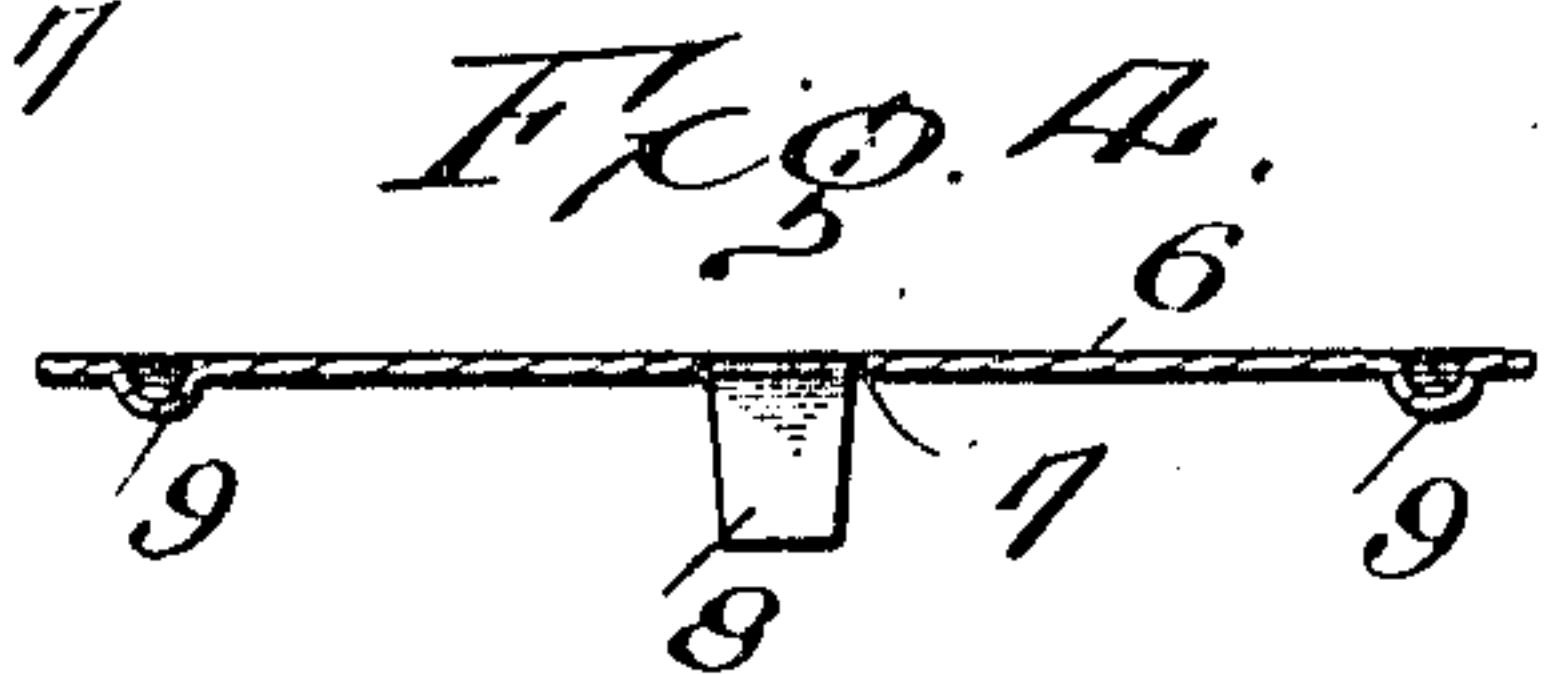
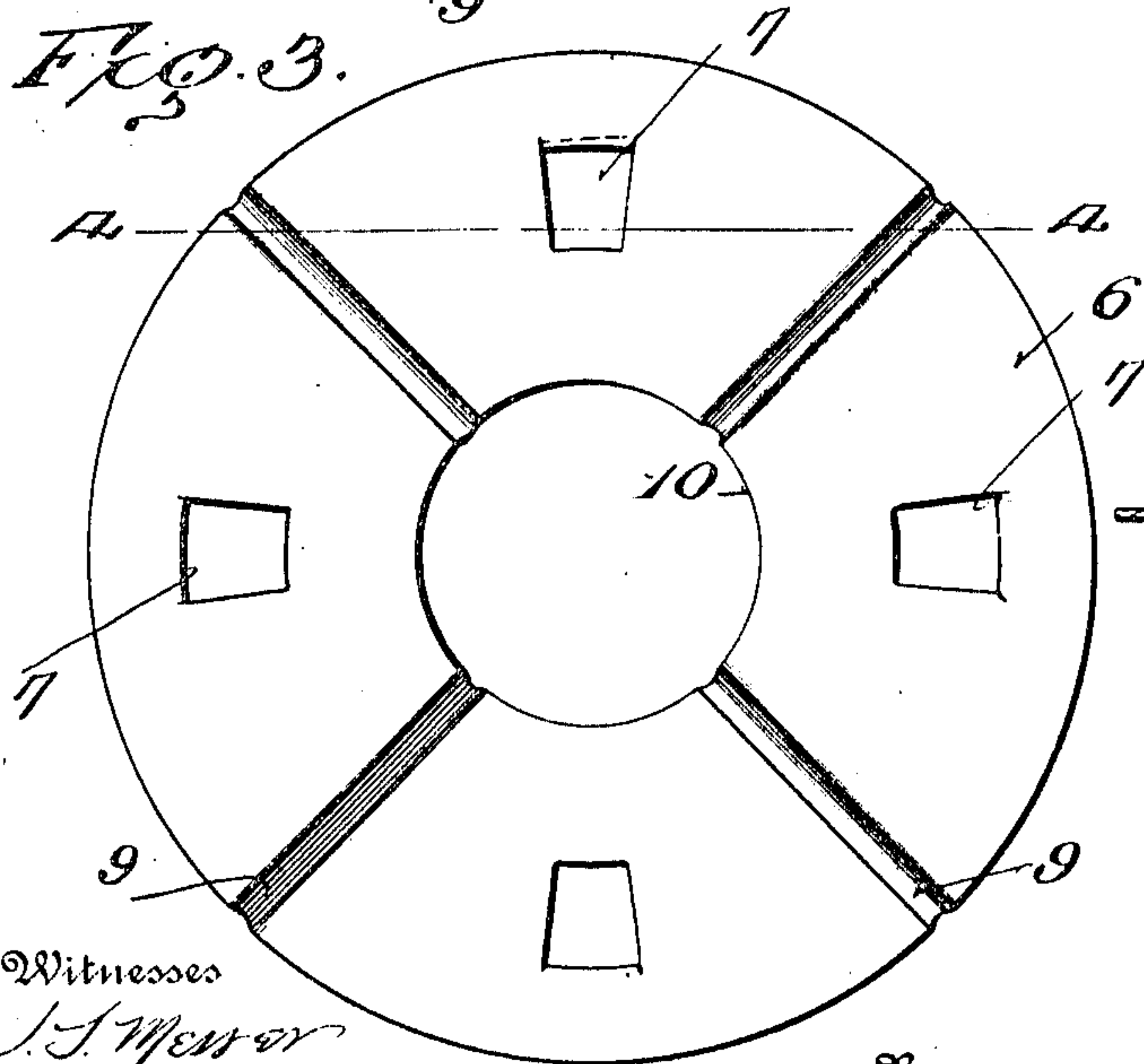
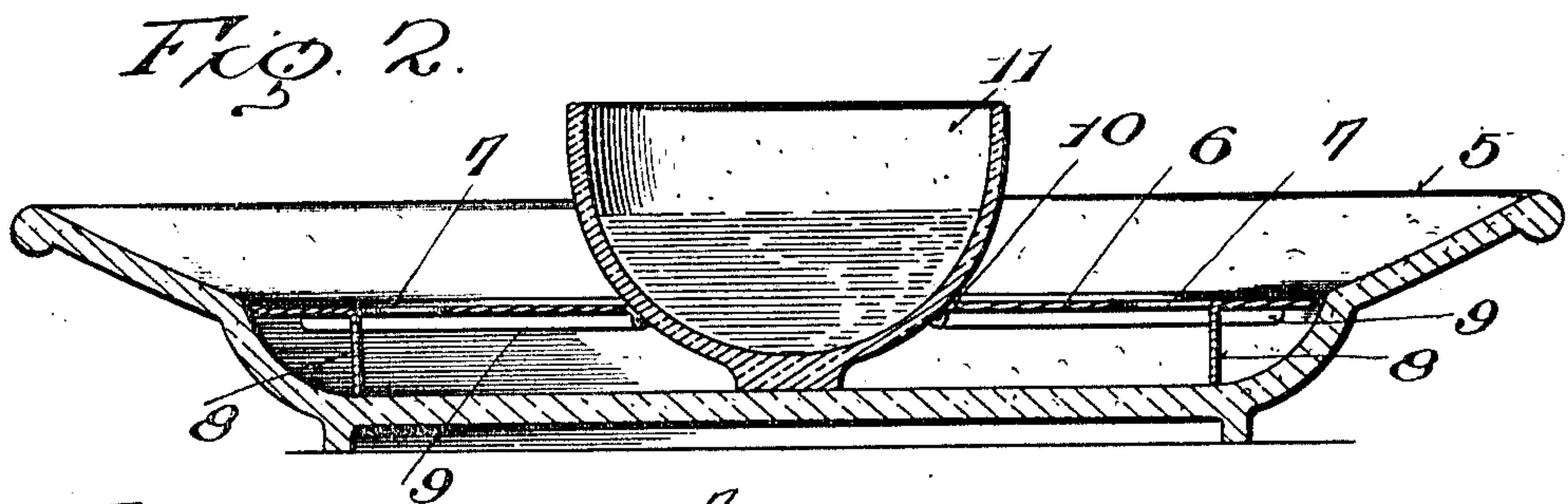
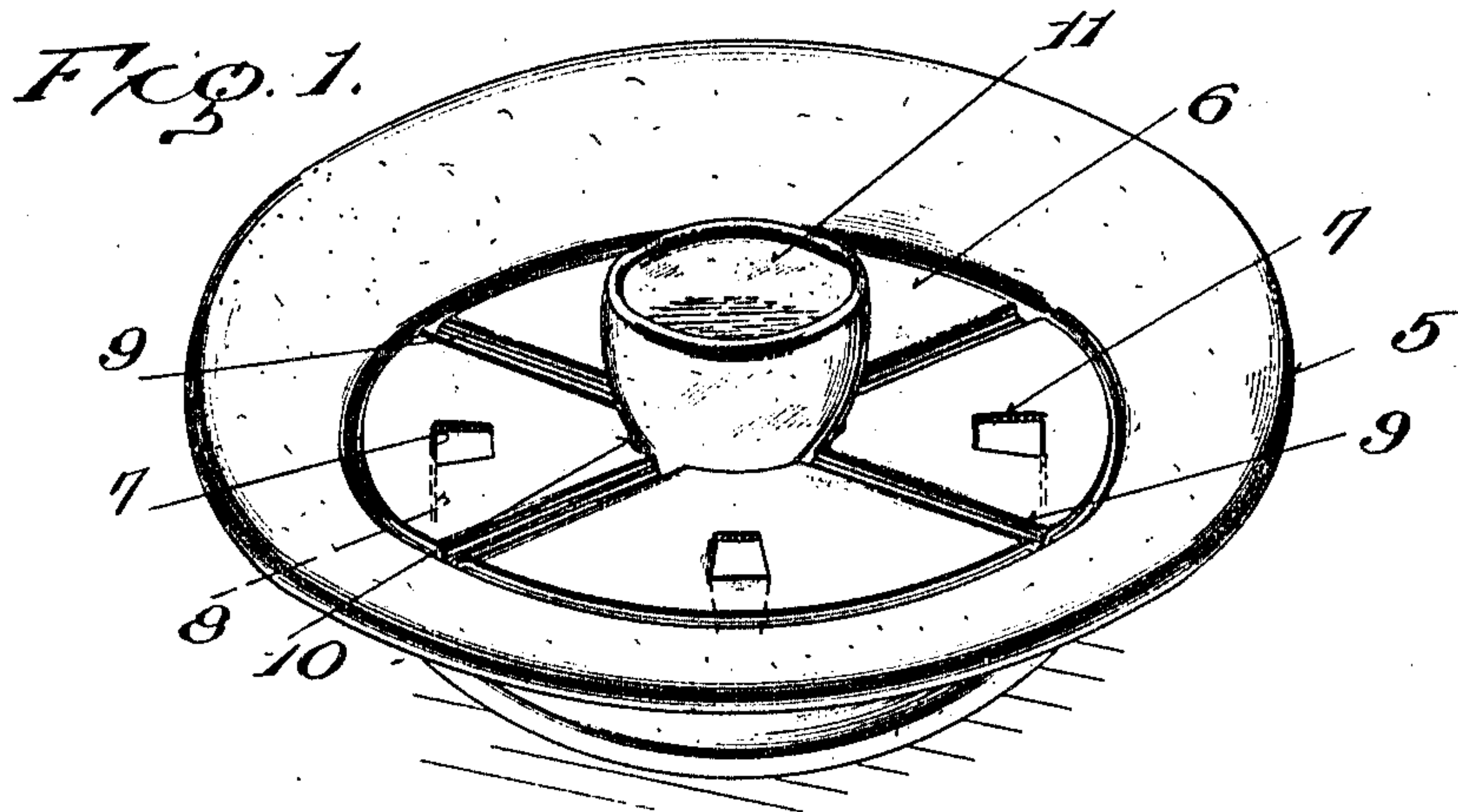


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILLIAM OGDEN COLEMAN, Sr., a citizen of the United States, residing at Chicago, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Oyster-Dishes, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to an improved receptacle for serving oysters or other bivalves which when eaten raw are served in what is termed as on the "half-shell." When so served it is the usual practice to place the half shells containing the oysters on a layer of cracked ice which is placed in a plate. In practice the water from the melting of the ice rises in the plate and floods the oysters, and also causes an unattractive appearance of the dish.

The primary object of my invention is to provide a support for the ice upon which the oysters are placed so constructed and arranged above the bottom of the dish in which it is placed as to cause the water from the melting ice to be drained therefrom and into the dish below, thus avoiding the objectionable conditions recited.

A further object of my invention is to combine with the device a convenient condiment holder in convenient position therein.

In the accompanying drawing illustrating the preferred embodiment of my invention: Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved device; Fig. 2 a view in cross section; Fig. 3 a top plan view of the ice supporting member, and Fig. 4 a section taken on the line 4 4 of Fig. 3.

5 designates a dish which may be of the ordinary form or configuration, it being necessary however that its central portion be of sufficient depth to receive the water from the melting ice on which the oysters are placed.

6 designates a support seated in the plate and adapted to receive and support a bed of cracked ice and the oysters placed there-

on. The support 6 may be made from metal or porcelain. If made from metal it is provided with a series of struck down openings 7, the metal therefrom being bent downwardly and forming legs or supports 8 by means of which the ice and support are raised above the bottom of the dish 5.

9 designates radial grooves which act as channels to convey the water from the melting ice to the edge of the ice support, whence it flows into the space below the same. In the center of the support 6 there is provided a circular opening 10 adapted to receive a condiment holder 11.

When it is desired to make the entire device from china or earthenware, the openings through the same, the draining channels or grooves therein and the supporting legs thereon may be made in the molding of the same.

I realize that the construction of the various details making up the device may be modified and changed without departing from the scope of my invention, and I do not wish to be understood as being limited to the precise form shown and described.

Having thus described my invention what I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

A receptacle for serving oysters or other bivalves, comprising a plate, a holder adapted to receive a bed of ice and a layer of oysters thereon, said holder being provided with depending portions to support it above the bottom of the plate, said holder being also provided with a central opening and radial draining channels, and a condiment holder adapted to be seated in said central opening, as set forth.

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

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