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Fig. 1.

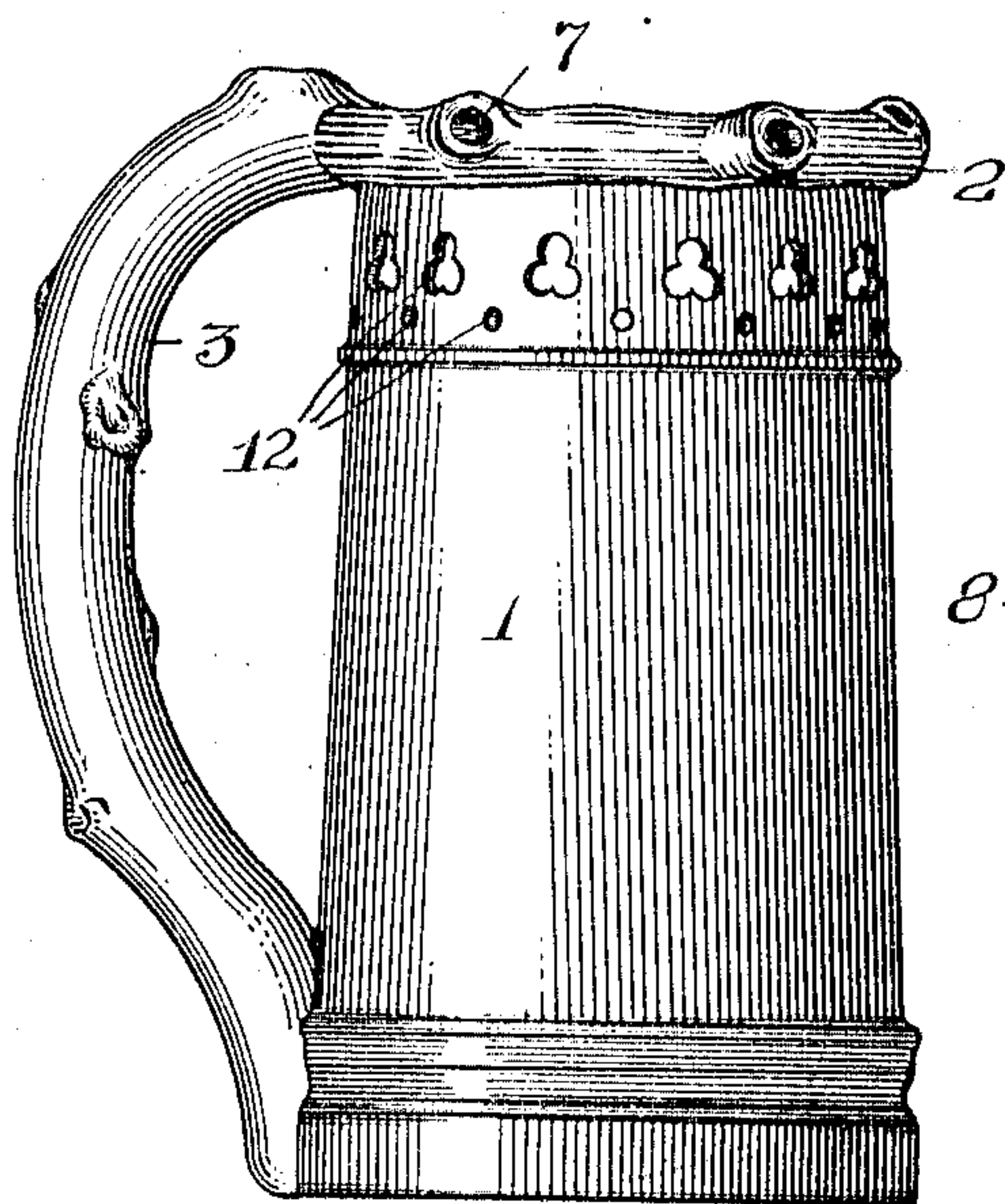


Fig. 2.

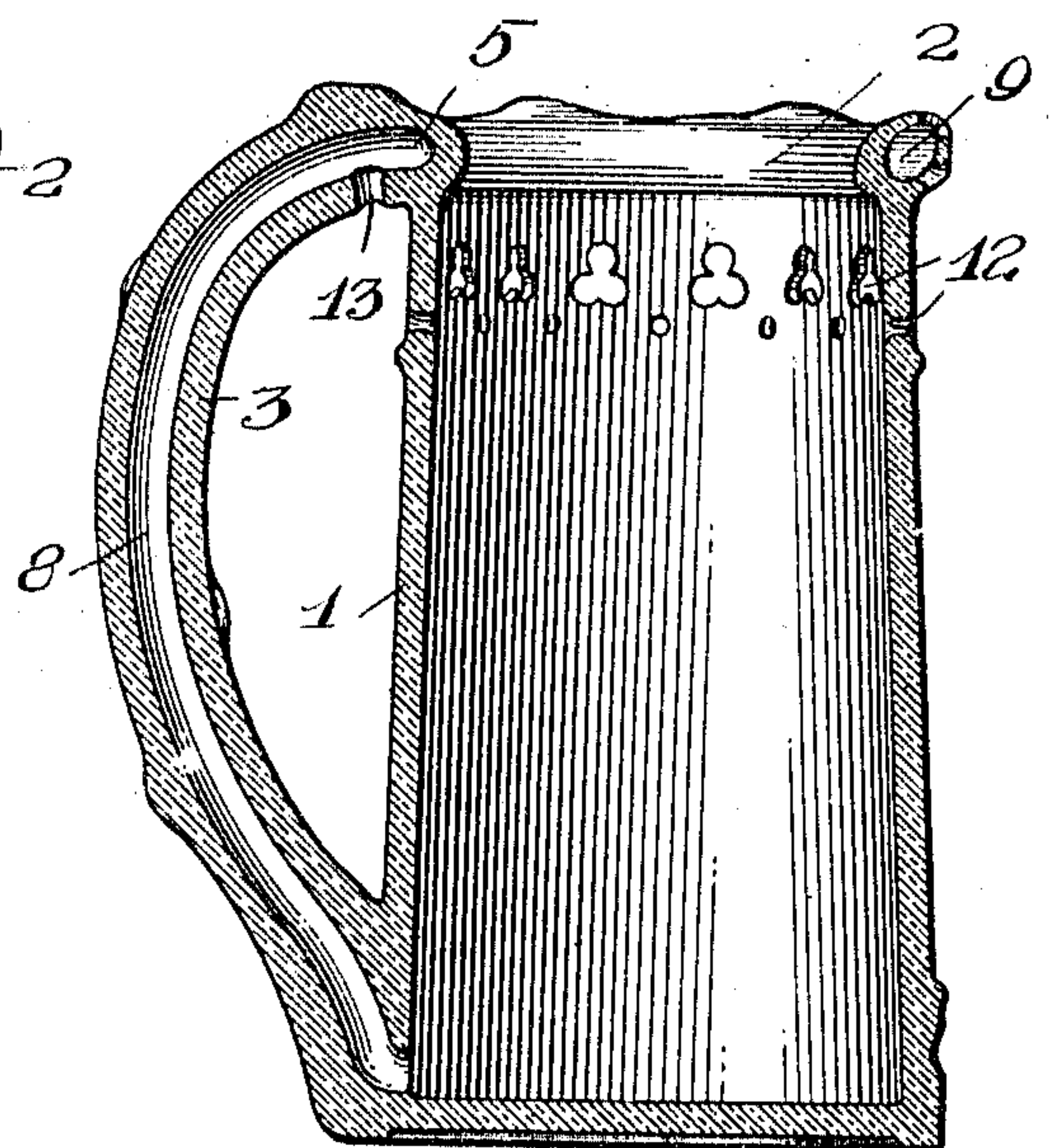
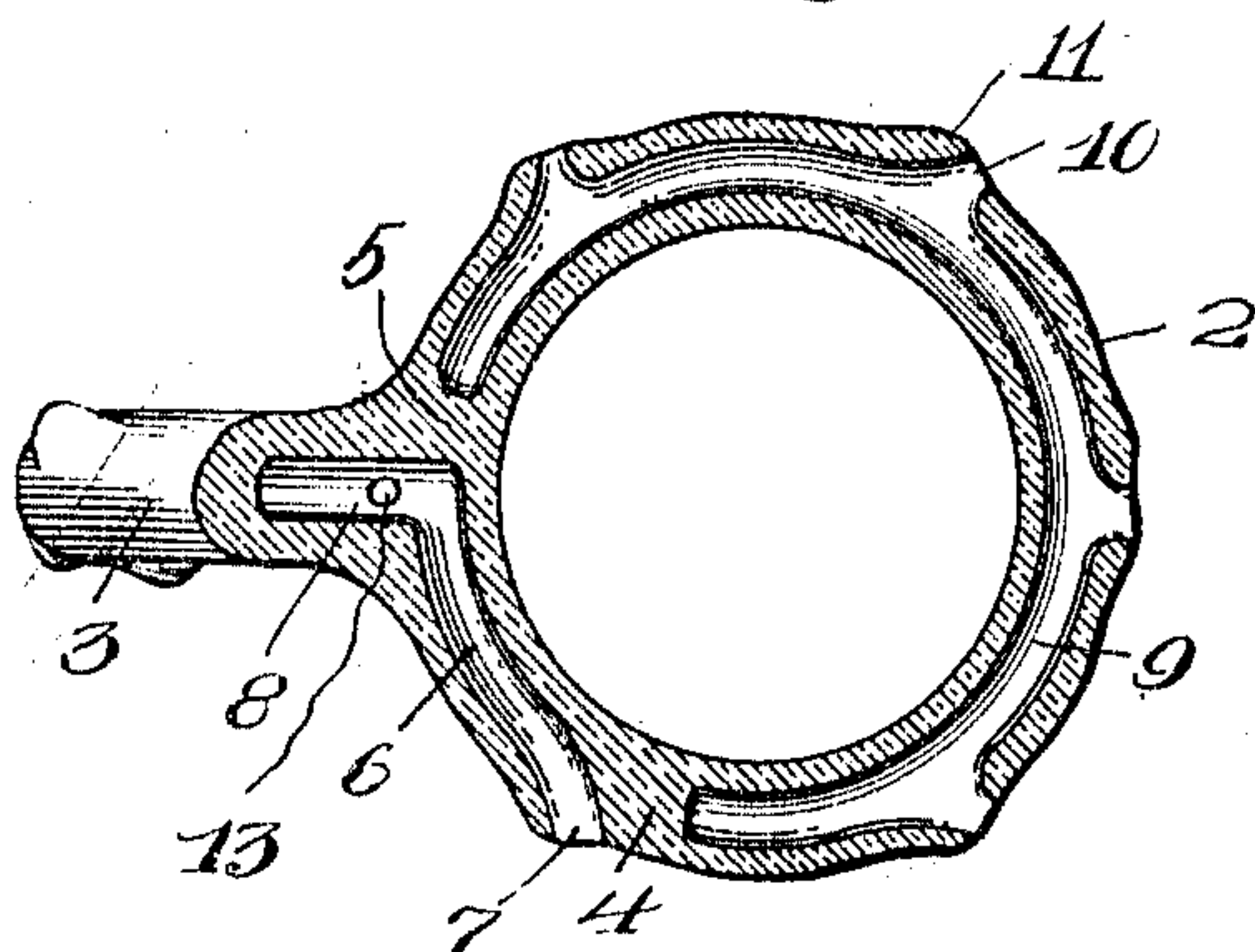


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT WALTHER, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at North Side Pittsburg, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Trick Drinking-Mugs, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawing.

This invention relates to a trick drinking mug or receptacle, and the object of the invention is to provide a mug or receptacle with a rim formed with a plurality of passages and a series of openings communicating with the passages, one of the passages being blind, while the other constitutes the outlet passage for the liquid, the outlet passage communicating with the bottom of the mug through the handle thereof. The plurality of openings at the rim will mystify the user of the mug, unless the user is familiar with that outlet through which the contents of the vessel is discharged under such conditions preventing the contents of the mug or receptacle from being drunk except in a prescribed manner, the contents of the mug or receptacle being otherwise spilled to the discomfiture of the person attempting to drink out of the mug or receptacle when not familiar with the construction of the same.

A further object of the invention is to provide a trick drinking mug or receptacle in a manner as hereinafter set forth that will afford considerable amusement to persons observing the use of the mug by a person not familiar with the same, the construction of the mug and manner of obtaining the contents thereof perplexing and mystifying the user to that extent that it almost seems impossible to drink the contents of the mug without spilling the same.

The above objects are attained by a mechanical construction that will be hereinafter specifically described and then claimed, and reference will now be had to the drawing forming a part of this specification, wherein:—

Figure 1 is an elevation of a trick mug provided with a rim in accordance with this invention, Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional view of the same, and Fig. 3 is a horizontal sectional view of the rim.

The trick mug comprises a receptacle 1

having the upper edges thereof provided with a tubular enlarged rim 2 and connected to said rim is the upper end of a tubular handle 3 having the lower end thereof connected to the side of the receptacle 1 at the bottom thereof.

The tubular rim 2 is provided with two partitions 4 and 5 and the passage 6 between the partitions 4 and 5 has one end thereof terminating in a nipple 7 formed integral with the rim 2 and the opposite end in communication with the passage or by-path 8 of the handle 3, the lower end of the passage or by-path 8 communicating with the interior of the mug or receptacle 1.

The remaining passage 9 of the rim 2 is in communication with openings 10 formed in nipples 11 resembling the nipple 7 of the rim, the passage 9 being a blank passage that deceives a person attempting to use the mug.

The mug or receptacle 1 adjacent to the rim 2 has the walls thereof provided with a plurality of openings 12, these openings preventing the contents of the mug or receptacle being drunk in the ordinary manner, since the contents of the receptacle would immediately flow through the openings when the receptacle is tilted or inclined.

The tubular handle 3 adjacent to the rim 2 is provided with an air vent 13 in communication with the by-path 8.

To successfully drink the contents of the mug or receptacle 1, the handle 3 is gripped in the left hand with the forefinger or thumb over the air vent 13. By then placing the mouth over the nipple 7, the contents of the receptacle can be drawn through the by-path 8 into the passage 6 and into the mouth. With the mouth upon the rim 2 and the receptacle elevated by the left hand, it appears as though the contents of the receptacle were passing over the rim 2 into the mouth, while in reality the contents of the receptacle never reach the openings 12, otherwise the contents of the receptacle would be spilled.

Since the nipple 7 is located on the right-hand side of the handle 3, the mug or receptacle cannot be used by the right hand, unless the vent 13 is closed by the left hand. This would hardly occur, as in the majority of instances the mug is simply held by one hand, generally the right hand, and it is this very fact that first deceives the-user of

the mug. Even though the air vent 13 is discovered it is then a question as to which of the nipples 7 or 10 to place to the mouth.

The mug or receptacle can be made of 5 porcelain, china or vitreous material and finished according to one's esthetic taste.

From the foregoing it will be observed that I have devised a trick drinking mug having a hollow rim to which the contents 10 of the receptacle are conveyed exterior of the receptacle, the means employed for conveying the contents constituting a grip or handle for the receptacle. As the grip or handle has the appearance of being solid, 15 it is almost impossible to detect that the contents of the receptacle are removed therefrom other than through either the openings 12 or the nipples of the rim.

What I claim is:—

20 1. A trick drinking mug, comprising a receptacle having the walls thereof provided with openings at a point removed from the upper edges of said receptacle, a rim carried by said receptacle and 25 provided with a pair of passages, one of said passages being blind and provided with a plurality of outlets and the other of said passages having a single outlet, and means exteriorly of said receptacle for conveying

the contents thereof to that passage having 30 the single outlet, said means serving functionally as a handle or grip for said receptacle.

2. A trick drinking mug, comprising a receptacle, a tubular handle carried thereby 35 and in communication with the lower part of said receptacle, a hollow rim carried by the upper edge of said receptacle and having a series of openings disposed throughout communicating with the interior of the rim, 40 said rim provided with a pair of partitions providing the outlet passage and a blind passage, said outlet passage in communication with said tubular handle and one end of the passage terminating at one of said 45 openings, said handle adjacent to the upper end thereof having a vent opening in communication with the interior of said tubular handle, and the walls of said receptacle adjacent to said rim having openings formed 50 therein.

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

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