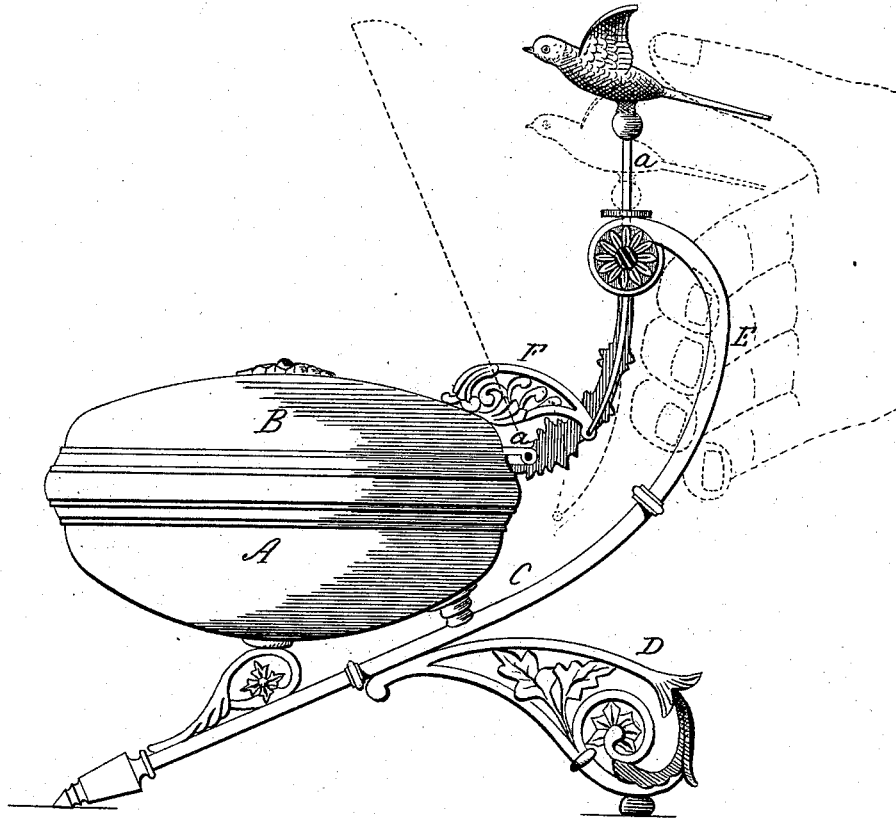


J. JEPSON.
Covered Dish.

No. 209,268.

Patented Oct. 22, 1878.



Witnesses.

A. H. Shumway
C. A. Martin

John Jepson
Inventor

By atty

Wm. S. Earl

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.

JOHN JEPSON, OF WEST MERIDEN, CONNECTICUT, ASSIGNOR TO MERIDEN
BRITANNIA COMPANY, OF SAME PLACE.

IMPROVEMENT IN COVERED DISHES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **209,268**, dated October 22, 1878; application filed
October 5, 1878.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN JEPSON, of West Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Covered Dishes; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawing and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawing constitutes part of this specification, and represents a side view.

This invention relates to an improvement in that class of covered dishes usually made in silver or plated ware, and in which the cover is arranged to be opened by mechanical means, intended for various purposes, such as for table and toilet uses; and it consists in the construction as hereinafter described, and more particularly recited in the claim.

A represents the body of the dish; B, the cover, hinged thereto, as at *a*. The dish rests upon any suitable support, here represented as a rod, C, and brace D. The rod C extends upward to the rear of the hinge, and so as to form a handle, E, by which the dish may be held. Through a socket in the upper end of this handle a vertical rod, *a*, is arranged, extending downward, and hinged to a lever, F, which extends from the cover to the rear of and in vertical line with the hinge. By press-

ing down the rod *a* the lever F will be turned downward, and with it the cover will be raised, as indicated in broken lines. This is easily done by placing the fingers in the handle, with the thumb on the tip of the rod *a*, as shown in broken lines. Hence, in table-service, the dish may be presented, the cover opened by the person presenting it, and securely and easily held open, or as easily closed, at the pleasure of the person carrying it.

When fully opened the center of gravity should come outside the hinge, so that the cover will stand open, if desired.

It will be understood that the particular shape, form, or design of the parts has nothing to do with this invention, as those may be varied to adapt the invention to the different uses for which it may be desired.

I claim—

The combination of the body of the dish, the cover hinged thereto, a rod vertically movable in a suitable support in rear of the hinge of the cover, and an extension from the cover to the rear of the hinge, and connected to the said vertical rod, substantially as described.

JOHN JEPSON.

Witnesses:

JAMES P. PLATT,
ORVILLE H. PLATT.