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Fig. 1.

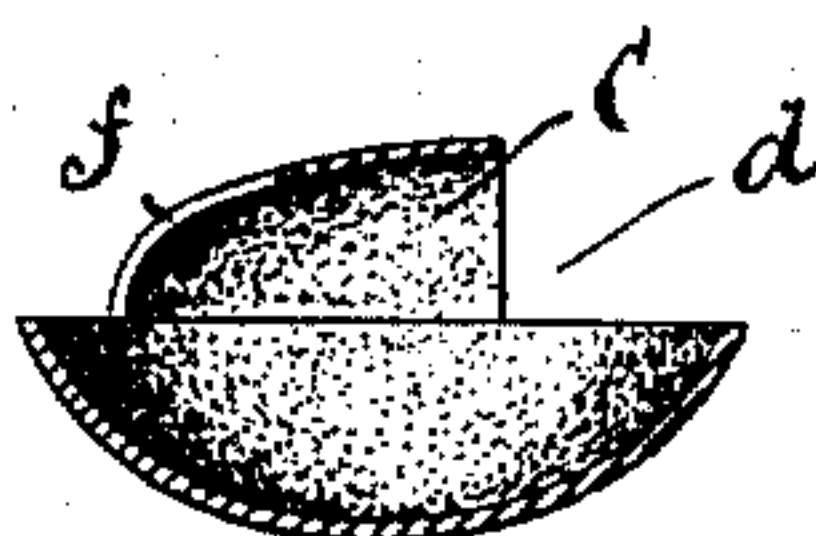


Fig. 2.

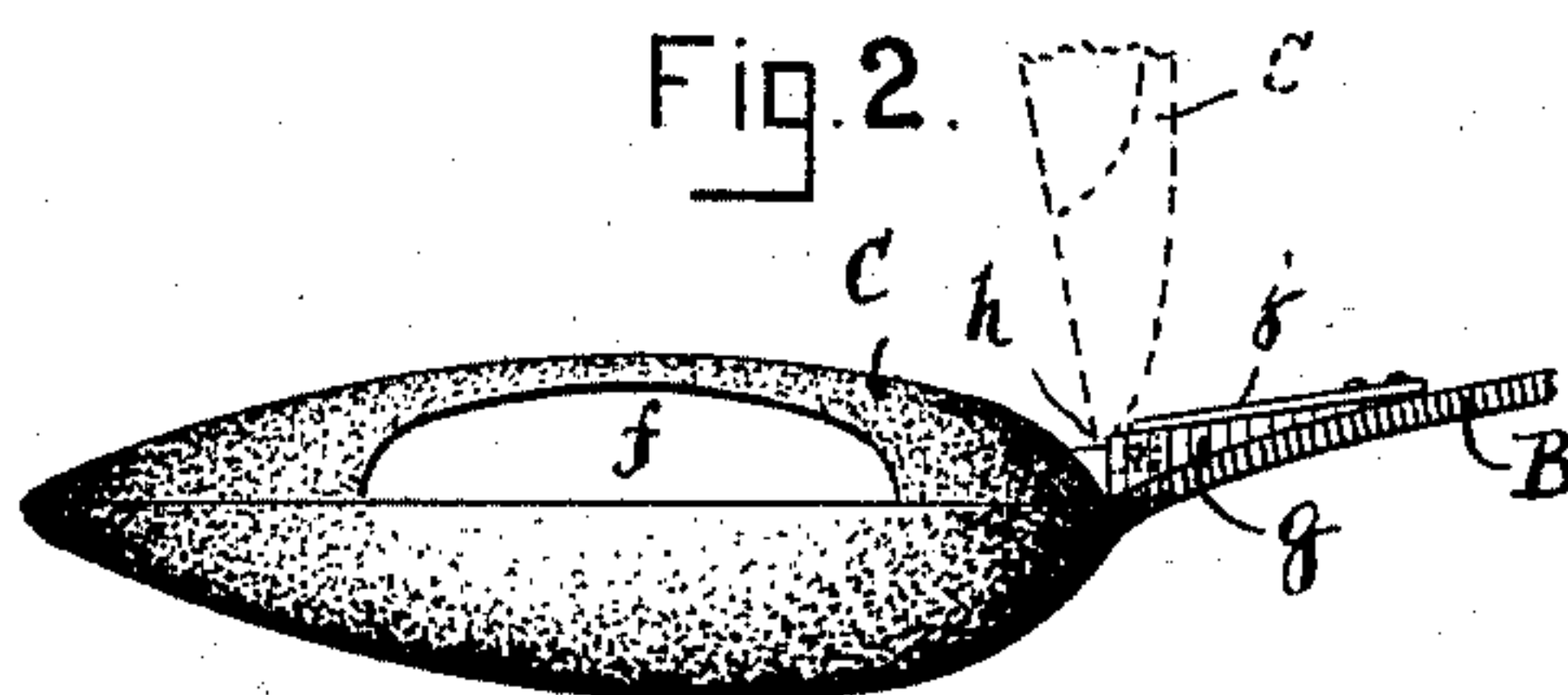
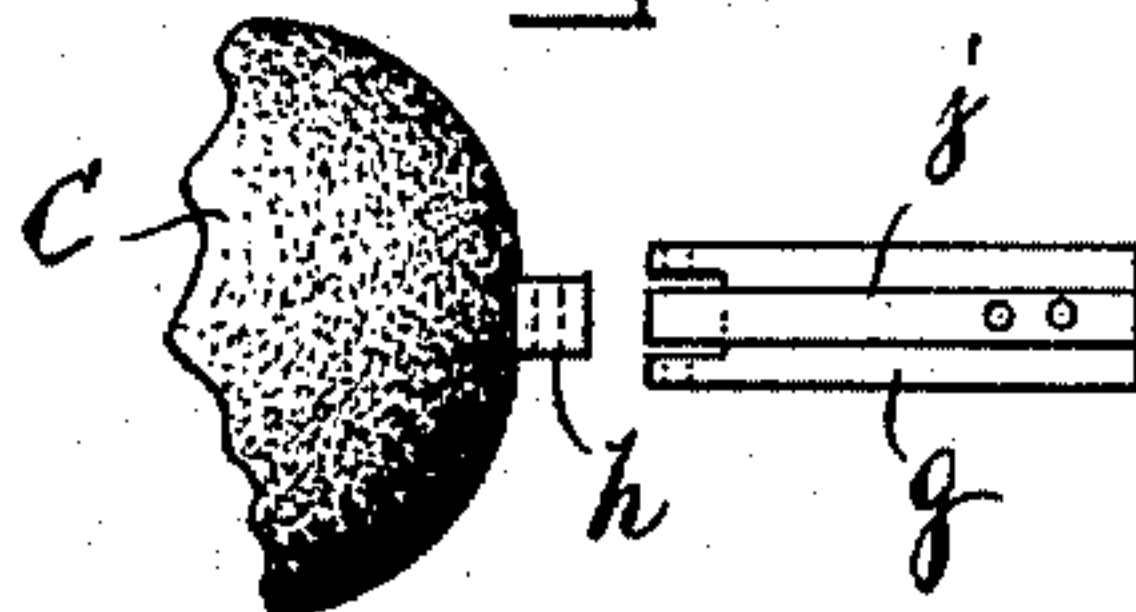


Fig. 3.



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PHEBE C. GOODWIN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Mustache-Caps for Spoons, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

The object of my invention is to produce an attachment for spoons whereby the mustache will be kept clean when eating soup and such like articles; and it consists in a cap attached to the handle of the spoon by a spring-hinge that holds it in close contact with the spoon-bowl or in a raised vertical position when it is desired to cleanse the bowl.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a cross-section of a spoon having a mustache-cap applied thereto. Fig. 2 is a side view of a spoon with mustache-cap attached. Figs. 3 are detail views of the same.

A represents the bowl of the spoon, and B a portion of the handle.

C is the mustache-cap of convex form.

In the drawings I have shown the means of attaching the mustache-cap to the spoon. I secure a small block *g*, forked at its inner end, as shown in Fig. 3, to receive a small block *h*, attached to the rear of the mustache-cap C, which block *h* is pivoted in the block *g*. A small flat spring *j* is at its outer end attached to the block *g*, and its inner end rests upon the square block *h* on the rear of the mustache-cap, so that the spring will hold the cap C down upon the spoon A; but when the cap is raised the spring will be caused to press upon another surface of the block *h* and hold it in a raised position, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 2, so that the spoon and cap can be cleansed.

The cap may be made in various sizes, so as to fit any kind of spoon.

When in use, to fill the spoon, the person dips the spoon into the soup, which then flows

into the bowl through the opening *d* and also through the opening *f*, which latter is then placed to the mouth and the soup poured out, the cap C keeping the mustache out of the soup. When the spoon is used for oyster-stews, chowders, and the like, the spoon is inserted into the plate or basin and passed backward (that is, away from the person) through the contents of the plate or basin, the stew or chowder passing through the opening *d* at the rear into the bowl of the spoon.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. In combination with a spoon, a convex cap extending from the rear to the point of the spoon and so shaped as to form therewith an opening through which the spoon-bowl may be filled and on the other side an opening through which the contents may be emptied, said cap being attached to the handle by a spring-hinge that holds the cap in close contact with the spoon-bowl or in a vertical raised position, substantially as set forth.

2. In a mustache-spoon, a convex cap extending from the rear to the point of the spoon-bowl and so shaped as to form therewith an opening through which the spoon-bowl may be filled and on the other side an opening through which the contents may be emptied, said cap having a block *h* attached at its rear, in combination with a forked block *g*, secured to the handle of the spoon, the two blocks *h g* being pivoted together, and a spring *j*, secured at one end to the block *g* and having its free end resting upon the block *h*, whereby the cap is held in close contact with the spoon-bowl or at right angles thereto, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 26th day of March, A. D. 1891.

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