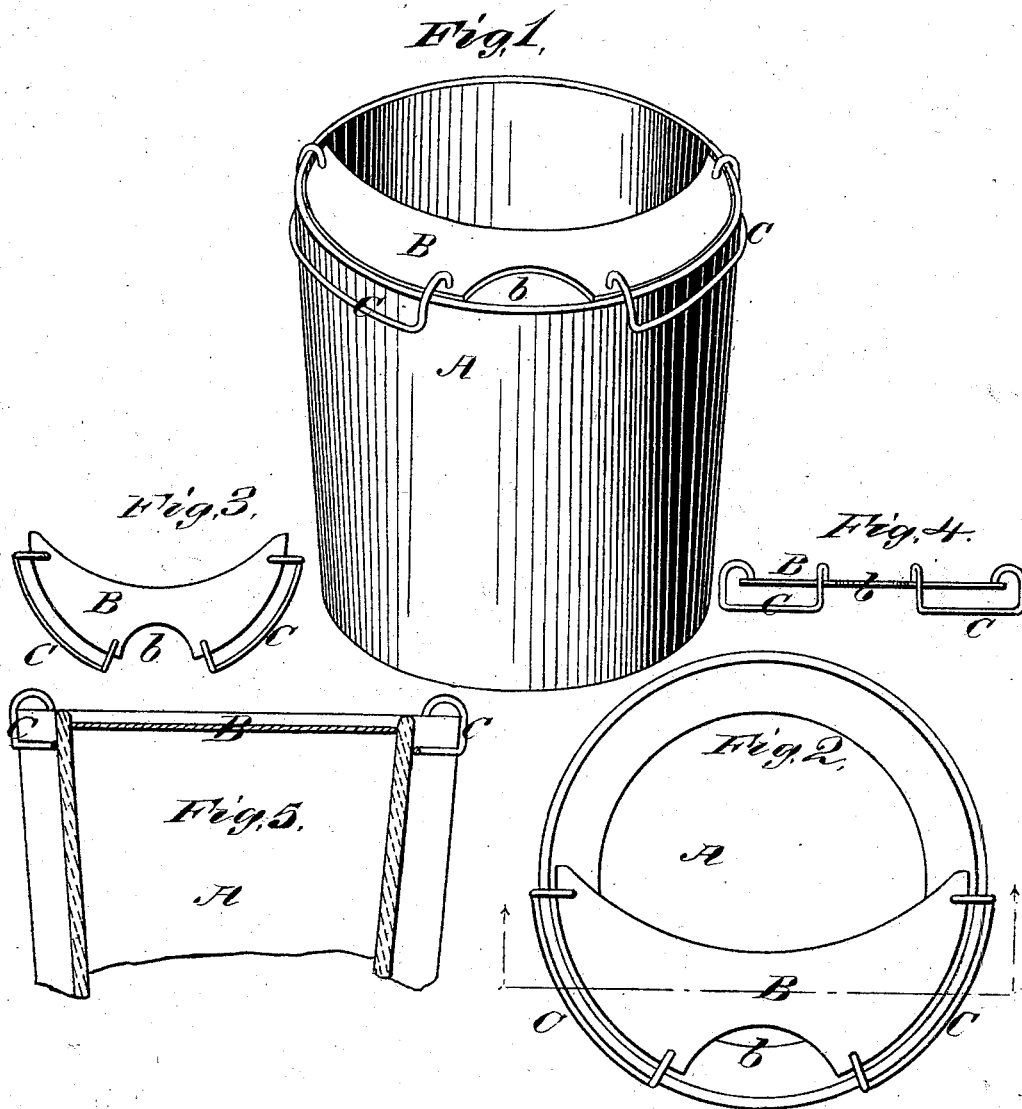


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IMPROVEMENT IN MUSTACHE-GUARDS FOR CUPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELIJAH AVEY, of Mount Morris, in the county of Ogle and State of Illinois, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Mustache Mouth-Pieces; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 of the drawings is a representation of a perspective view of my moustache mouth-piece, and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view of my mouth-piece, and Fig. 4 is a front elevation of the same when detached from the cup and the plate. Fig. 5 is a longitudinal vertical section.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction and arrangement of a detachable moustache mouth-piece for cups, as will be hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the annexed drawings, A represents an ordinary coffee or tea cup. B represents a plate made of solid silver, or of nickle silver-plated, and of the form substantially as shown, with an aperture, *b*, as shown in the drawings. At each end of the plate B is a wire guard, C, which fits over the edge of the cup holding the plate within it close to the inside of the cup, the plate thus forming a mouth-piece for the cup, to prevent the moustache of the person using the cup from getting into the liquid. This mouth-piece can be quickly put on and taken off, and can be used on any cup when needed, so that it may be applied at pleasure to an ordinary cup, and removed therefrom when desired, thus rendering the mouth-piece applicable to any cup of common construction.

The spring wire guards C press in opposite directions on the outside of the cup, firmly holding the mouth-piece in position and obviating the necessity of the employment of interior pieces projecting downward from the lower face of the mouth-piece, between which and an outer cap projecting downwardly, the edge of the cup is held.

My construction is thus materially cheapened, and can more readily be removed or applied to the cup.

I am aware of the patent granted to J. J. Greenough for improvements in moustache-shields for drinking-cups, dated November 18, 1873, No. 144,614, and I therefore lay no claim to such invention, which differs from my invention in its construction, in that I employ bent spring-wires, embracing a portion of the outer surface of the cup, and pressing in opposite directions, thus affording a broad bearing, and enabling me to dispense with the flange projecting from the upper face of the moustache-shield.

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

As a new article of manufacture, the solid removable segmental plate B, provided with the orifice *b* and bent spring wire guards C, constructed and adapted to fit over the edge of a cup, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

ELIJAH AVEY.

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