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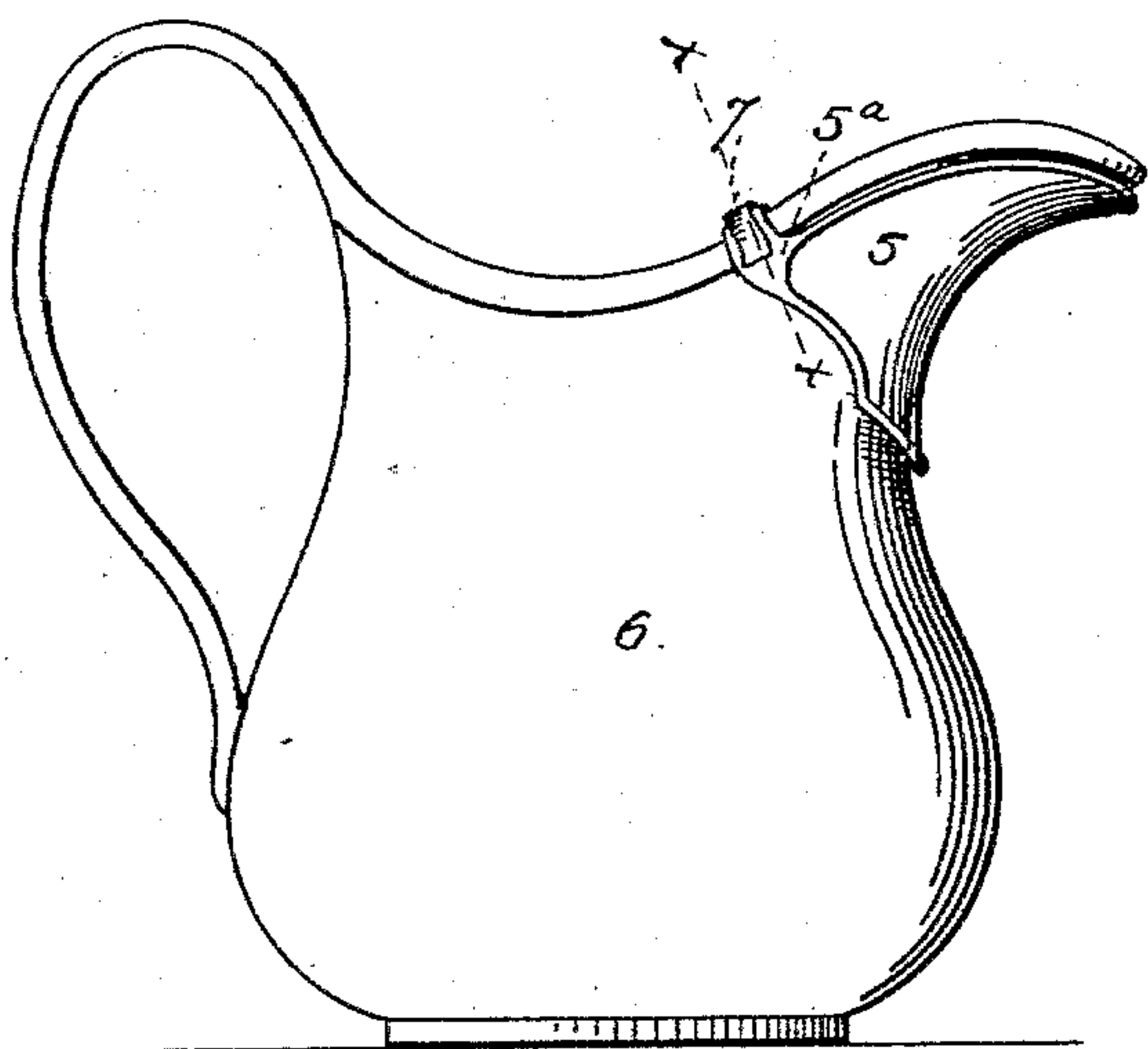


FIG. 1.

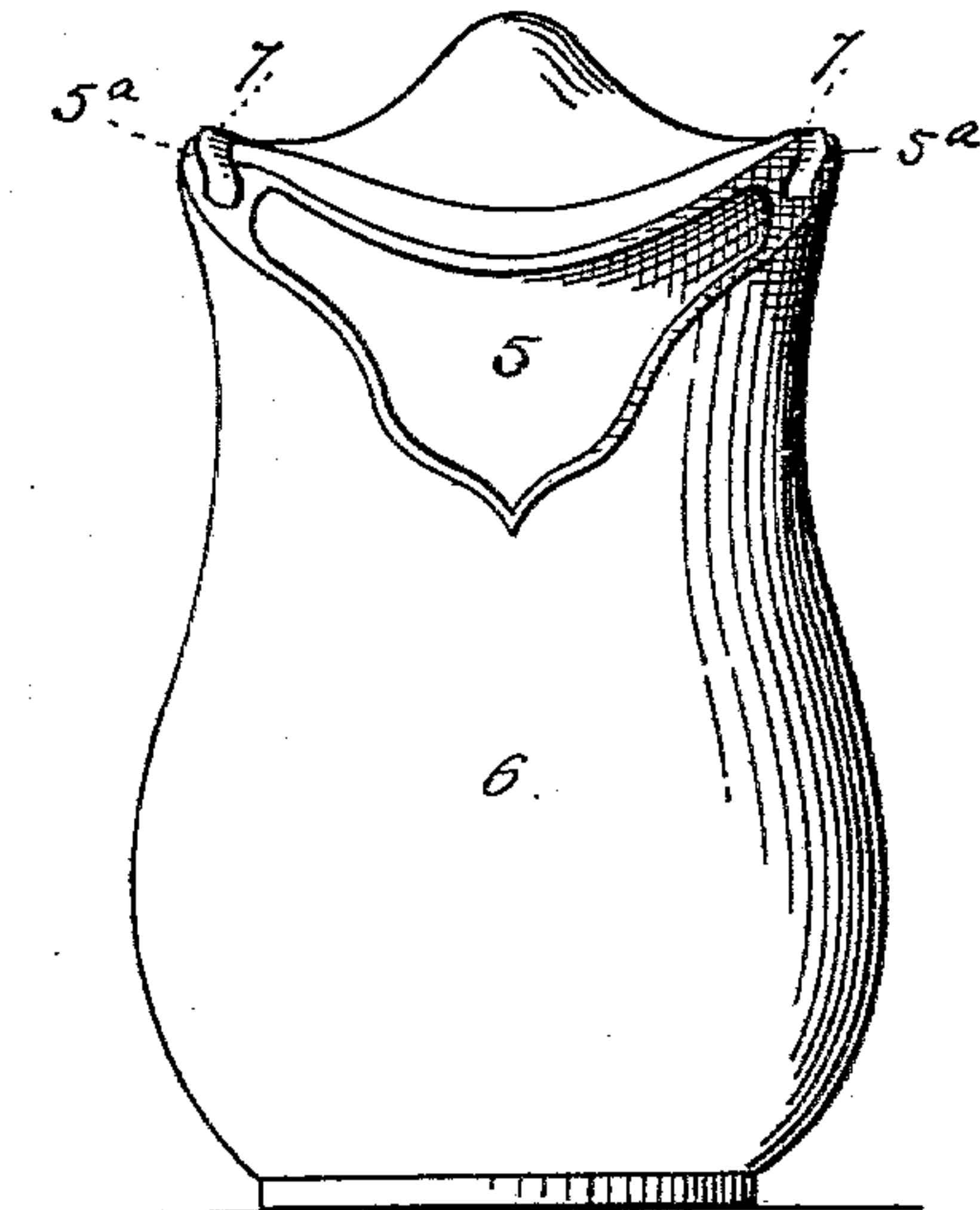


FIG. 2.

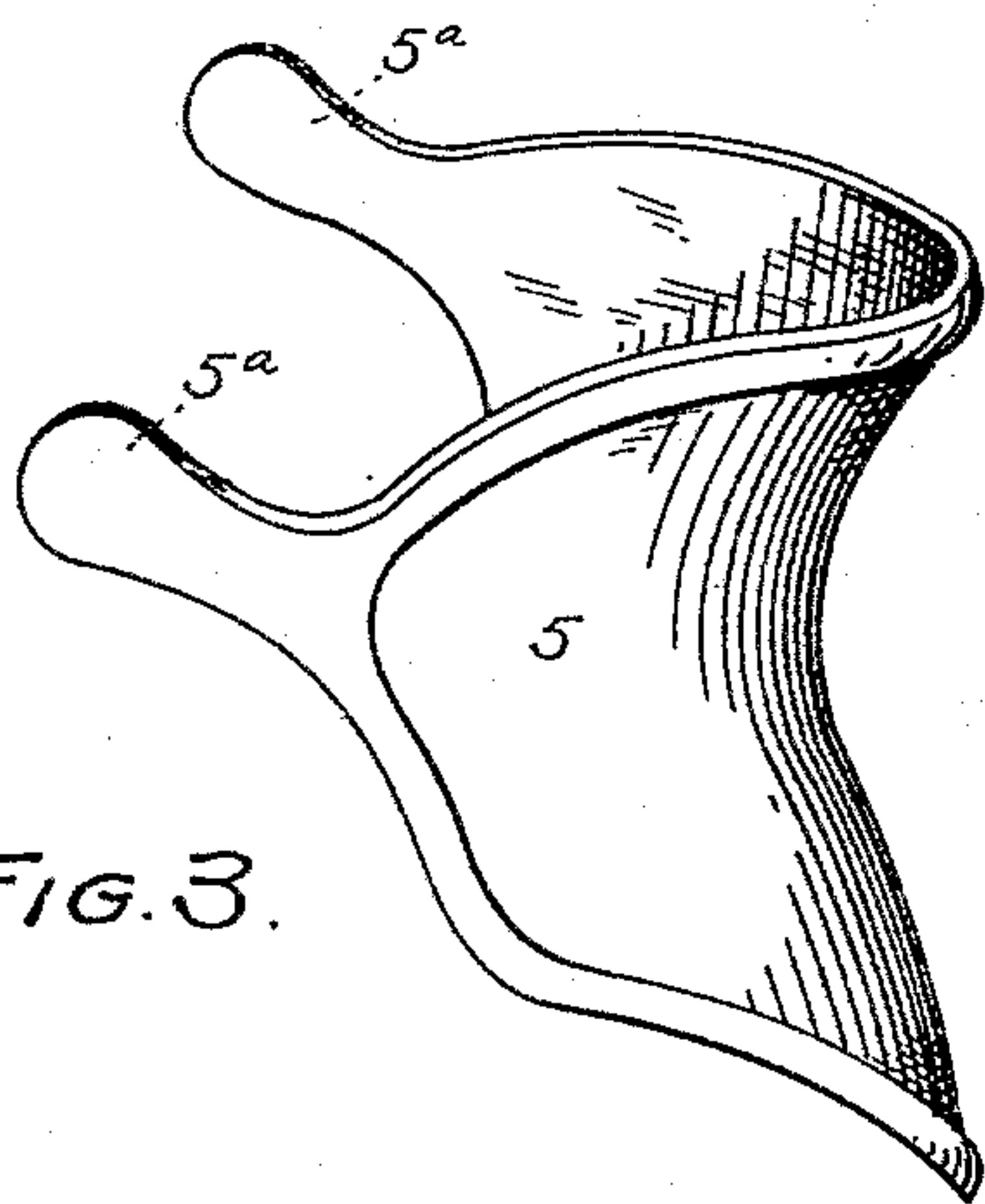


FIG. 3.



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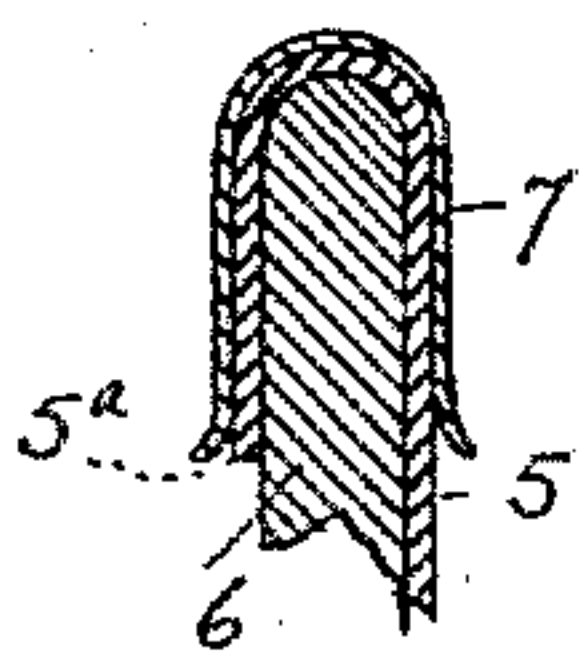


FIG. 5.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, NATHANIEL CURTIS and HENRY SCHNEIDER, citizens of the United States of America, residing at Denver, in the county of Arapahoe and State of Colorado, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Shields for Pitchers; and we 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 the figures of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

Our invention relates to an improved attachment for pitchers from which liquid is usually poured into glasses, cups, or similar articles.

The object of the invention is to obviate breakage resulting from the sudden and forcible contact or accidental striking together of the pitcher and glass or similar articles while the user is in the act of pouring liquid from one into the other.

Our further object is to deaden the sound or noise ordinarily accompanying collisions between articles of the character stated.

To these ends the invention consists of a resilient shield or guard applied to the front of the pitcher in such a manner as to prevent direct contact between it and the smaller receptacle or glass into which the liquid is poured. The uses and applications of our improvement are, however, very numerous and need not be enumerated in detail, but from this brief statement of the objects of the invention and the class of articles to which it may be applied it is believed a perfect general understanding of the invention may be had. This general explanation will now be supplemented by a description in detail, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which is illustrated an embodiment thereof.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a pitcher equipped with our improvement. Fig. 2 is a front view of the same. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the device in detail. Fig. 4 is a similar view of a fastening-clasp employed to secure the device in place upon the pitcher. Fig. 5 is a section taken on the line X X of Fig. 1.

Similar reference-characters indicating corresponding parts in these views, let the numeral 5 designate the shield, shaped to fit the front part of a pitcher 6 and formed with ears 5^a, adapted to be bent over the edge of the pitcher and fastened by clasps 7. The device is thus securely held in place. It should be large enough to cover sufficient area on the front of the pitcher to prevent the surface of the latter from coming in direct contact with the edge of the glass or other article into which the liquid is poured.

This shield is preferably formed of soft rubber, which possesses the necessary or desired degree of resilience and at the same time is easily kept clean.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim is—

The combination with the pitcher, of a shield composed of elastic material shaped to fit the exterior front part of the pitcher below the edge surrounding the mouth or spout opening, and extending rearward from the center line in front, the rearward extensions terminating in ears adapted to extend upward over the edge of the pitcher, and spring-clasps adapted to engage and fasten said ears when in place, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof we affix our signatures in the presence of two witnesses.

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