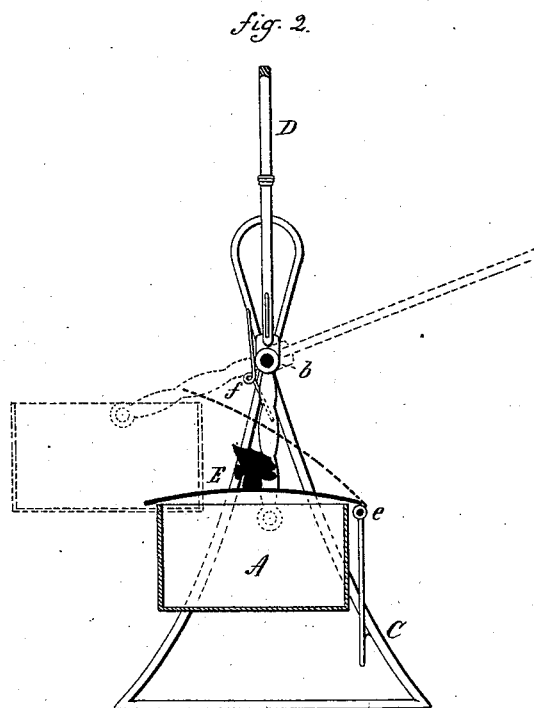
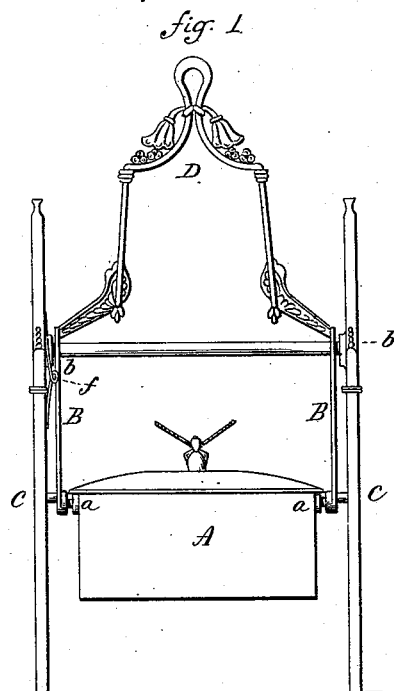


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 Covered Article of Plated-Ware.
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IMPROVEMENT IN COVERED ARTICLES OF PLATED WARE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HORACE C. WILCOX and JOHN JEPSON, of West Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Covered Articles of Plated Ware; and we do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a front view; Fig. 2, a sectional side view.

This invention relates to an improvement in articles of silver and plated ware which are provided with a cover and mechanical means for opening the same, and such as used for table-service, jewelry-cases, and other purposes; and the invention consists in the construction, as hereinafter described, and particularly recited in the claims.

A is the receptacle or box, and may be of any desirable shape. At its ends it is hung in a swinging frame, B, by pivots, as at *a*. This swinging frame is hung above on pivots, as at *b*, in a support, here shown as consisting of two sides, C; but the shape of the supports is immaterial. The frame extends above the pivot *b* in the form of a handle, D, and so that by throwing the handle backward the receptacle is raised and thrown forward, as seen in Fig. 2. The receptacle should be balanced, so as to retain its horizontal position, which is

best done by arranging the pivots *a* near the top of the receptacle. E is the cover, which is hinged to a stationary part of the frame, as at *e*.

In the act of raising the receptacle the cover is turned upward on its hinge, as indicated in broken lines, and being retained by the hinge, the receptacle moves out from beneath the cover, so as to completely open it when thrown forward, as shown. As the weight of the receptacle would cause it to return to its closed position if left free, a catch, *f*, is provided on the stationary part of the support to engage the swinging frame when the receptacle is open. This catch is preferably made so that while it will engage and hold the receptacle in its open position, it will allow the receptacle to close by a slight pressure thereon.

I claim—

1. The combination of the pivoted swinging frame, the receptacle hung in said swinging frame, and a cover hinged to a stationary part of the support, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the pivoted swinging frame, the receptacle hung in said swinging frame, and a cover hinged to a stationary part of the support, with a catch to engage the swinging frame when the receptacle is open, substantially as described.

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