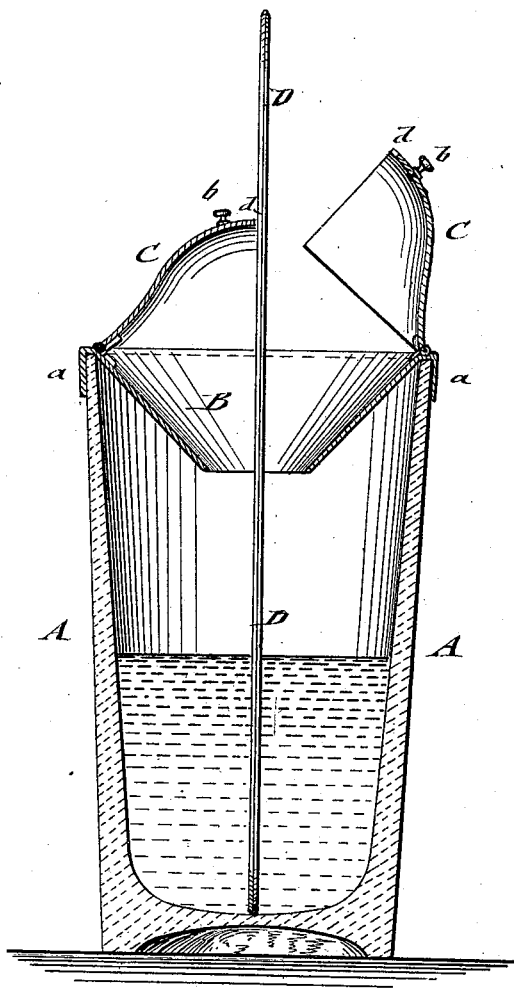


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IMPROVEMENT IN MOLASSES-SAMPLING GLASSES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WESLEY M. RICH, of Rome, in the county of Oneida and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Molasses-Sampling Glass, of which the following is a specification:

The accompanying drawing represents a vertical central section of my improved sampling-glass for molasses and sirups.

This invention relates to an improved vessel for exhibiting and testing samples of molasses and sirup, both for wholesale and retail dealers, which furnishes a very handy, clean, and convenient receptacle, and a complete protection against flies and dust, while admitting at any moment the testing of the contents thereof.

The invention consists of a vessel having a funnel-shaped top part, with symmetrically-hinged cover-sections, through a central recess of which a spatula is introduced.

By referring to the drawing, A represents a glass vessel, of the shape of a large tumbler, to which is applied on the upper rim a funnel-shaped top, B, that is firmly attached by an exterior flange, *a*. This funnel-shaped top serves for the purpose of conveniently filling the vessel with molasses, sirup, or other similar material to be tested in sampling.

At diametrically-opposite sides of the funnel-shaped top are hinged semicircular covers or lid-sections C, which covers, when closed, prevent the entrance of dust or flies, the cover-

sections being provided with small buttons *b*, so as to be readily lifted and thrown into open position.

The meeting edges of the cover-sections have small recesses *d*, that form a guide slot or aperture, through which a spatula, D, of ivory, bone, or other suitable material, is inserted, so as to be immersed in the molasses or other contents of the vessel. By withdrawing the spatula the quality of the contents may be readily inspected and tested, and in this manner the testing and sampling of molasses, sirups, oils, and similar materials accomplished in a perfectly clean, neat, and convenient manner, whether used in the wholesale trade or by retail grocers.

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

1. A sampling-vessel for molasses, sirups, &c., consisting of a vessel with a funnel-shaped top, hinged cover-sections, and a removable spatula, guided in a slot of the cover-sections, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. A sampling-vessel for molasses, sirups, &c., consisting of a funnel-shaped top part with hinged protecting lid-sections, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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