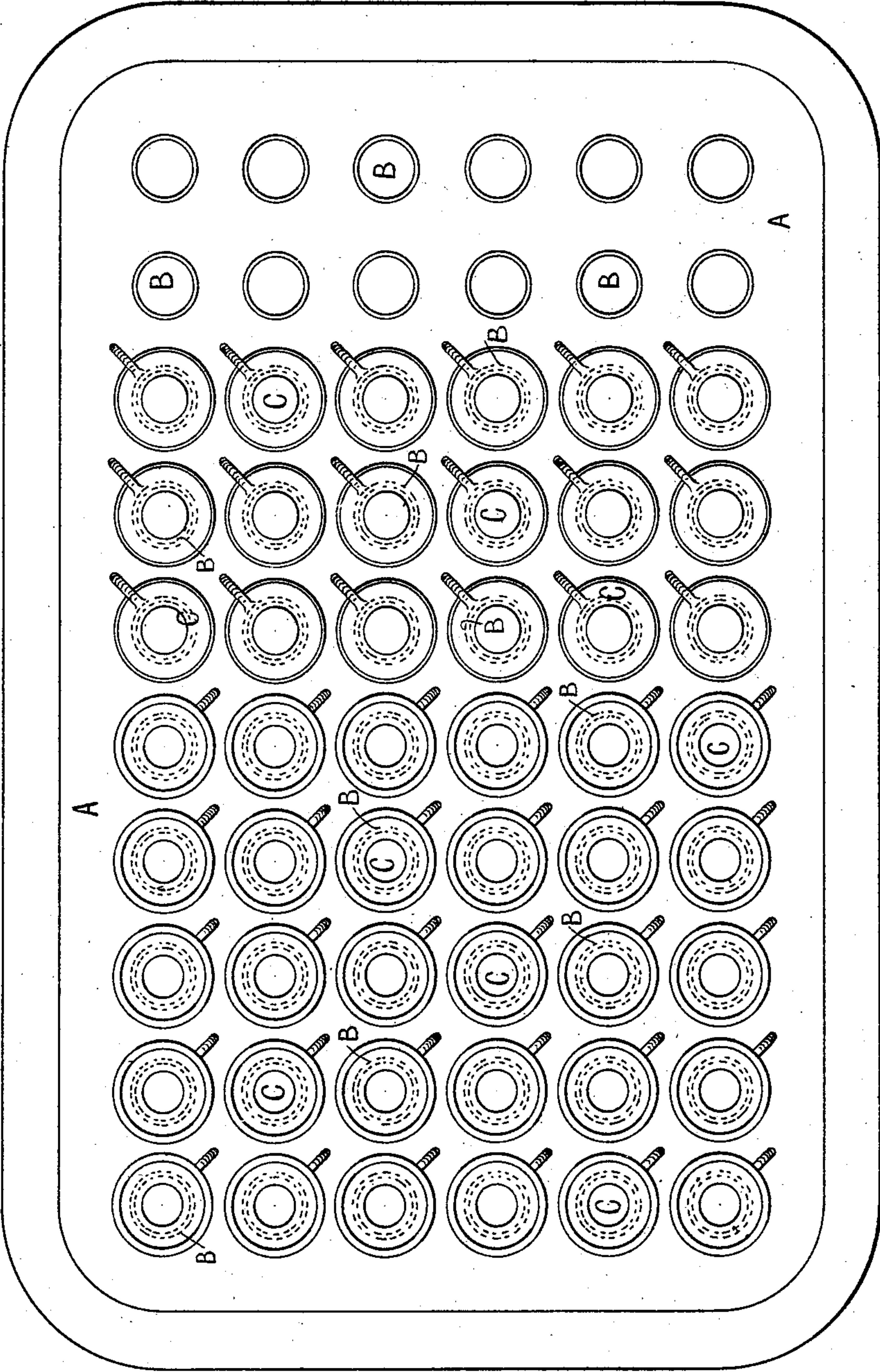
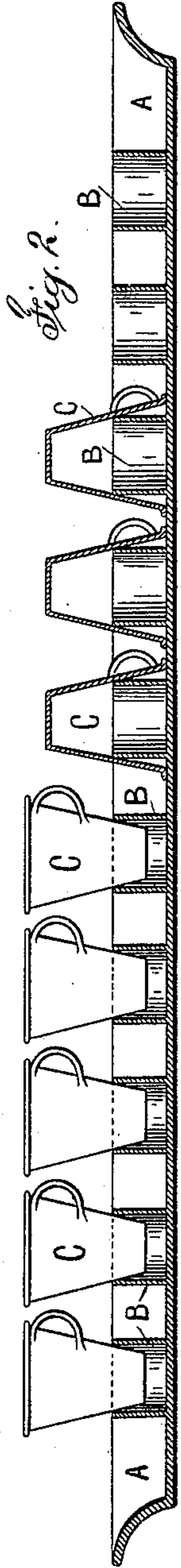


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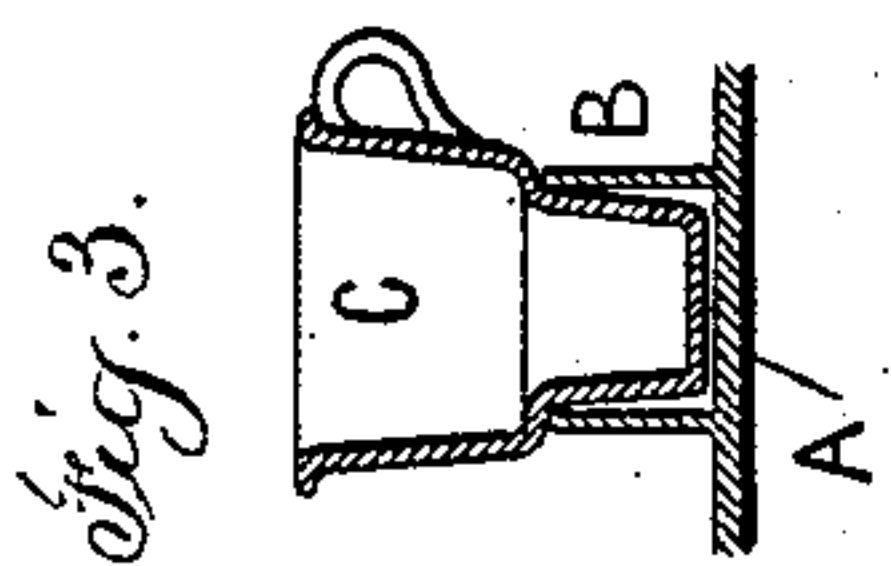
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## COMMUNION-SERVICE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES HALL, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented  
5 an Improvement in Communion-Services, of which the following is a specification.

Separate cups or chalices have been employed in communion service, the same being held by trays in which the cups are received  
10 in rows upon separate supports. Difficulty has however been experienced in properly securing the cups to prevent lateral movement and also in holding the empty cups in such a position as not to interfere with the  
15 grasping and handling of the filled cups.

The present invention is made with reference to obtaining a light holder well adapted to the reception of the base of each cup when filled or for steadying the cup when emptied  
20 and inverted, and with this object in view each cup is made with a tapering body adapted to set into a holding ring upon a tray, and the ring is of such a size and height as to be adapted to receive around it the inverted cup  
25 and prevent the same from slipping upon the tray.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a general plan view of a tray adapted to holding numerous cups. Fig. 2 is a section of a tray and an elevation of a row of cups, some of which are inverted; and Fig. 3 shows a modification in the shape of the cup.

The tray A is to be of any suitable size or shape and preferably of metal with a rim for the convenience of handling, and upon the  
35 tray ring-shaped holders B are permanently secured, such ring-shaped holders being advantageously made of tube sections soldered at their lower ends to the tray, but such tube  
40 sections may be more or less ornamental and tapered, if desired, and the cups C are provided with tapering bodies adapted to set into the ring-shaped holders at their lower ends so as to be held steady by such holders,  
45 and usually each cup or chalice is provided with a handle and with a slightly turned over rim or edge; and I prefer to make these cups of aluminum on account of lightness, strength and cleanliness, and the cups are ornamented  
50 or plain as desired.

The internal size and shape of each cup is such that when the cup has been emptied it can be turned over and will set around the

holder and rest upon the tray sufficiently close to prevent the cup or chalice slipping  
55 upon the tray or sliding off the same, and in consequence of the filled cups standing upon the holders at a higher elevation than the empty and inverted cups, the empty cups are not in the way of grasping and lifting off the  
60 filled cups successively, and when the tray and the cups are made of aluminum, the entire service is sufficiently light to be easily handled by those who serve the same.

As a sanitary measure the separate cups or  
65 chalices in communion have been approved, and the present construction is neat and efficient and acceptable in consequence of the convenience of handling the full cups and properly retaining in position the inverted  
70 empty cups.

The cups instead of being a regular taper may be more or less of a compound curve or made with an offset, as illustrated in Fig. 3, so that the top is large enough to set over  
75 the holder when inverted, and the bottom small enough to set within such support when in use.

In consequence of the holders being tube sections fastened at their lower ends to the  
80 tray they form receptacles into which any liquid remaining in the cups may be poured as the cups are turned over after use.

I claim as my invention—

1. A communion service composed of numerous cups larger at the top than at the bottom and a tray with numerous holders on its upper surface for receiving the bottoms of the full cups and holding them in an elevated position, and for steadying the empty and inverted cups in a lower position on the tray  
90 substantially as specified.

2. The combination with the cups or chalices, of a tray with ranges of tubular holders permanently affixed to the surface of such  
95 tray and adapted to receive the lower ends of the full cups and to receive any liquid contents of the cups as inverted and retain the same and hold the cups in position upon the tray, substantially as specified.

Signed by me this 31st day of May, 1894.

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