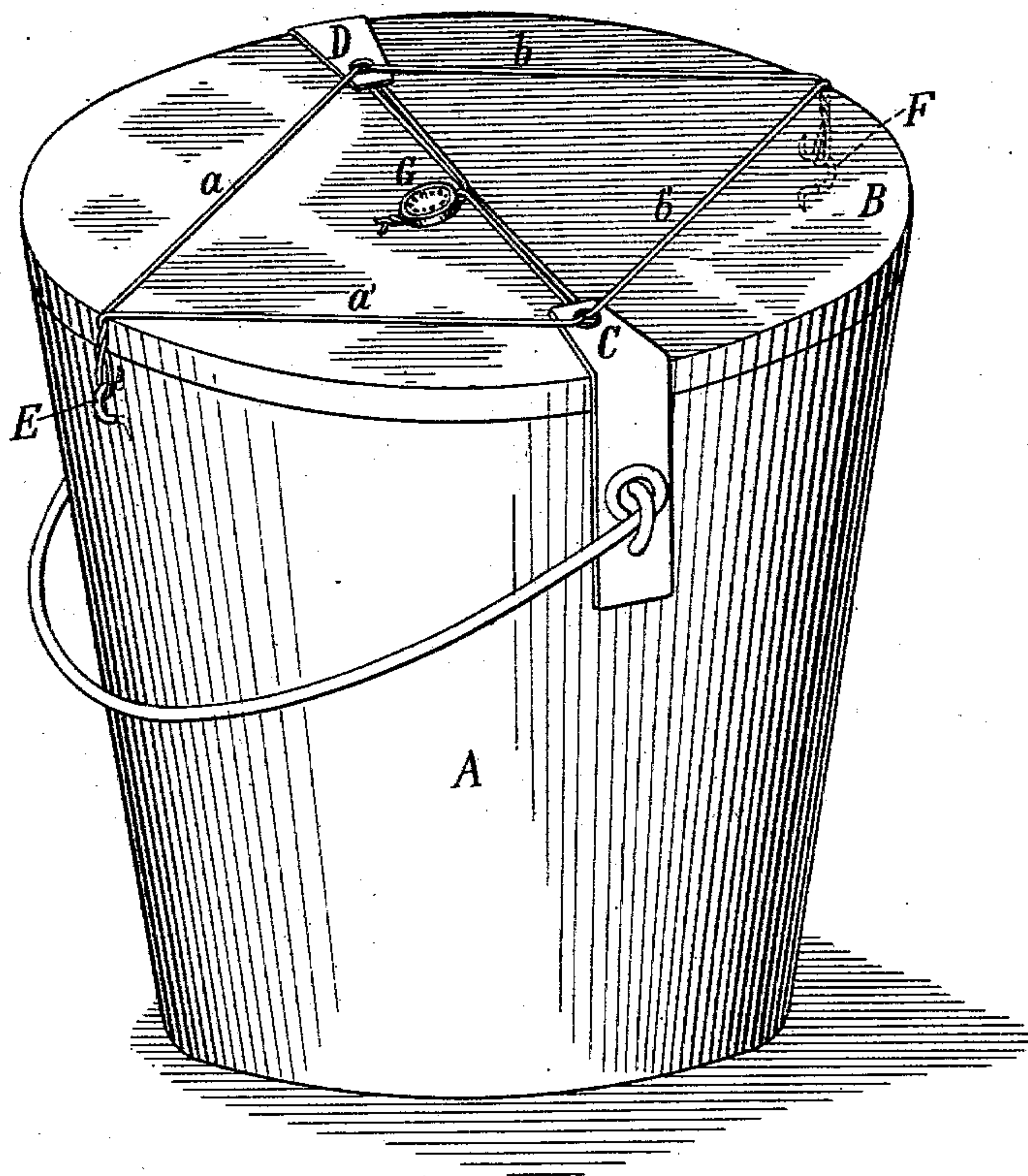


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY G. CORDLEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Glenridge, county of Essex, State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fastening and Sealing Devices for Pails, of which the following is a specification, reference being made to the accompanying drawing.

My invention is designed as a means for securing in place the cover of a pail and sealing the package against theft. It is particularly intended for candy-pails, which in practice have heretofore been secured merely by applying the cover thereto and nailing it to the pail. It is not difficult under this arrangement to pry up the cover and abstract more or less of the contents.

My invention consists in applying to the pail a wire or wires secured at one point and thence passed over the cover of the pail to certain loops or eyes, through which the wires are passed and secured, their ends being preferably twisted together and joined by an ordinary lead seal or sealed by a wax or asphaltum seal over the twisted ends of the wire.

Referring to the drawing, A represents a pail or similar receptacle, and B the cover thereof, shown as of the same diameter as the top of the pail, so as to fit closely around it and rest upon or overlap the upper edge of the pail. A wire or wires are attached to the pail by any convenient means, as by a staple E, with its ends turned over inside of the pail to prevent its being withdrawn. The wires *a a'* are extended diagonally across the cover and have their free ends passed, respectively, through loops formed by the eyes in the extremities of the strips C and D. Their ends are then secured, being, for example, twisted together and held by a seal G. I prefer to employ a similar arrangement on the opposite side of the pail, where another wire is secured to the similar staple F, and the two portions of it, *b* and *b'*, are also passed through the aforesaid eyes or loops and are then secured by the same seal G. The strips C and D may be made of tin or other suitable metal and are preferably secured under the ears to which the bail is attached, so as to be firmly

and inseparably connected to the pail and of such a length as to extend a short distance inward from the edge of the cover when they are bent down upon it. This brings the wires in toward the center of the pail, so as to more effectively hold the cover down and in its proper place.

Thus my arrangement forms a combined cover securing and sealing device for holding the overlapping cover of the pail against both lateral and vertical displacement and sealing it against unwarranted removal. The wire is thus both a fastener and seal, while its diagonal course across the grain of the cover prevents its cutting into and splitting the same as it passes upward and across the cover edge. It is a cheap and simple device, protecting the contents of the pail and preserving the cover by avoiding the need of nails therein. The wire is continuous, and hence less liable to be tampered with, while still serving as a fastener.

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination with a pail, of a cover thereon, and a combined cover securing and sealing device consisting of a flexible wire permanently attached to the outer side of the pail and passing thence upward and over the edge of the cover and drawn taut through a retaining-loop together with said loop and a seal for fastening the wire against removal from its position on the cover.

2. The combination with a pail and a cover thereon of a combined cover securing and sealing device therefor consisting of a loop extending from the outside of the pail at the point of attachment of the bail upward and over the edge of the cover, and a flexible wire permanently secured to the outside of the pail at a point between the two bail ends and also extending upward and drawn taut and over the edge of the cover to engage the said loop, with a seal to retain the wire against removal from its position on the cover.

3. The combination with a pail and a cover thereon of a loop extending from a point on the outside of the pail below the cover upward across the edge of the cover and then horizontally over the top of the cover toward the center thereof, a flexible wire attached perma-

nently to the outside of the pail at a second
point thereon and passing thence upward
across the edge of the cover and then hori-
zontally over the top of the cover and drawn
5 taut through said loop, and a seal for retain-
ing the wire and loop in their engaged posi-
tion on the cover of the pail.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my
hand, before two subscribing witnesses, this
17th day of March, 1902.

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