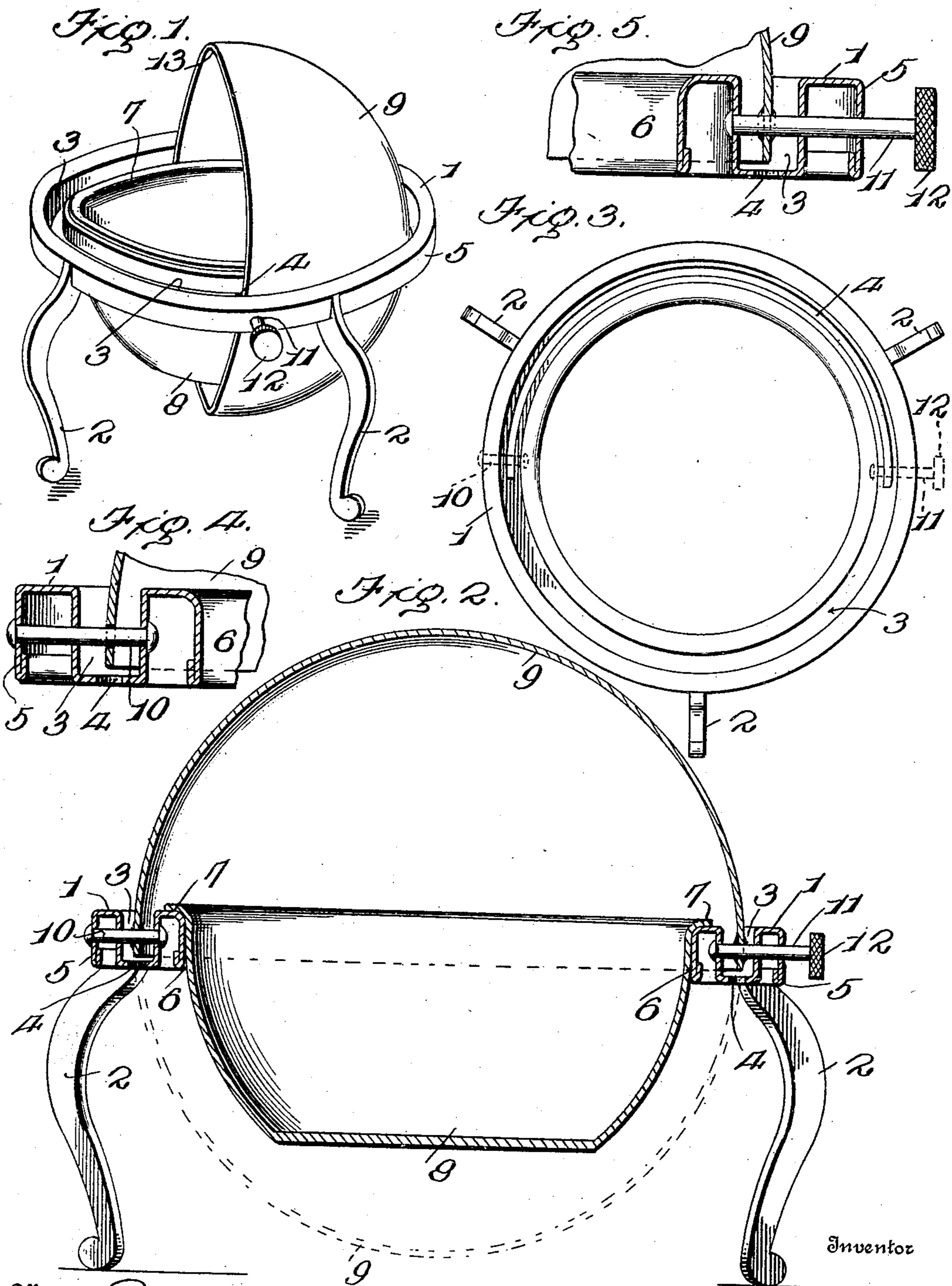


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANK SCHILLE, citizen of the United States, residing at Brooklyn, in the county of Kings and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Butter-Dishes, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates to an improvement in that class of covered dishes in which the cover is arranged to turn upon an axis, so as to swing downward under the body of the dish. This construction of dish is applicable more generally to what are called "butter dishes", but is also adapted to various purposes, such as sugar-bowls, jewel-cases, toilet-boxes, etc.

An object of the invention is to produce a device of the character aforesaid, which may be cheaply and easily manufactured, and will be light and durable.

The invention further consists of the novel features and details of construction which hereinafter will be set forth, illustrated and claimed.

Referring to the drawings forming a part of the specification: Figure 1 is a perspective view of a butter dish embodying my invention, the cover being open. Fig. 2 is a central vertical cross section, taken parallel with the axis of the cover; Fig. 3 is a top plan view of the dish supporting stand, the dish and cover being removed; Fig. 4 is an enlarged section of the pivotal connection between the cover and stand on one side; and Fig. 5 is an enlarged detail showing the connection between the cover and stand on the opposite side.

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.

In carrying out my invention I provide a stand, a dish, and a cover. The stand comprises an annulus, or ring 1 supported upon legs 2. There may be any desirable number of legs, preferably three as shown, and said legs may be of any shape desired and ornamented by any of the well known forms of embellishments. The legs 2 are distributed about the ring 1 at equal distances and are secured thereto in any suitable manner. The ring 1 has formed therein, midway of its width, a depressed portion forming an annular groove 3. In the bottom of the depressed portion is cut a semicircular slot 4, for a purpose presently

to be described. Depending from the outer and inner edges of the ring, respectively, are flanges 5 and 6, which flanges give a finished appearance to the ring, and said flanges also serve to strengthen and brace the same, as also to provide a bearing for the pivots of the cover. The inner edge of the ring is made rounding and forms a rest for the outwardly turned upper edge 7 of a dish 8, said dish serving as a receptacle for butter or any other substance.

The portion of the groove 3 which is not slotted forms a seat for the cover 9 and insures the formation of a close joint between the cover and stand. The cover 9 is hemispherical in form and is hollow. It is pivotally mounted on the stand by the pin 10 on one side and by the pin 11 on the opposite side, said pins forming the axis for the cover. These pins pass through the flanges 5, thence through the walls of the groove 3 and through the cover, and their inner ends are riveted. The cover turns on the pin 10, whereas the pin 11 is made fast to the cover and turns in the ring. The outer end of the pin 11 is provided with a button, or thumb piece 12, which facilitates turning of the cover. The cover is provided on its inner side at its edge with a counterweight 13, which holds it in an open or closed position. The cover when closed rests in the groove 3 and when access to the dish is required the thumb piece 12 is grasped and the cover turned until it assumes its open position, as shown in Fig. 1. The semicircular slot 4 provides for the movement of the cover when opening and closing, the same passing through said slot as will be readily understood.

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

1. In combination a relatively horizontal ring having a portion between its inner and outer edges depressed to form an annular groove or channel and having a slot in one half of the bottom of said groove or channel, said ring having flanges pendent from its inner and outer edges, legs supporting said ring, a hemispherical cover mounted upon the ring and having its lower edge seated in the annular groove or channel thereof, and diametrically disposed pins pivotally connecting said cover at opposite points with the pendent walls of said ring, one of said pins being fast to the cover and extended at one end and provided with a but-

ton, the parts being arranged to admit of swinging the cover through the slot formed in one half of the annular groove or channel of the ring.

- 5 2. In combination a relatively horizontal ring having a portion between its inner and outer edges depressed to form an annular groove or channel and having a slot in one half of the bottom of said groove or channel, 10 said ring having flanges pendent from its inner and outer edges, legs supporting said ring, a hemispherical cover mounted upon the ring and having its lower edge seated in the annular groove or channel thereof, and 15 diametrically disposed pins pivotally connecting said cover at opposite points with the pendent walls of said ring, one of said

pins being fast to the cover and extended at one end and provided with a button, and a dish suspended from the said ring and hav- 20 ing an outwardly extended edge to overlap and rest upon the inner portion of the ring, said dish being protected by the cover and the latter adapted to swing through the slot in the bottom of the aforesaid annular 25 groove or channel to admit of ready access to the dish.

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

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