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BUTTER-DISH.

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Fig. 2

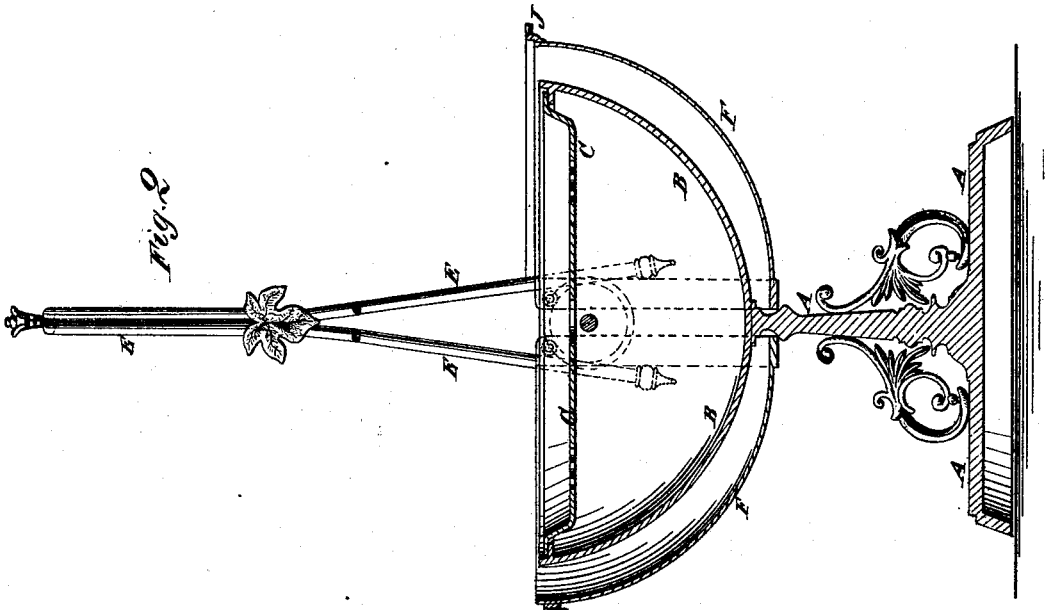
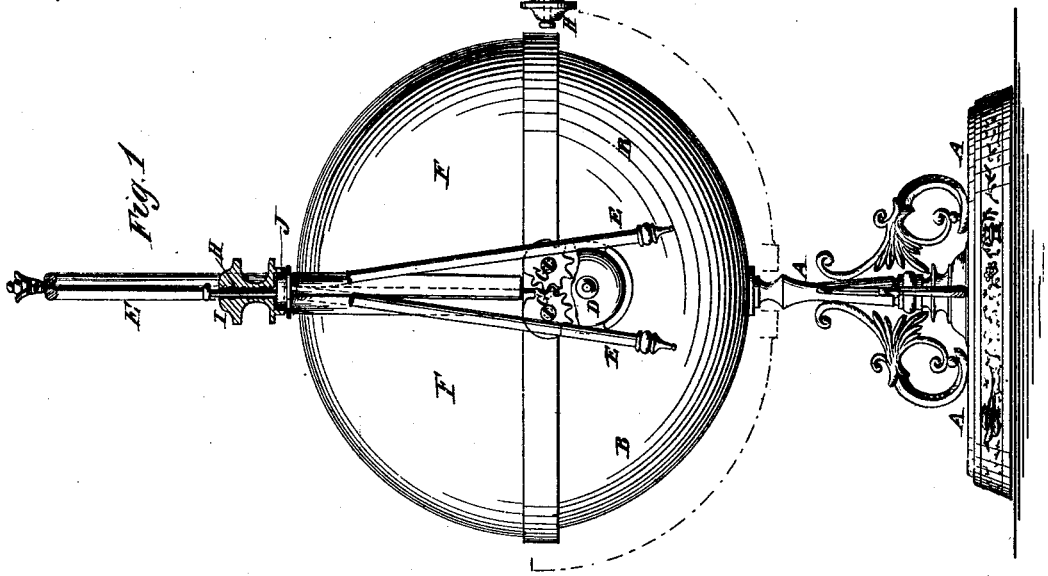


Fig. 1



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## IMPROVEMENT IN BUTTER-DISHES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WESTEL E. HAWKINS, of Wallingford, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Butter-Dishes, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a side view of my improved butter-dish closed, part of the bail being broken away, and the catch being shown in section. Fig. 2 is a cross-section of the same opened.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to improve the construction of metal butter-dishes, so that they may be uncovered without detaching the covers, and which shall be simple in construction, convenient in use, and neat and ornamental in appearance.

The invention consists in a butter-dish in which the cover is made in two parts or halves, pivoted at their angles to the opposite sides of the body of said dish, so that they may be turned down upon the outside of said body; in the combination of the segmental gear-wheels with the angles of the parts of the cover, to cause said parts to move together upon their pivots; and in the combination of the pin, the sliding knob, and the projection with the edges of the parts of the cover, as hereinafter fully described.

A is the foot or pedestal of the dish, which may be made of any desired shape, and ornamented to any desired extent and in any desired style. To the top of the pedestal A is attached the lower half or body B of the dish, which may be made in the shape of a half-sphere, or of any other desired form, and around the edge of which is formed a flange or shoulder to receive and support the plate C, upon which the butter is placed. Upon the opposite sides of the upper part of the body B are formed ornamental ears D, to which the ends of the bail E are attached. F is the cover, which is made in the shape of a half-sphere, or in any other desired shape, to correspond with the shape of the lower part or bottom B. The cover F is made of a little greater diameter than the body B, and in two equal parts or halves, which parts are pivoted at their angles to the lower part B. To the angles of the parts of the cover F are attached two segmental gear-wheels, G, the teeth of which mesh into each other, so that the two parts may be raised and lowered together, and so that both parts may be raised by raising either. The parts of the cover F, by being made of a little greater diameter than the body B, and by being pivoted a little out of the central vertical plane of said body B, will pass down upon the outside of said body until their lower edges rest against the opposite sides of the pedestal A, having their upper edges about upon a level with the edge of the said body B. Upon the middle part of the upper edge of one of the parts of the cover F is formed a pin, H, upon which is placed a knob, I. The knob I has a slight longitudinal movement upon the pin H, and its lower end has a ring-flange formed upon its lower end to receive a projection, J, formed upon the center of the upper edge of the other part of the cover F, so that the parts of the cover may be fastened and unfastened by moving the knob I up and down slightly upon the pin H.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A butter-dish in which the cover F is made in two parts or halves, pivoted at their angles to the opposite sides of the body B of said dish, so that they may be turned down upon the outside of said body, substantially as herein shown and described.

2. The combination of the segmental gear-wheels G with the angles of the parts of the cover F, to cause said parts to move together upon their pivots, substantially as herein shown and described.

3. The combination of the pin H, the sliding knob I, and the projection J with the edges of the parts of the cover F, substantially as herein shown and described.

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