

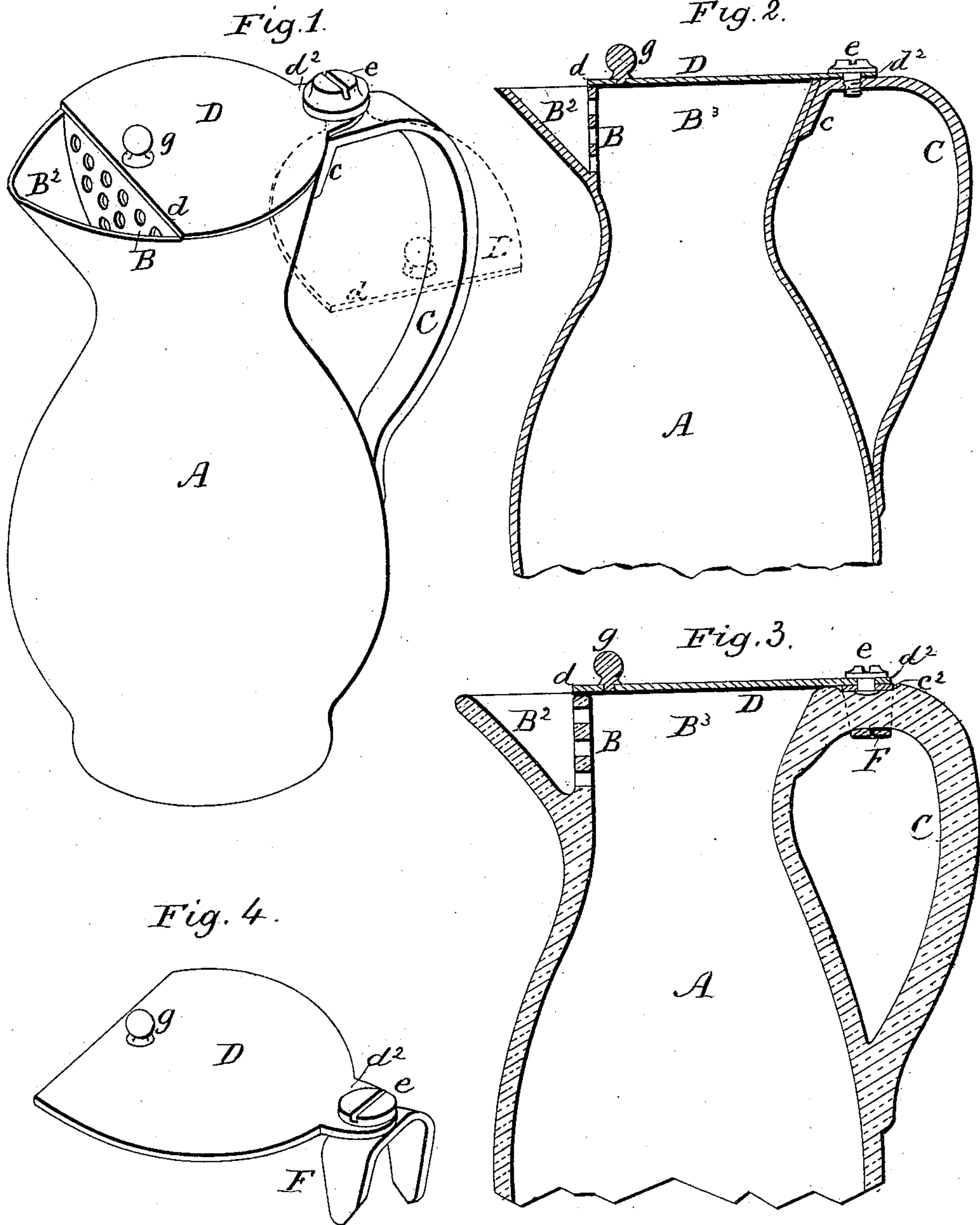
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES S. SULZBACHER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Wilkes-Barré, in the county of Luzerne, State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Pitchers, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to pitchers, particularly those intended to contain milk, syrup, and molasses and other liquids attractive to flies and other insects; and the objects of my invention are to provide such pitchers with a strainer and a handle suitably located, and a closing device pivoted to said handle and adapted to be swung horizontally over the portion of the mouth of the pitcher in the rear of its strainer; the closure and its connection with the handle being particularly simple and inexpensive, although strong and reliable. I attain these objects by the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a metal pitcher provided with a stationary strainer in its spout, a handle having its top on the same level as the mouth of the pitcher, and a horizontally-swinging closure pivoted to said handle in accordance with my invention, the closure being also shown swung to one side in dotted lines. Fig. 2 is a vertical section of the metal pitcher. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of an earthenware pitcher constructed with its closure in accordance with my invention. Fig. 4 is a perspective view of the closure and the clamping-saddle to connect it to the handle, as in Fig. 3.

In said drawings, A represents the body of a pitcher or vessel of suitable form and intended to contain milk, molasses, or syrup and prevent the admission or dropping of flies therein. The mouth of the pitcher is divided into two chambers by a perforated vertical partition B, that is integral with or is soldered to the walls of the pitcher in the rear of the spout B<sup>2</sup> and in front of the main entrance B<sup>3</sup> of the pitcher. Said partition B is straight across the mouth of the pitcher, and its upper edge is on the same level with the upper edge

of the pitcher and also with the top of its handle C. Said handle when used in connection with a pitcher of metal has its upper end bent down at c and is secured with a rivet or with solder to the rear upper end of the pitcher, while the lower end is soldered to the body of said pitcher.

With an earthenware pitcher the upper end of the handle is stuck on, as usual, to the upper portion and the lower end to the body of the pitcher; but it is essential that the upper portion of the handle be upon substantially the same level with the edge of the pitcher, as its closure D consists of a plate made flat its whole length, and thus inexpensively produced.

The plate or closure D has its front edge d straight and corresponding in length with the perforated partition B of the pitcher and in its normal position is made to abut upon said partition. Its rear edge is substantially semicircular, and therefore its peripheral outline is somewhat like a horseshoe. From the central portion of the circular edge there is projecting horizontally a tongue d<sup>2</sup>, integral with the plate D. The periphery of said tongue is substantially semicircular, and said tongue has a perforation to receive the body of the pivot pin or screw e, around which the closure can be revolved or swung aside to open the pitcher and permit it to be filled with milk or other liquid or to be cleaned internally.

When the pitcher is provided with a metal handle, it has in its upper portion a screw-tapped hole to receive the screw-threaded portion of the screw; but a loosely-upset rivet may be used in place of the screw e.

When the closure D is used in connection with an earthenware pitcher, it is first screwed to or loosely riveted to a saddle F, having a substantially flat top and two side flaps that are made to be bent under the handle and clasp it firmly, the ends of the flaps being preferably beveled to overlap the sides of each other and form a closed-ring connection with the handle, the latter being slightly grooved transversely at c<sup>2</sup> to give a proper seat to the saddle against fore-and-aft displacement.

The closure is provided with a small knob



7 adjacent to its straight edge, by which it  
can be swung horizontally toward either side  
and away from the mouth of the pitcher.

Having now fully described my invention,  
5 I claim—

1. The combination of the body of a pitcher  
having a spout on one side and a handle on  
the opposite side, the top of said handle being  
on the same level with the edge of the pitcher,  
10 the spout having a strainer across it, with a  
closing-plate having a straight front edge over  
the strainer, and a vertical pivot passing  
through the closing-plate and secured to the  
handle of the pitcher, substantially as de-  
15 scribed.

2. A new article of manufacture consisting  
of the body of a pitcher having a spout on

one side, a strainer straight across said spout,  
and a handle on the opposite side of said  
body, the top of said handle being flat and 20  
on the same level with the edge of the pitcher,  
with a closing-plate having a straight front  
edge adapted to fit upon the edge of the  
strainer, a knob alongside of said straight  
edge, and a vertical pivot secured to the 25  
handle of the pitcher and passing through a  
tongue extended from the rear end of the  
closing-plate, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature  
in presence of two witnesses.

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