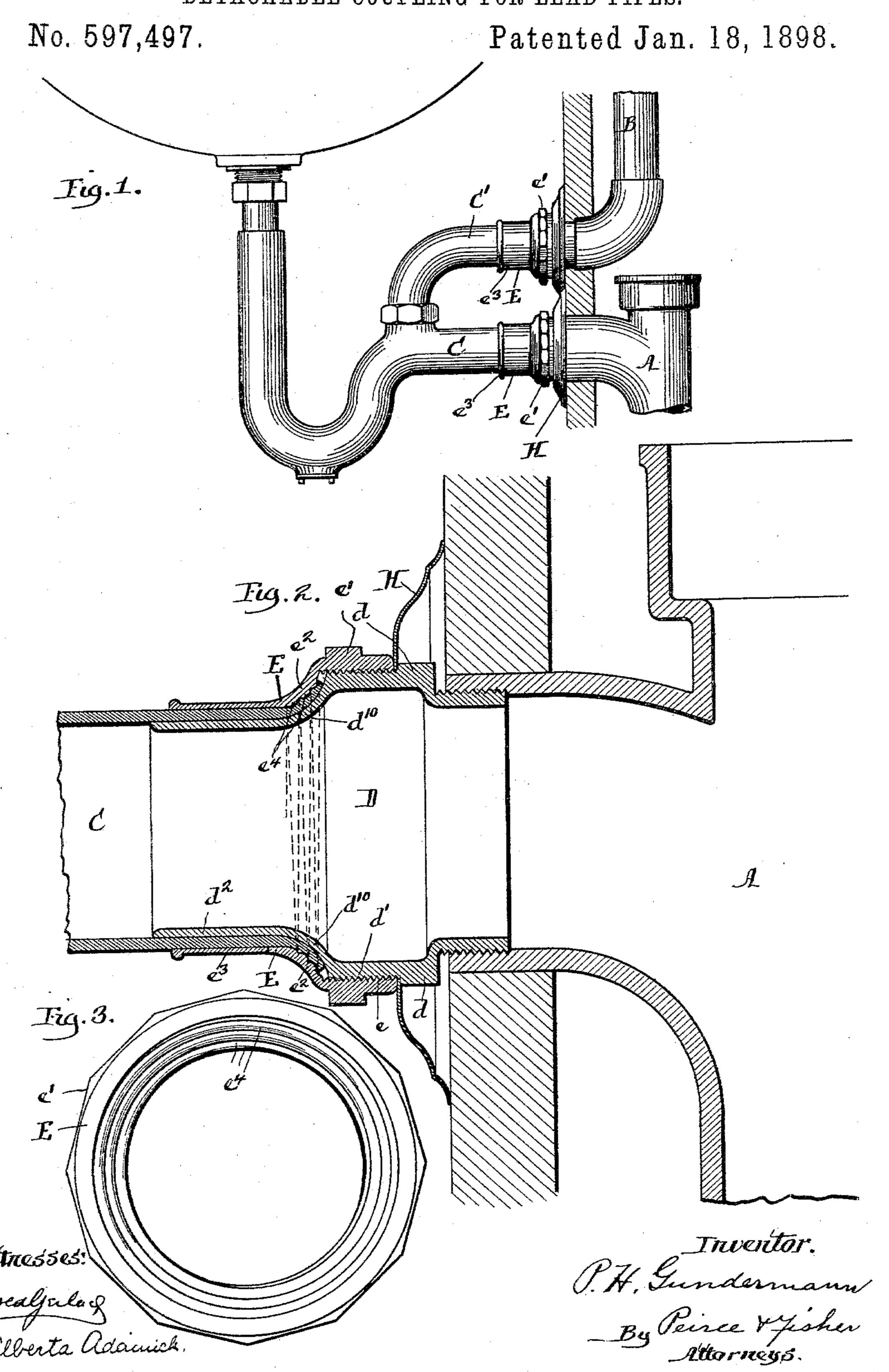
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To all whom it may concern:

Beitknown that I, PHILIP H. GUNDERMANN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, Cook county, Illinois, have invented cer-5 tain new and useful Improvements in Detachable Couplings for Lead Pipes, of which I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of to this specification.

The present invention has for its object to provide an improved construction of coupling whereby sections of lead pipe may be securely and tightly joined to iron or other hard-metal 15 pipes, the invention being primarily designed to provide an improved detachable connection whereby the lead pipes of closets or basins may be conveniently and tightly joined to waste or

vent pipes.

It has been heretofore proposed to form a pipe, of a closet. detachable lead-pipe coupling by forming the interior section of the coupling—that is to say, the section that enters the end of the lead pipe—with an inclined portion over which the 25 end of the lead pipe is expanded, the outer portion of the coupling that sets outside the lead pipe having a reduced inclined portion adapted to clamp the flaring end of the lead pipe against the inclined face of the interior 30 coupling-section. It has also been heretofore proposed to provide the inclined portions of the coupling where they bear upon the flaring end of the lead pipe with annular ribs or teeth in order to more firmly bind the end of the 35 pipe and guard it against slipping. This type of coupling, while effective to a certain extent, is found objectionable, because inasmuch as the outer section of the coupling, being threaded onto the inner section, moves in straight 40 line the annular ribs or teeth cut upon the inclined face of the outer section also move in straight line, and consequently plow into or cut into the lead pipe, becoming embedded therein only in the direction of their straight 45 line of motion. Hence it is that while such annular indentations serve in a measure to form a tighter joint between the flaring end of the lead pipe and its coupling the annular ribs or teeth of the coupling do not as effect-50 ively serve to rigidly hold the flaring end of the lead pipe or guard it against withdrawal

or make as tight a joint as with my improved construction.

My invention consists in forming the interior face of the abruptly-inclined portion of 55 the outer coupling-section with a screw-thread of such pitch and shape that it will become embedded and form a continuous thread upon the flaring end of the lead pipe as the outer section of the coupling is screwed to place.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a view in elevation, showing the manner of applying my invention. Fig. 2 is a detail view, in vertical section, through a portion of a vent-pipe and through a portion of 65 a lead pipe connected to my improved coupling. Fig. 3 is a view in section through the outer coupling, showing the manner of forming the threads thereon.

A designates the waste-pipe, and B the vent- 70

C designates the section of lead pipe leading from the closet to the waste-pipe, and C' denotes the section of lead pipe leading to the vent-pipe B. The coupling whereby the sec- 75 tion C' of lead pipe is connected to the ventpipe B is the same in construction as the coupling whereby the lead pipe C is connected with the waste-pipe A, and a description of one of these couplings will answer for both. 80

My improved coupling comprises an inner section D, provided, preferably, at one end with a threaded portion adapted to engage with the waste or vent pipe, and adjacent this inner threaded portion the section D of 85 the coupling will be furnished with a polygonal exterior d, whereby the coupling-section may be screwed to place. The outer portion of the coupling-section D will also be formed with a threaded part d', adapted to be en- 90 gaged by corresponding interior threads e, formed upon the inner face of the enlarged portion of the outer coupling-section E. This enlarged portion of the outer coupling-section E will also be formed with a polygonal rim e', 95 adapted to receive a wrench for uniting the sections of the coupling together. The inner coupling-section D is formed with a reduced abruptly-inclined portion  $d^{10}$ , from which preferably leads a straight portion  $d^2$ , adapted 100 to enter the end of the lead pipe C for some distance. The outer coupling-section E is

also formed with a reduced abruptly-inclined portion  $e^2$ , corresponding to the inclined portion  $d^{10}$  of the coupling-section D, and with a straight portion  $e^3$ , corresponding with the 5 straight portion  $d^2$  of the inner coupling-section. The inner face of the outer couplingsection E is formed with a continuous screwthread  $e^4$ , which when the coupling-sections D and E are set together over the flaring in-10 ner end of the lead pipe C will form a corresponding screw-thread upon the outer face of the flaring end of the lead pipe, and thus firmly embed the threads  $e^4$  in such lead pipe. The screw-thread  $e^4$  is a considerably larger 15 thread than the screw-thread that connects the two sections D and E together, and the crowns of the threads e<sup>4</sup> are preferably rounded, so that as the sections are forced together the threads  $e^4$  will embed themselves into the 20 flaring end of the lead pipe C without plowing into or cutting away and so weakening the pipe. Inasmuch as there can be but comparatively slight movement of the outer couplingsection E after the thread e4 has come to bear 25 upon the outer face of the flaring end of the lead pipe and to the abrupt incline of the section E, I have found in practice that by forming the screw-thread  $e^4$  considerably larger than the thread e the thread e4 will em-30 bed itself and form a continuous thread upon the outer face of the flaring end of the lead pipe and thus not only serve to make a water and gas tight joint between the lead pipe and the coupling, but will aid in preventing the 35 accidental slipping of the coupling-section E upon the lead pipe not with standing any movement of this pipe incident to the shaking of

the closet-bowl. It will be understood, of course, that the difference in the size of the thread  $e^4$  will vary according to the size of the 40 couplings, but this thread should be so proportioned that as the coupling-sections are firmly joined together the thread  $e^4$  will be advanced such distance as to firmly embed itself into the outer face of the lead pipe. 45 Preferably a shield H will be slipped over the coupling-section D, adjacent its annular shoulder d, in order to hide the joint between the coupling and the waste or vent pipe, although such shield is no part of my invention.

Having thus described the invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A coupling for lead pipes comprising a section D having formed integral therewith a cylindrical exteriorly-screw-threaded portion d' and a reduced abruptly-inclined forwardly-extending plain portion  $d^{10}$ , in combination with the exterior coupling-section E having 60 a cylindrical interiorly-threaded portion to engage the threaded portion d' of the section D and having in piece therewith an abruptly-inclined portion  $e^2$  corresponding with the abruptly-inclined portion  $d^{10}$  of the section D and 65 provided upon its interior with a continuous screw-thread adapted to form a spiral thread in a lead pipe interposed between the sections D and E, substantially as described.

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