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Fig. 1.

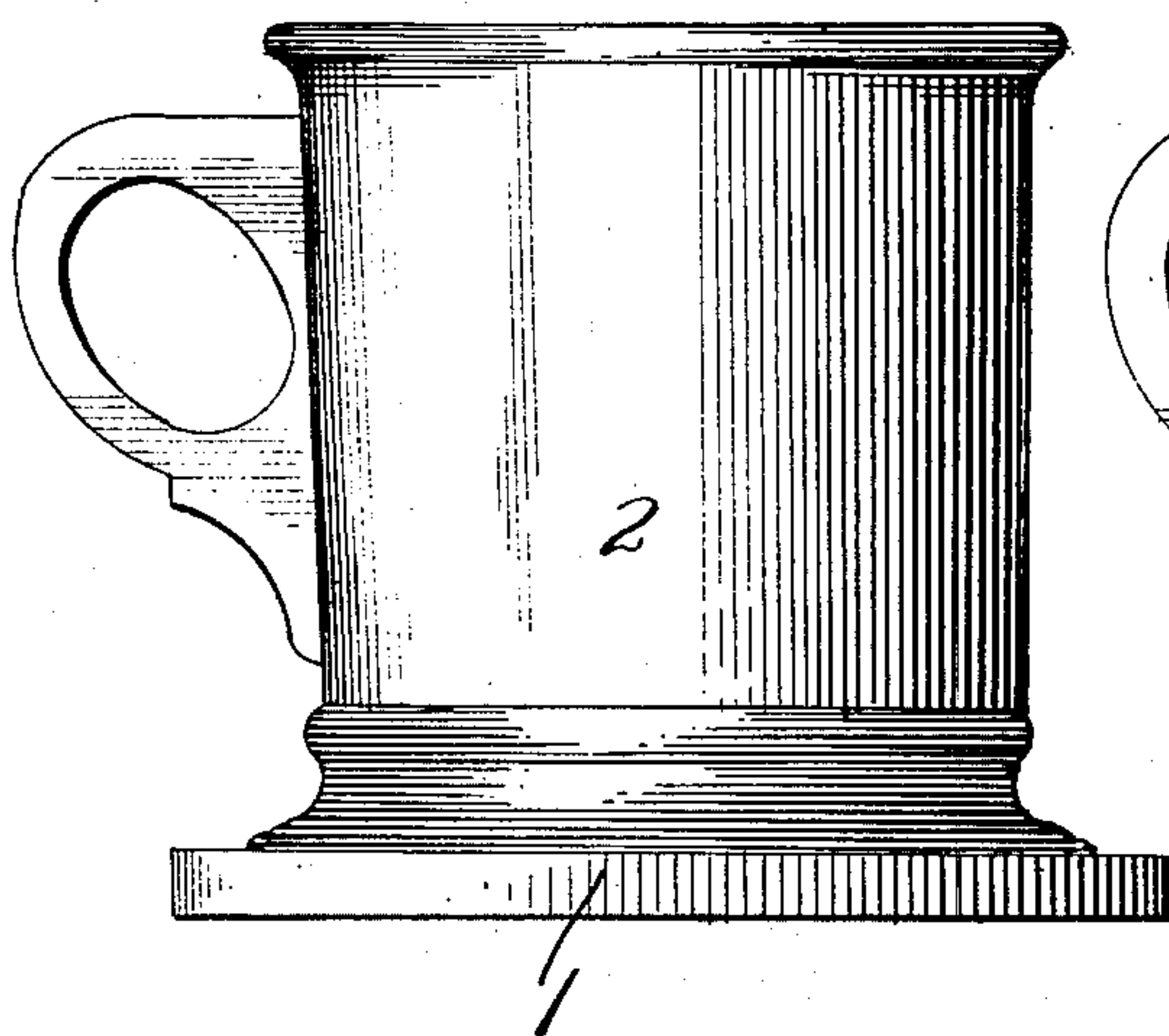


Fig. 2.

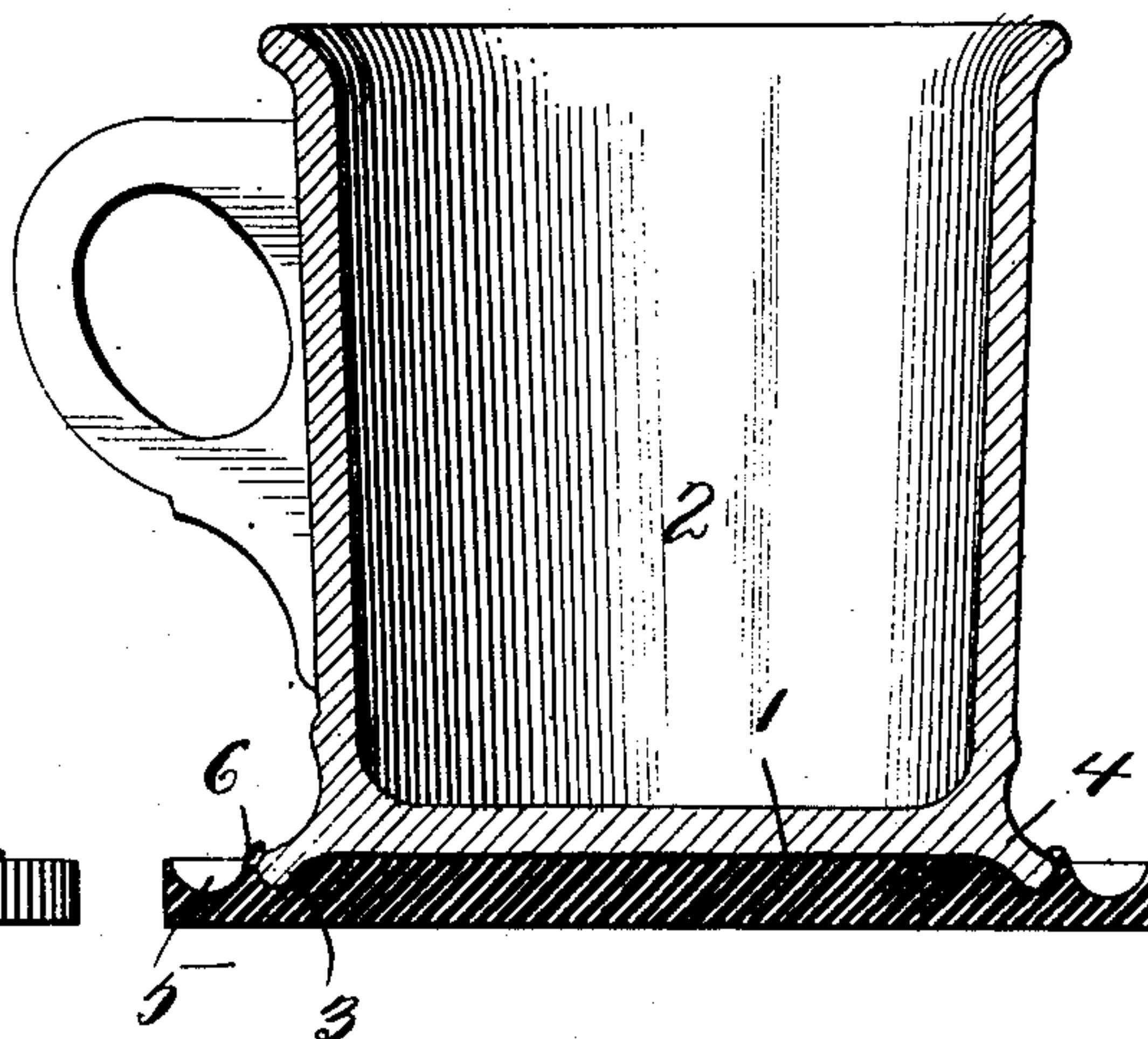
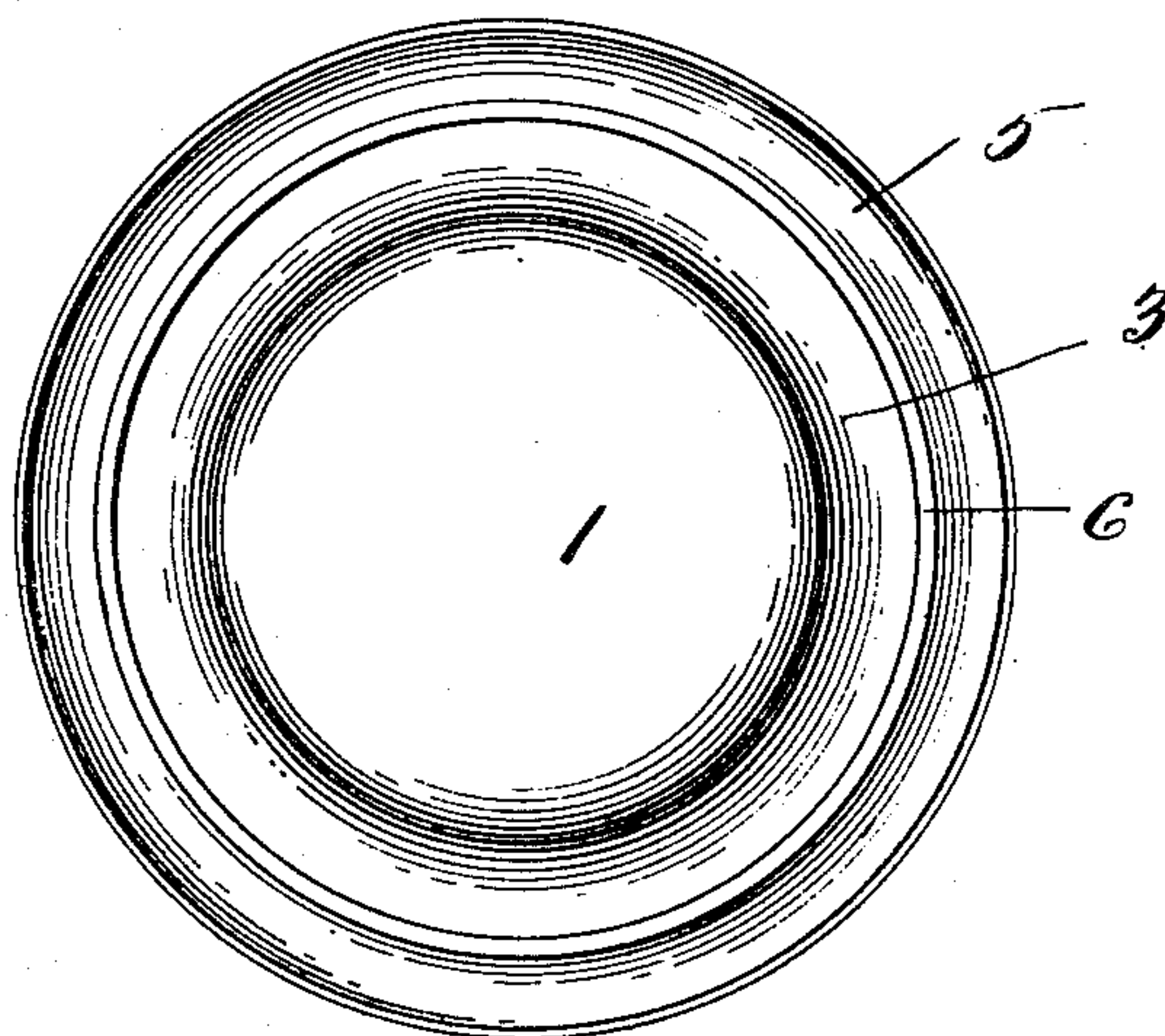


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. WESTLAKE, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Slippery Rock, in the county of Butler and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Table-Mats, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to table mats, and the invention has for its object to provide a simple and inexpensive mat having novel means for gripping and retaining a receptacle thereon.

Another object of this invention is to provide a mat which will hold liquid and prevent the overflow of the receptacle from injuring a table or similar support upon which the mat and receptacle rest.

With these and other objects in view, which will more readily appear as the invention is better understood the same consists in the novel construction, combination and arrangement of parts to be hereinafter more fully described and then specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

Referring to the drawing forming part of this specification, like numerals of reference designate corresponding parts throughout the several views, in which:

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved mat showing a mug mounted thereon, Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same, Fig. 3 is a plan of the mat.

To put my invention into practice, I preferably construct my improved mat of hard or vulcanized rubber, a portion of which is left in a resilient state to form the gripping or holding means of the mat.

The mat in plan is circular and is made of sufficient thickness to provide means for gripping a mug or receptacle placed upon the mat. The mat is preferably molded, and in forming the same, I provide the same with a central seat 1 for supporting the central part of a mug or receptacle 2. Surrounding the seat 1 is an annular depression 3 adapted to seat the edges 4 of the mug or receptacle 2. Surrounding the depression 3 is an annular or circular groove 5, said groove being semi-cylindrical in cross section.

The formation of the annular or circular depression and the groove 5 provides a circular rib 6 said rib constituting the resilient portion of my improved mat. This rib 6 is adapted to resiliently grip or engage with the rim 4 of the mug or receptacle 2 in such a manner as to retain the mat in engagement with the mug unless forcibly separated therefrom.

The novel construction of my improved mat prevents a mug or receptacle from shifting upon the mat and lying partly upon the mat support and upon said mat, which position would unbalance the mug or receptacle, and in some instances might cause the receptacle to upset.

My improved mat protects a mug or receptacle from breaking or being chipped when contacting with a hard surface and deadens the sound when placing the receptacle upon a marble slab or similar surface. The mat is particularly designed for shaving mugs, and it will be observed that the mug cannot become displaced when making a lather within the same.

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

1. A mat consisting of a flat piece of material having on its upper surface a seat for a receptacle surrounded by a depression and having a surrounding groove outside the depression, and a surrounding resilient rib formed between said groove and depression, in combination with a receptacle having a bottom resting on said seat, and a rim surrounding said bottom and engaged in said depression, said resilient rib being adapted to engage said rim to hold the same within the depression.

2. A table mat consisting of a flat piece of non-resilient material having on its upper surface a seat for a receptacle surrounded by a depression and having a surrounding groove outside the depression, and a surrounding resilient rib formed between said groove and depression, in combination with a receptacle having a bottom seating on the mat and an outwardly-projecting annular rim extending below the bottom into said depression of the mat and engaged by said resilient rib.

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

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