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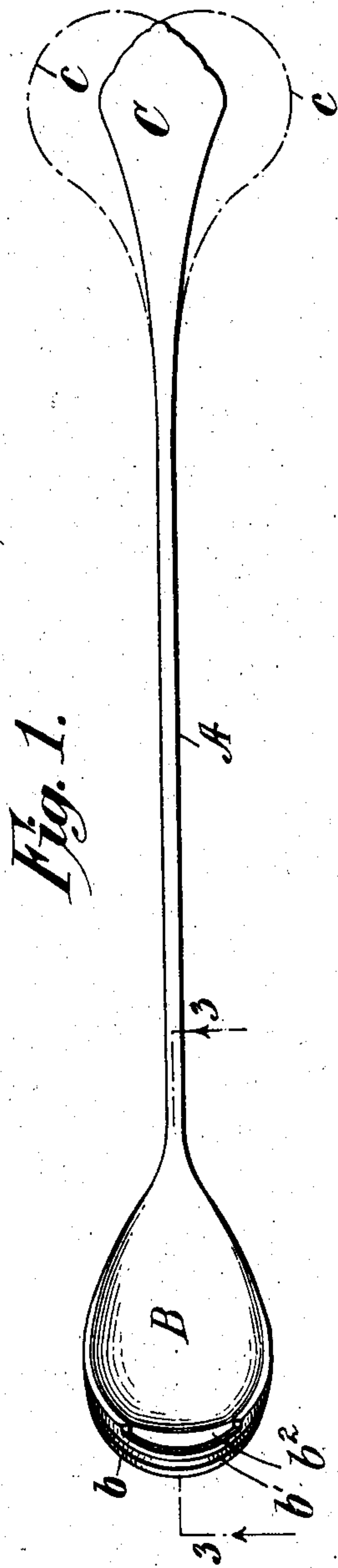


Fig. 1.

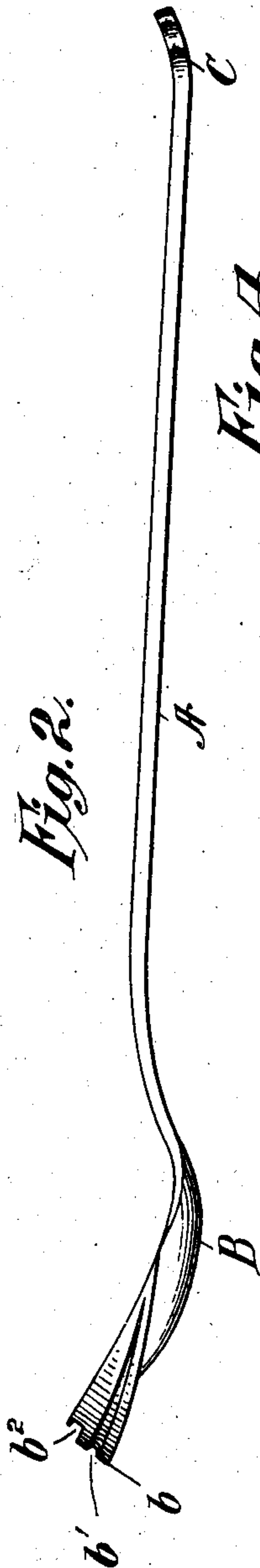


Fig. 2.

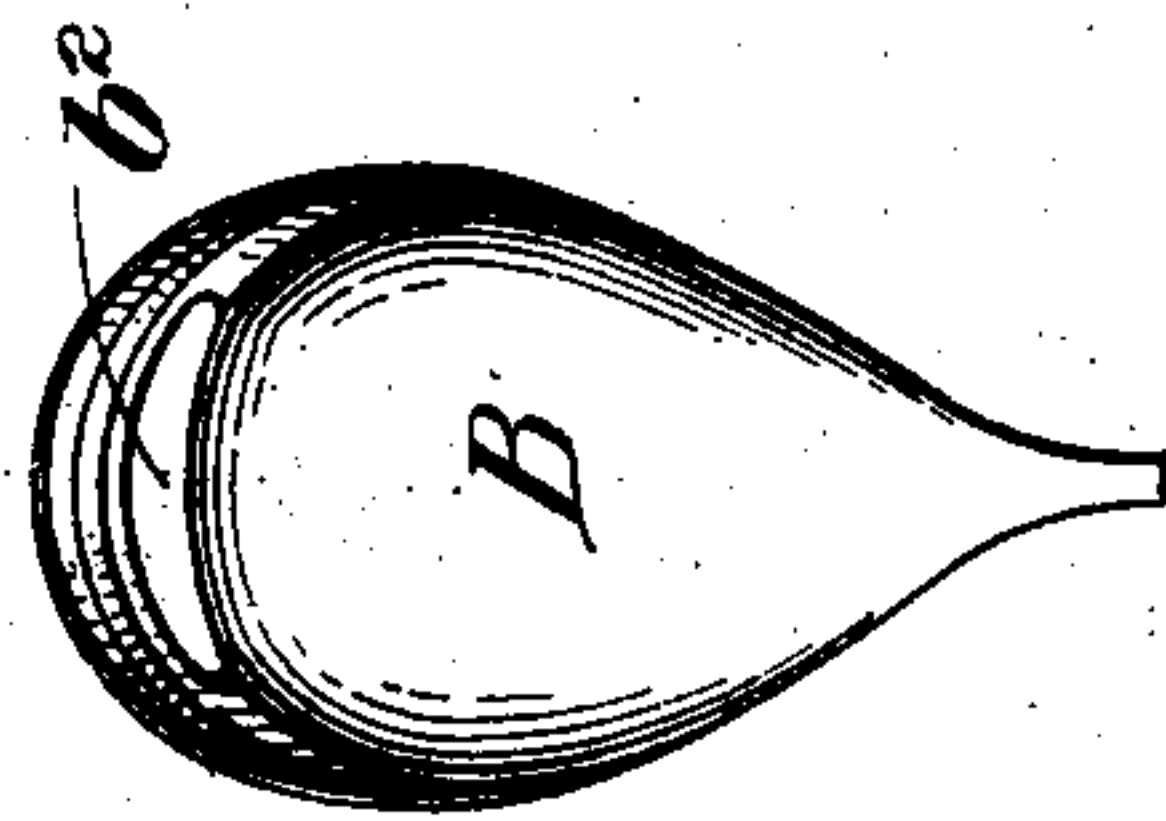


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ABRAHAM LINCOLN SMITH, a citizen of the United States of America, and a resident of the borough of Manhattan, in the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Mixed-Drink Spoons, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to mixing-spoons for use by bartenders, butlers, and others engaged in the preparation of mixed drinks, cordials, liqueurs, &c.; and its object is to provide an article of this character so constructed and arranged as to fulfil the several requisite functions.

In the drawings accompanying this application, Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved spoon. Fig. 2 is a side view thereof. Fig. 3 is a section on the line 3 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a detail reverse plan view of the bowl of the spoon.

In said views, A indicates the shank of the spoon, having the bowl B and handle C. Depending from the forward peripheral edge of the bowl is a flange *b*, corrugated, as at *b'*, and provided with a slot *b²* just below said peripheral edge. The flange *b* follows the peripheral edge of the bowl from its point or forward end at both sides to points in a transverse plane about centrally of said bowl, said flange diminishing in extent rearwardly and said flange extending forwardly of the bowl at a suitable angle. The handle C may, as indicated in dotted lines at *c c*, be enlarged to provide space for engraving or otherwise indicating thereon the ingredients forming different mixed drinks.

Some of the purposes to which my improved mixing-spoon may be applied are as follows: In pouring different liqueurs in a cordial-glass it is desired that they do not mix, but lie in stratified form one upon the other. As the specific gravity of these liqueurs is about the same, one must be placed very gently upon the other to avoid their commingling. In preparing these mixed-cordial drinks the operator therefor pours the upper layers slowly against the side of the glass; but the process is difficult and requires a very steady hand, so that oftentimes the

different liqueurs will mix and spoil the appearance and quality of the drinks. The stratified formation may, however, very easily be attained by placing the bowl of my improved spoon reversed over the cordial-glass, resting the forwardly-projecting flange thereof upon the periphery of the glass. Now in pouring the cordial or liqueur upon the upturned bottom of the spoon-bowl the fluid will percolate through the slot *b²* and be directed by the forward edge of the spoon against the inner surface or wall of the glass, down which it will travel through the combined influence of gravity and capillary attraction. In this manner the upper layers of liqueur as successively added, will avoid disturbing the lower layers and will spread evenly thereover, giving the effect of a perfect stratification. When the spoon is used in stirring mixed drinks, as cocktails and the like, the slot *b²* in the movement of the spoon to and fro in the glass produces eddies in the lower part of the glass containing the heavier ingredients and fluids and enables a more rapid and perfect mixing to be effected. The flange *b* at the forward end of the spoon-bowl also serves as a crusher in disintegrating mint and other like solid matter introduced as an element in a drink, while the forward edge of the flange *b* may be used as a scraper in loosening packed sugar, &c., preparatory to using such ingredients.

Having now described my invention, I declare that what I claim is—

1. An improved mixed-drink spoon whose bowl is provided with an end flange extending downwardly and rearwardly from its periphery, a slot separating the extreme end of the bowl from said flange.

2. An improved mixed-drink spoon whose bowl is provided with a corrugated end flange extending downwardly and rearwardly from its periphery, a slot separating the extreme end of the bowl from said flange.

Signed at New York this 26th day of October, 1905.

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