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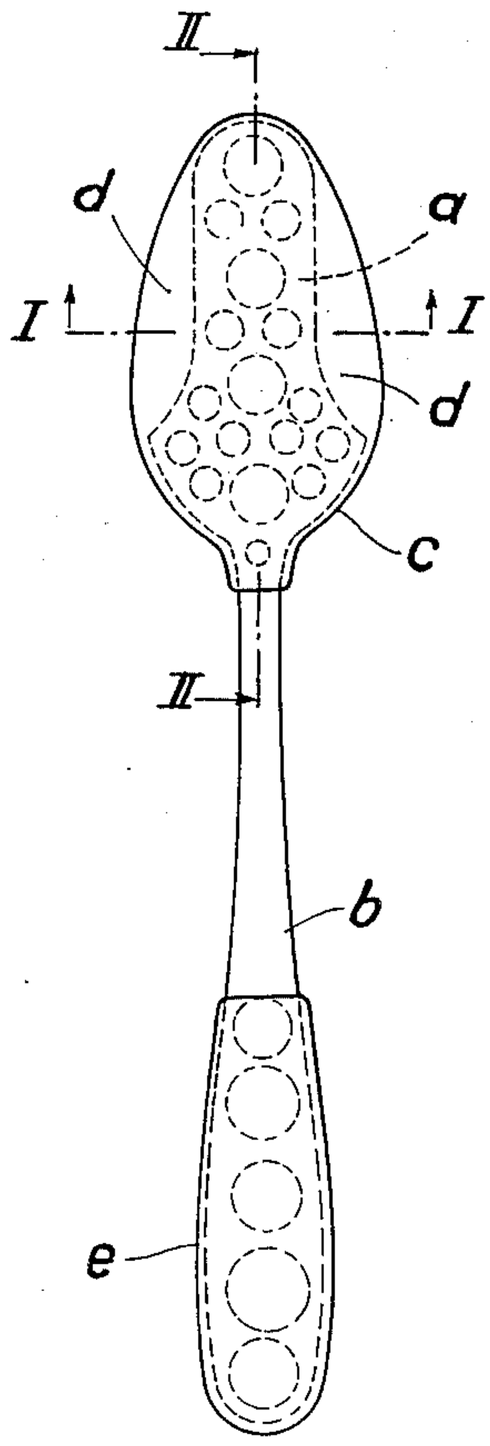
Fig. 1



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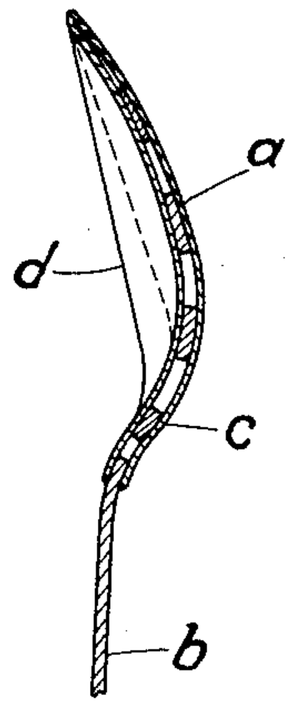

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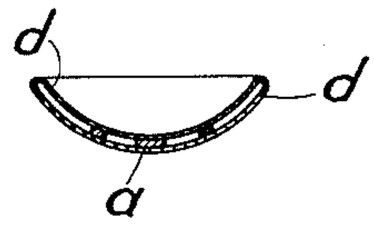

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1 Claim. (Cl. 30—22)

My invention relates to a spoon which consists of a metal core and a coating of an elastic material such as rubber and which is especially adapted to be used for the feeding of children and for the dispensing of medicines.

The primary object of my invention consists in a spoon through which the cavity of the mouth and the palate of a child to be fed will not be hurt and through which the teething of the child will not be upset.

Another object of my invention consists in a spoon which is easily to be emptied by the child which is fed.

Other objects of my invention will be apparent from the following specification of a preferred embodiment of my invention illustrated in the accompanying drawing in which

Fig. 1 is a top view of my improved spoon,

Fig. 2 a longitudinal section according to the line II—II of Fig. 1 and

Fig. 3 a cross-section through the bowl of the spool, according to the line I—I of Fig. 1,

a is the bowl and *b* the handle of the spoon. The metal core of the bowl does not constitute the full bowl shape but forms only the median portion of the bowl from which the lateral ledges *d, d* are cut away.

The metal core of the spoon-bowl and of the spoon-handle are provided with openings. The metal core-portions are coated with an elastic material such as rubber which also fills up the openings in the said metal core-portions, so that a firm connection of the metal core-portions and of the coating is warranted.

The coating *c* of the spoon-bowl constitutes the full bowl shape, so that the lateral ledges of the bowl are not at all stiffened by corresponding metal core-portions but are fully resilient, as the said ledges consist solely of the elastic material. Therefore the cavity of the mouth and the palate of a child will not be hurt when feeding the child. Also the teething of the child will not be upset. Further a better emptying of the spoon-bowl is attained by the pressing down of the elastic ledges of the bowl.

As children often grasp the spoon to chew at the end of the spoon-handle, the latter is also provided with openings and coated at *e* with the elastic material.

I claim:

A spoon comprising a handle having a core portion for the bowl and having a bowl of elastic material in which said core portion is embedded, the width of the core portion being less than that of the bowl so that the sides of the bowl extend outwardly beyond the sides of the core portion, are not reinforced by the core portion and are hence flexible.

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