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 Covered Butter-Dish.

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fig. 1

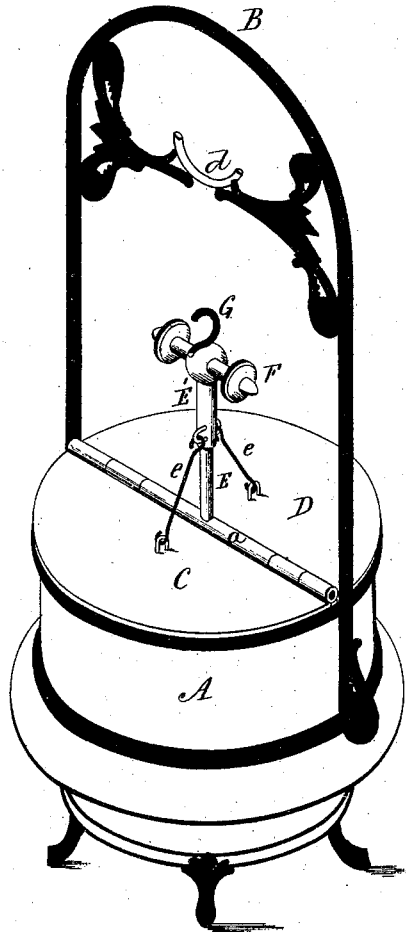
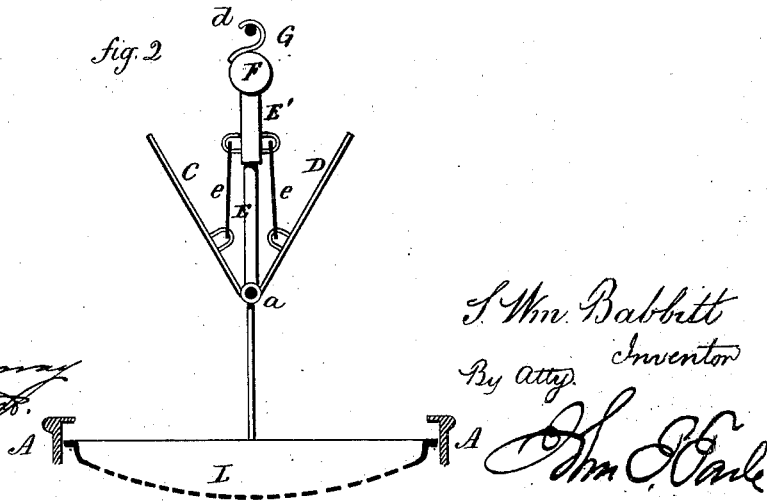


fig. 2



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IMPROVEMENT IN COVERED BUTTER-DISHES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, S. WM. BABBITT, of West Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Covered Butter-Dishes; and I 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 perspective view; Fig. 2, a sectional view.

This invention relates to an improvement in articles of table-service which are provided with covers, such as a butter-dish, pickle-jar, &c. Therefore, while styling this as "butter-dish," it is intended to be understood as applying to articles similarly provided with a cover; and it consists in a divided cover hinged at the center, combined with a lifting device, whereby, when the two covers are raised bodily, they will at the same time be turned upward upon their hinges, and as more fully hereinafter described.

A represents the dish, which may be of any desirable form or style, from which a bail, B, extends upward, as a convenient means for carrying or moving the dish; C, one part, and D the other part, of the cover, hinged together at the center *a*—that is to say, both hinged at substantially one point. From the pintle, or part to which the two covers are hinged, an upright, E, rises, and on this is a vertical sleeve, E', terminating in a handle, F, and so as to slide freely up and down on the upright E. The handle F is provided with a hook or other device, G, by which, when raised, it may be attached to a suspending-point, *d*. From the sleeve E' a link, *e*, extends to each cover. The point at which the links are attached to the cover must be distant from the center so far that the weight of the cover between the links will overbalance the portion of the cover outside. The cover may be weighted at the center, and thereby allow the links to be attached to the cover proportionately nearer the center.

In the representation a plate, L, for the butter-dish is suspended to the cover at each side; hence that constitutes a weight, and is

arranged so as to move freely up and down within the dish.

To open the dish, take hold of the handle F, raise it, and suspend it at the point *d*, as seen in Fig. 2, which not only raises the covers from the dish, but turns them up on their hinges, as seen in Fig. 2, and also raises the plate L up to near the edge of the dish. This takes the cover entirely out of the way, and avoids the necessity of raising the cover so high as is necessary in that class of dishes in which a solid cover is raised vertically to expose the butter.

The plate may be guided within the dish by means of vertical ribs upon the sides and corresponding notches in the edge of the plate; but this is not essential to the invention.

It is not essential that the upright E should be rigidly connected to the hinging-point of the covers, or that there should be any connection, as the links may be attached directly to the hook; but the handle and sleeve are preferable as being more convenient.

I claim—

1. In a covered dish provided with a bail or suspending-point over the cover, the cover divided into two parts, hinged together, and combined with a connection from each of the said two parts to a common device, by which the covers may be suspended at the said suspending-point, and thereby not only open the dish, but turn the parts of the cover upward on their hinges, substantially as described.

2. In a covered dish in which the dish is opened by raising the cover from the dish, a plate suspended to said cover, and so that raising the cover raises the said plate, and vice versa, substantially as described.

3. In a covered dish in which the cover is divided into two parts, hinged together, and combined with a connection from each of said parts to a device common to both, so that raising said device both lifts the covers from the dish, and at the same time turns the two parts upward on their hinges, substantially as described.

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