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Fig. 1.

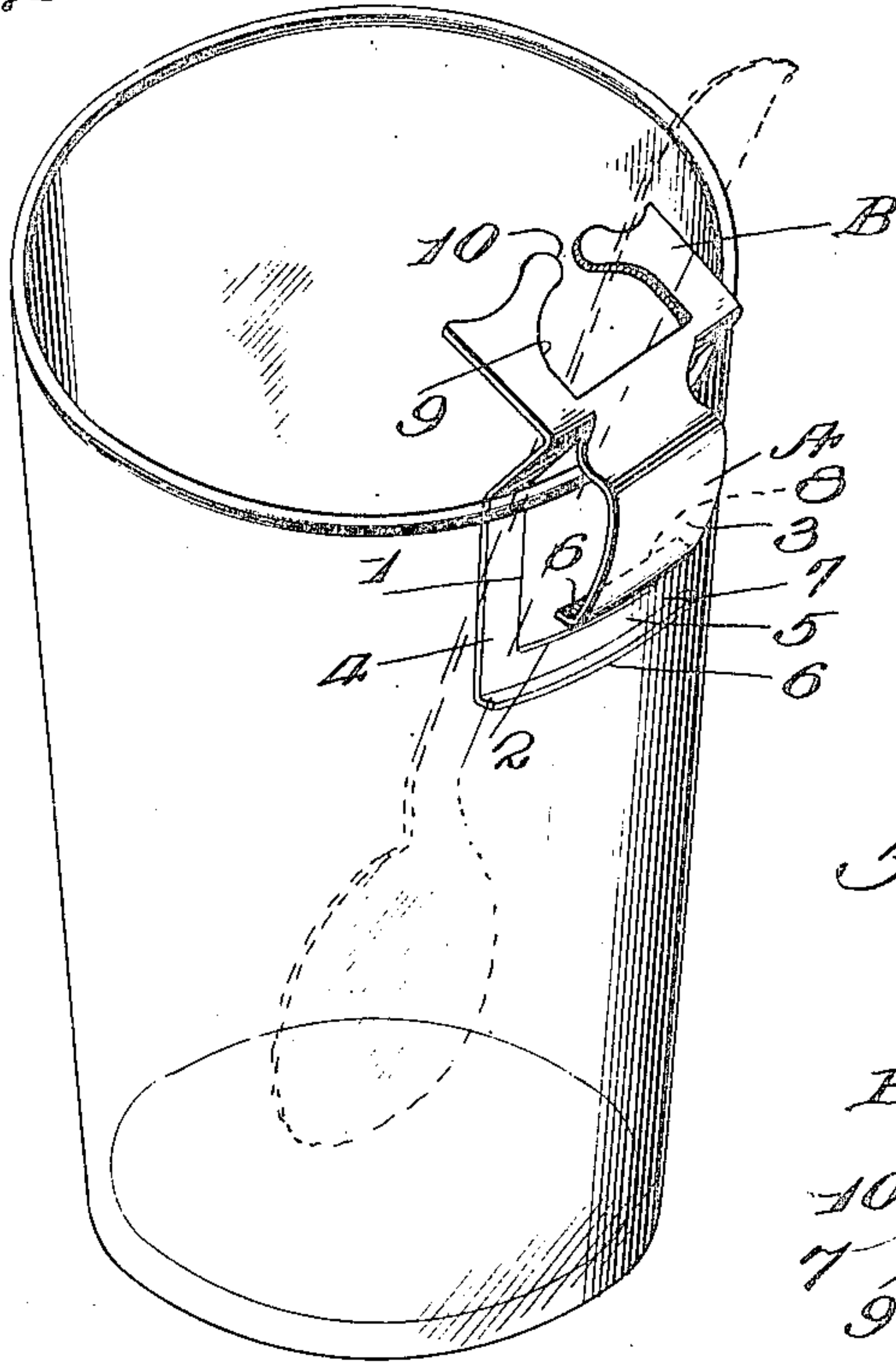


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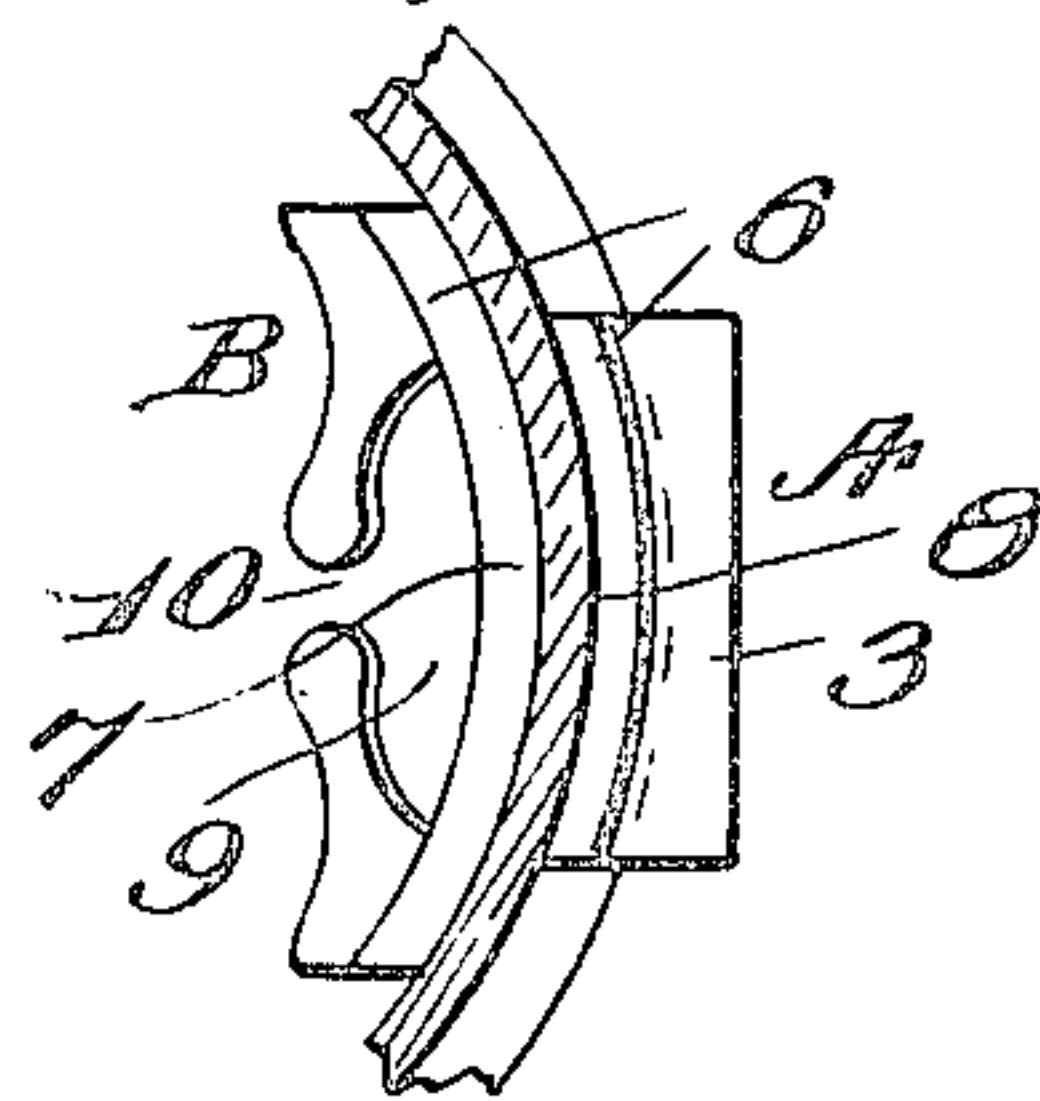


Fig. 3.

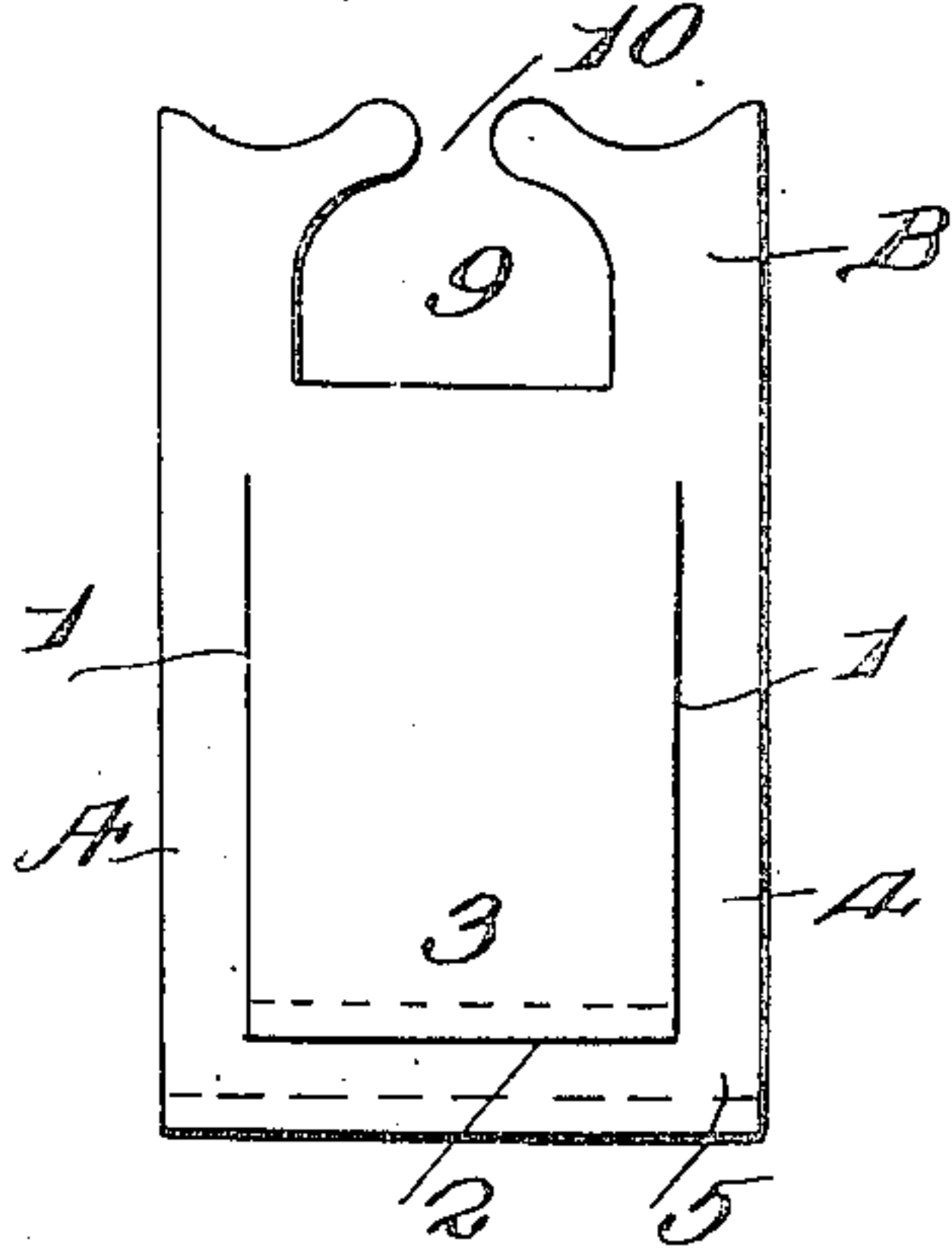
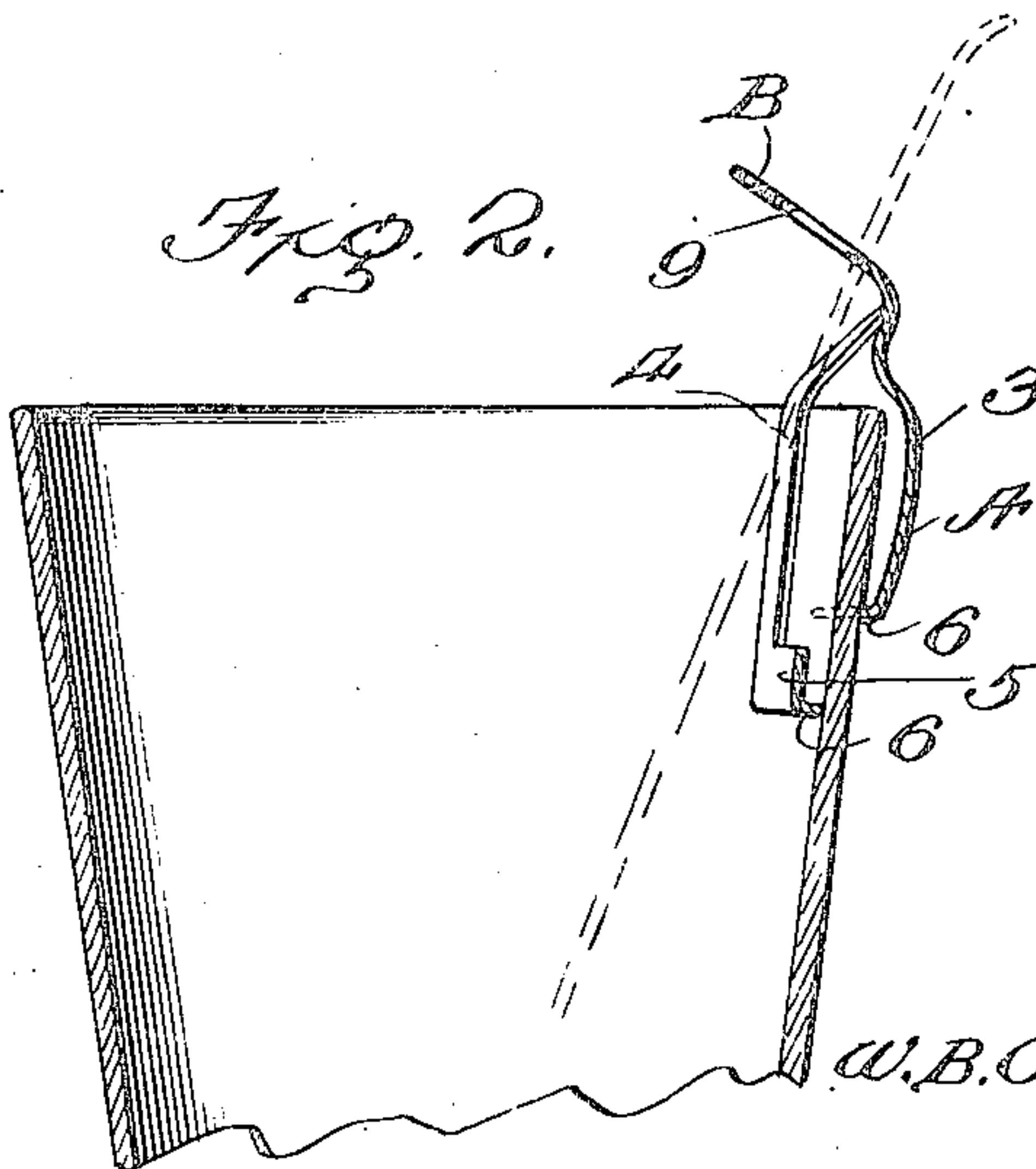


Fig. 2.



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## SPOON-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM B. O'REILLY, citizen of the United States, residing at New York, State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Spoon-Holders, of which the following is a specification.

The object of this invention is a cheap and simple construction of spoon holder which may be easily applied to the rim of a dish or glass in order to hold the spoon from slipping into the contents of the dish or in order to hold the spoon in suspended relation to a glass, such as a medicine glass, and the invention consists in certain constructions, arrangements and combinations of the parts that I shall hereinafter fully describe and claim.

For a full understanding of the invention, reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings, in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view illustrating one application of my improved spoon holder. Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view thereof. Fig. 3 is a view of the blank out of which the holder may be formed. Fig. 4 is a bottom plan view.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all the views of the drawings by the same reference characters.

My improved spoon holder is preferably formed of a piece of sheet metal, bent transversely intermediate of its ends to form a clip member A and a socket member B. The clip member is formed with longitudinal slits 1 that are connected at their outer ends by a cross-cut 2 so as to produce a relatively wide intermediate jaw 3 and a co-acting jaw 4, the side bars of which are defined by the slits 1, said side bars being connected together by a cross-bar 5. The jaws 3 and 4 are formed with off-set edges 6, as clearly illustrated in the drawing, and the jaws are oppositely curved as shown, the jaw 4 being transversely bowed, as indicated at 7, while the

edge of the jaw 3 is correspondingly recessed, as indicated at 8, so as to properly conform to the curvature of the rim of a glass or dish with a view of holding the spoon rest firmly in position.

The socket member A is formed with a socket 9 and an entrance opening 10 leading into said socket, the side walls of said entrance opening being rounded as shown, so as to prevent the spoon being scratched by any sharp edges as it is being inserted or removed.

In the practical use of my improved spoon rest or holder, it is clear that a spoon may be securely held in suspended relation within a medicine glass, for instance, as illustrated in Fig. 1, by simply slipping the handle of the spoon into the socket 9, after the clip member has been secured to the rim of the glass. By applying the device to the rim of a vegetable or other dish, it is clear that a spoon may be slipped into the socket and held securely in place, being prevented by the spoon rest from slipping down into the contents of the dish.

Having thus described the invention, what is claimed as new is:

As a new article of manufacture, the herein described spoon holder, consisting of an integral piece of metal bent transversely intermediate of its ends to form a clip member, and a socket member, the clip member being formed with longitudinal slits, terminating short of the outer edge thereof and connected by a cross slit whereby to form co-acting jaws, the said jaws having their edges oppositely off-set, and the jaws themselves being oppositely curved, one of said jaws being transversely bowed and the edge of the other jaw being correspondingly recessed.

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

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