  
50 pail having no such wire the grooves *d'* would not be necessary, but would do no harm. The securing-bolts are usually made long enough  
55 to accommodate a wooden pail of ordinary thickness, in which case, of course, they would clamp a tin pail with equal facility.

What I claim is—

A pail-holder consisting, essentially, of an arm curved or bent laterally to rest on the  
55 operator's legs while milking, said arm terminating at one end in an integral jaw, a corresponding movable jaw constructed to embrace  
60 the edge of the pail opposite the rigid jaw, and a securing-bolt and thumb-screw for holding the jaws in place on the pail, substantially  
as set forth.

In testimony whereof I sign this specification, in the presence of two witnesses, this  
9th day of January, 1891.

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