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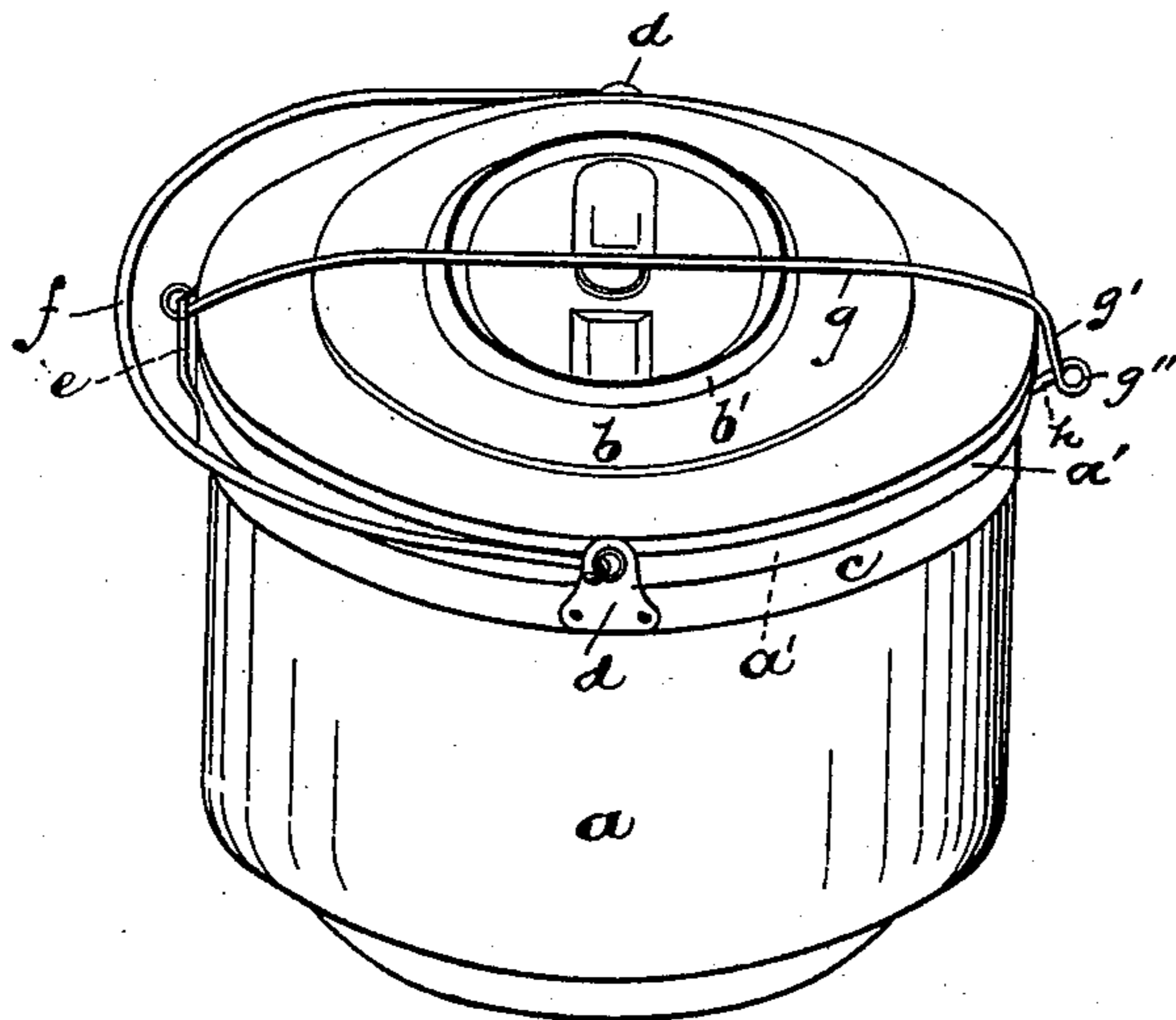


Fig. 1.

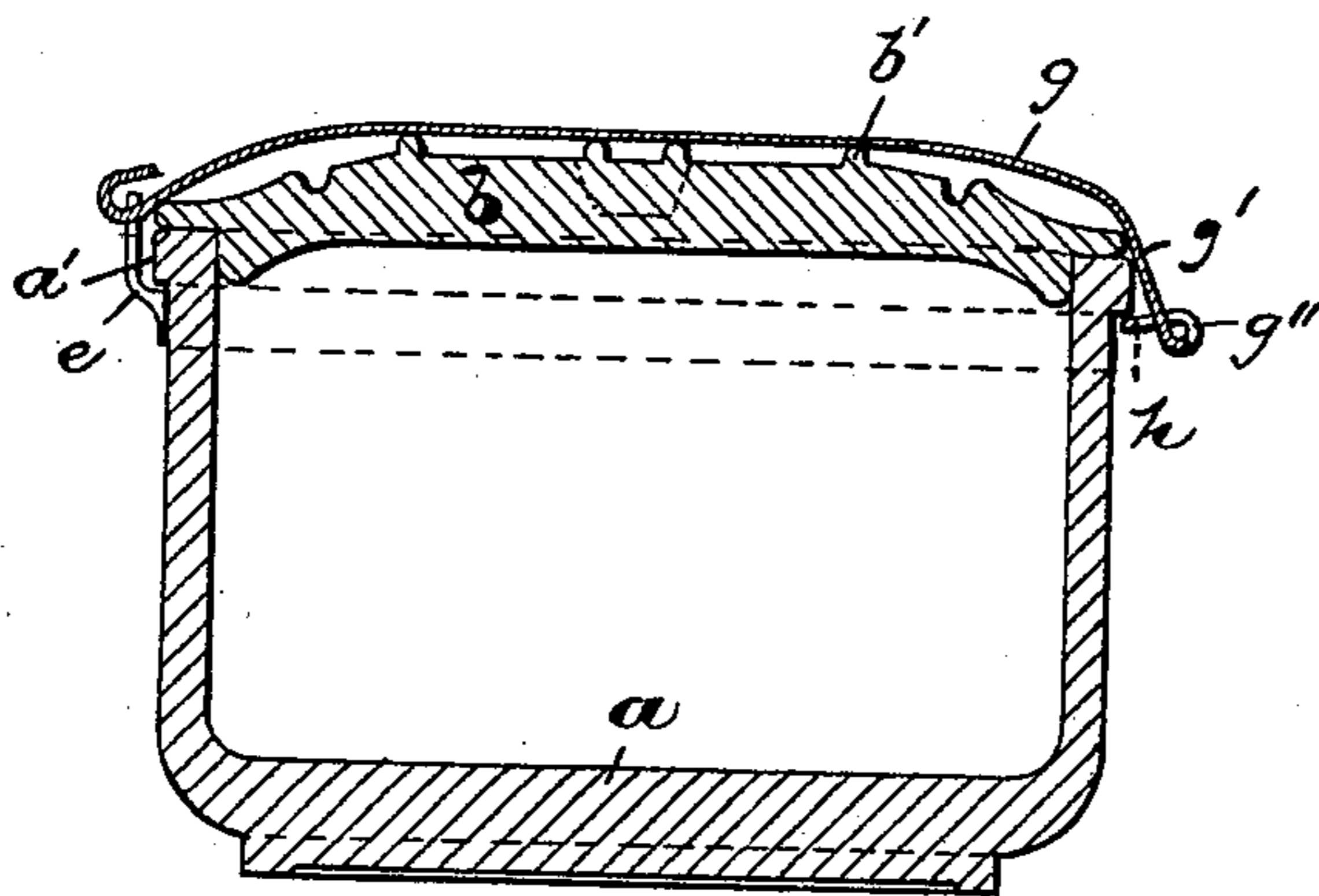


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. CARTER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Newark, in the county of Essex and State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Jars for Preserving Butter or other Articles; 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 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.

The objects of this invention are to provide a package for butter which will be of simple construction and convenient for serving butter to families in small quantities and storing it in a sweet and eatable condition until used and one that can be readily opened and closed, to reduce the cost of construction, and to secure other advantages and results, some of which may be referred to hereinafter in connection with the description of the working parts.

The invention consists in the improved package or receptacle for butter, &c., and in the arrangements and combinations of parts, all substantially as will be hereinafter set forth and finally embraced in the clauses of the claim.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in each of the figures, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the improved packing vessel, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view of the same.

In said drawings, *a a* indicate a bowl-shaped jar or vessel which is preferably made of glass. It is provided with straight sides devoid of an inward projection or flange at its mouth, and at the bottom it is rounded interiorly so that no corners or sharp angles are formed, such as would interfere with a quick and thorough removal of the butter. *b* is the cover thereof, which is also of glass, although it may be of metal or metal covered with enamel. Said cover is made to fit the jar so as to form a close joint therewith and prevent the entrance of air thereto. Said jar is made with a wide mouth and without interiorly-overhanging sides, so as to allow of

the butter being freely and cleanly removed by an implement, such as a knife.

At the upper edge of the jar the same is provided with a flange *a'*, beneath which is arranged a metal band *c*, which entirely surrounds the vessel and is provided on opposite sides with ears *d d* and on a side between said ears *d d* with a third ear *e*. Upon the opposite ears *d d* is secured a bail *f*, by which the vessel may be conveniently carried from place to place, and upon the third ear is a fastening wire tongue *g*, which latter extends across the cover and is turned down, as at *g'*, at its end opposite that at which it is pivoted upon the ear *e*. At its turned extremity it is provided with a lip *h*, adapted to enter under the marginal flange *a'*, as shown in Fig. 2, and holds the cover down tightly upon the bowl.

The end of the tongue *g* having the lip is entirely free of any connection with the body of the jar, so as to be thrown entirely clear of said body when the jar is open and not interfere with the bail or the operations of packing the butter or removing the same, the lip *h* having a direct contact with the under side of the flange *a'* when holding the cover down and being free to slide thereon in either direction from its cover-holding position, as will be understood. This lip is preferably formed by turning the tongue *g* at its downward end outward, upward, and then backward, as shown in Fig. 2, so as to enter under the flange and into fastening relation therewith. Where the wire is thus bent, a loop *g''* is formed which extends outwardly from the bowl and provides a finger portion by which the wire can be pushed to one side or the other to throw the lip *h* from under the flange *a'* to release the cover. The said tongue *g* is adapted to slide laterally over the cover, the latter being formed to admit of the wire sliding thereover. To provide a firm bearing for the said tongue, I have made the upper side of the cover convex and provided it with annular ridges *b'*, against which the tongue *f* bears down with firmness, so that the cover is secured and the joint between the body and cover closed against access of atmospheric air and effluvia therein which will detract from the quality of the butter. At or near the center the said cover is provided with finger depressions into

which the fingers may be inserted when raising the cover from the body, the finger-bearings thus not interfering with the sweep of the tongue over the cover when fastening the
5 latter in position.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new is—

1. The combination with the jar having the flange *a'*, and a cover, of a band *c*, and a
10 tongue loosely attached at one end to said band, at one side of the jar, and at its opposite end having a tongue adapted to enter beneath the said flange, said tongue being free to slide in either direction on said flange to
15 or from holding relation to the cover of the jar, substantially as set forth.

2. The combination with the jar having the flange *a'*, and a cover for closing said jar, of

a band having ears to receive the bail and tongue, a bail and a tongue loosely pivoted 20 at one end in one of said ears and adapted to extend across the cover to hold the same in place and at its opposite end being bent or turned on itself to enter beneath the flange, the bent end being free of attachments and 25 adapted to slide in either direction from holding relation to said flange, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of 30 April, 1896.

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