

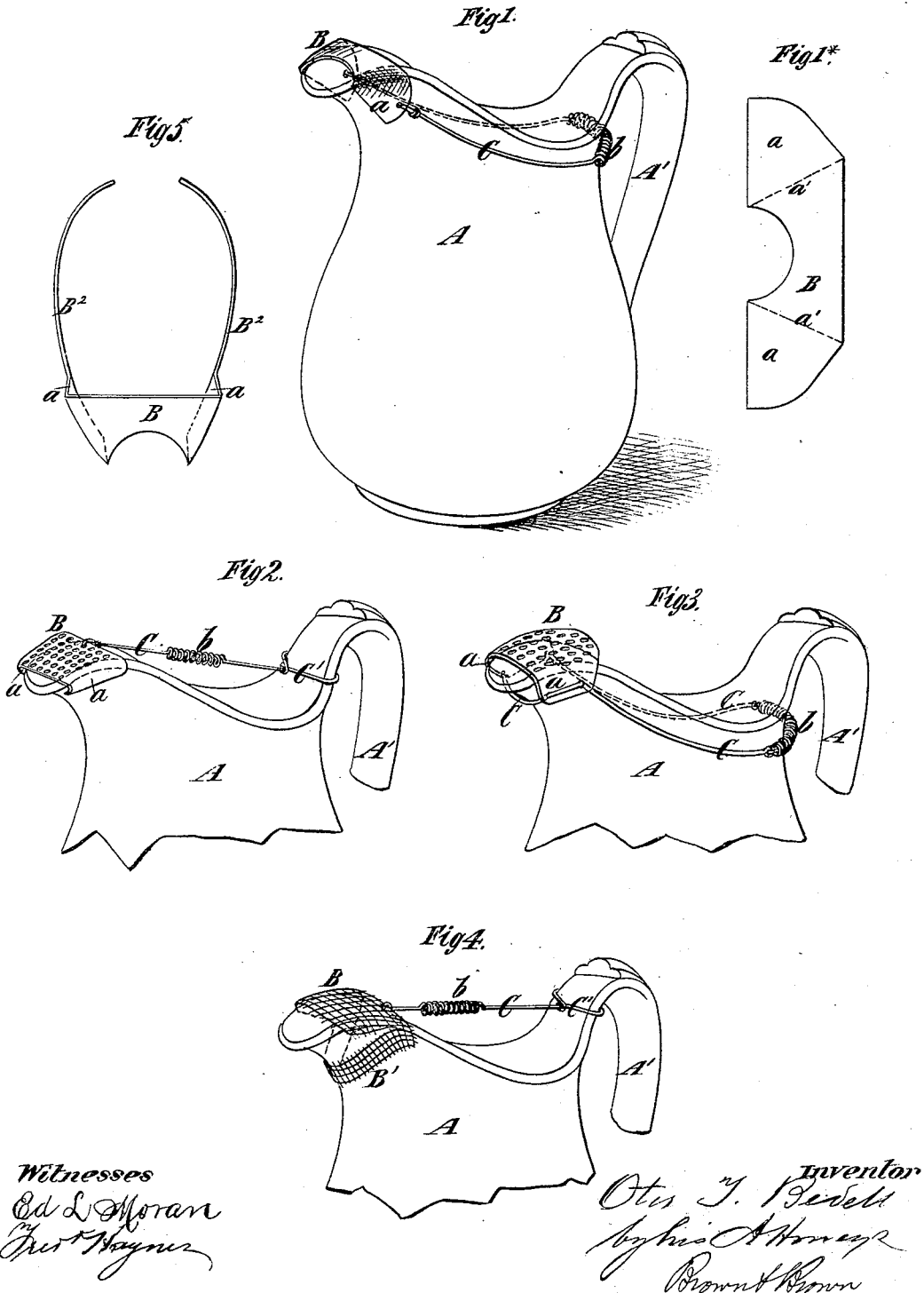
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DETACHABLE PITCHER SPOUT COVER, OR GUARD.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OTIS T. BEDELL, of the city and county of New York, in the State of New York, have invented a certain new and Improved Detachable Cover or Guard and Strainer for the Spouts of Pitchers, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide for readily attaching to any china or earthenware pitcher used for holding ice-water a spout, cover, guard, or strainer, which will retain the ice in the pitcher, and which may be moved away from the spout to enable a piece of ice as large as will enter the pitcher to be inserted therein, or removed or detached entirely from the pitcher when desired.

The invention consists in the combination, with a guard, cover, or strainer for a pitcher-spout, which is constructed so as to underlap the spout or the edges thereof, whereby it will be prevented from rising, of a connection or connections whereby the guard, cover, or strainer may be detachably connected with a pitcher, and which comprise an elastic or extensible portion or portions.

The invention also consists in the combination, with a guard, cover, or strainer for a pitcher-spout, of a connection or connections adapted to embrace or encircle the neck of a pitcher below its mouth, and comprising an elastic or extensible portion or portions, as hereinafter more fully described.

The above-mentioned connection or connections may consist of wire, and the elastic or extensible portion may consist of a spiral or other spring uniting two portions of such connection.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a perspective view of a pitcher with my improved strainer or guard attached thereto. Fig. 1* represents the blank or piece from which the strainer or guard is formed. Fig. 2 represents a perspective view of the upper part of a pitcher with my improved cover or guard attached thereto. Fig. 3 represents a view similar to Fig. 2, save that a strainer is employed. Fig. 4 represents a view similar to Figs. 2 and 3, showing a strainer of modified form; and Fig. 5 represents a plan of a guard or cover of modified form.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in all the figures.

A designates the pitcher, which is of ordi-

nary form, and A' designates the handle thereof.

Referring more particularly to Fig. 1, B designates a guard, which is attached to the spout of the pitcher, and is provided with downwardly-extending lips *a*, which engage with or underlap the sides of the spout, as clearly shown. The guard B is formed from the blank shown in Fig. 1*, which may be bent on the lines *a'* to form the lips *a*.

C designates a connection, which is attached to the lips *a* of the guard or strainer B, and is carried around or encircles the smaller part or neck of the pitcher below its mouth and within the handle A'. The connection C comprises an elastic or extensible portion, *b*, which is here represented as composed of a spiral spring, and this elastic or extensible portion will stretch or extend sufficiently to enable the guard or cover to be moved so as to disengage it from the spout, and thus enable any piece of ice to be inserted which is small enough to enter the pitcher. By detaching one end of the connection C from the guard or cover the latter may be entirely detached from the pitcher.

In Fig. 2 I have represented a perforated cover or strainer, B, of slightly modified form, provided with lips *a*, which engage with the sides of the spout. In this example of my invention the wire connection C is provided with a loop, C', whereby it is attached to the handle A'. The connection C comprises an elastic or extensible portion, *b*, which may consist of a spiral spring, as here shown. This spring will extend sufficiently to permit of the cover or guard being moved entirely away from the spout when it is desired to introduce ice.

In Fig. 3 the perforated strainer is provided with lips *a*, as above described, and the connection C is provided with a spring, *b*, and is in all respects like the one shown in Fig. 1, save that it extends round under the spout of the pitcher.

In Fig. 4 I have represented a perforated or reticulated guard or strainer, B, provided with a portion, B', passing under or underlapping the spout, and the connection C, with its spring *b*, is similar to that shown in Fig. 2.

If desired, a sponge might be placed within the cover, guard, or strainer for the purpose of removing impurities from the water.

In Fig. 5 I have represented a guard or

cover provided with spring-arms B², which are intended to embrace the pitcher at its smallest part or neck, so as to retain the guard or cover thereon.

5 By my invention I provide a cover, guard, or strainer which may easily be applied to any china or earthenware pitcher, and which will prevent any annoyance or waste caused by ice passing with the water into the drinking glass
10 or vessel.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The combination, with a guard, cover, or strainer for a pitcher-spout, which is constructed so as to underlap the spout or the edges
15 thereof, whereby it will be prevented from rising, of a connection or connections whereby the guard, cover, or strainer may be detachably secured to a pitcher, and which comprise

an elastic or extensible portion or portions, substantially as and for the purpose herein described. 20

2. The combination, with a guard, cover, or strainer for a pitcher-spout, of a connection or connections adapted to embrace or encircle the
25 neck of a pitcher below its mouth, and comprising an elastic or extensible portion or portions, substantially as and for the purpose herein described.

3. The combination, with the spout cover, 30 guard, or strainer B, having lips *a*, of the wire connection C, encircling the neck of the pitcher, and comprising a spiral spring, *b*, substantially as herein described.

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