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 Cover Attachment for Earthenware Pots and Vessels.

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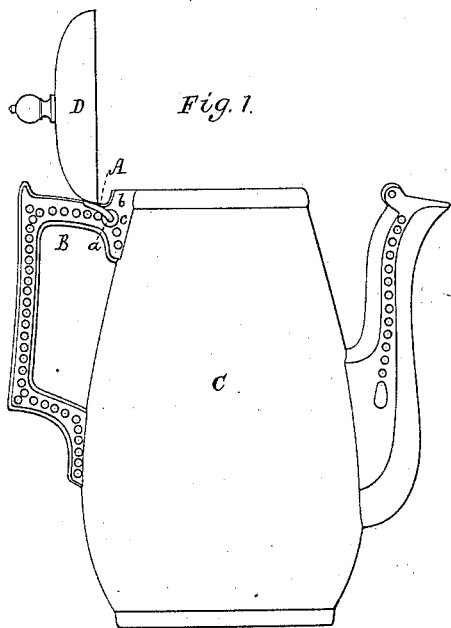


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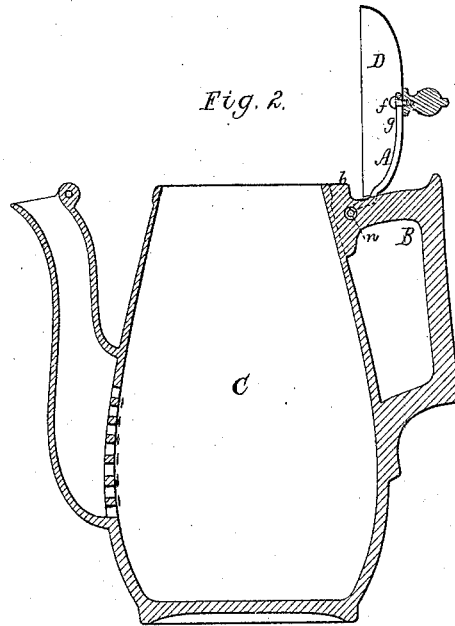


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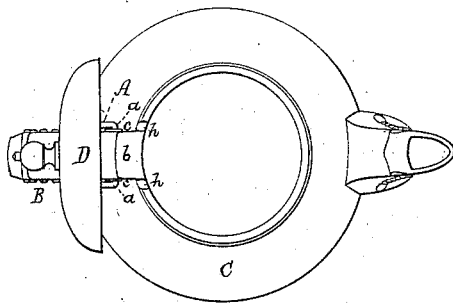


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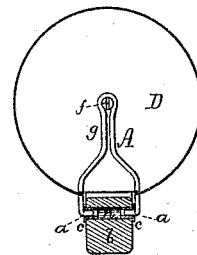


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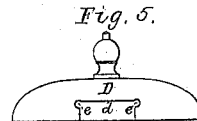


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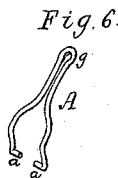


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IMPROVEMENT IN COVER ATTACHMENTS FOR EARTHENWARE POTS AND VESSELS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, NATHANIEL PLYMPTON, of Boston, of the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cover Attachments for Earthenware or Stone Pots or Vessels; and do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, Fig. 2 is a vertical section, and Fig. 3 is a top view, of a coffee-pot having an earthenware body and a metallic cover united in accordance with my invention, the cover of such figures being shown as raised to its highest position. Fig. 4 is a vertical section through the cover-hinge, and showing the cover in rear of the plane of section. Fig. 5 is an elevation of the cover. Fig. 6 is a perspective view of the cover attachment.

The difficulties heretofore experienced in securing a metallic or other cover to a china or earthenware pot or vessel, and the great expense usually attendant thereon, have led me to my present invention, whereby a dealer in such pots or vessels, after receiving them from the maker, may easily apply or hinge covers to them, especially when such vessels are of the cheaper kinds of ware. In transit to the seller it frequently occurs that such pots or vessels, when supplied with covers hinged to them, become broken, in which case it has generally followed that the covers were rendered useless and a loss to the seller.

My invention avoids the necessity of fixing the covers to the vessels before the latter may reach the seller or crockery-ware dealer, who, having the improved cover and attachment, as hereinafter described, can easily make the union of a cover and pot or vessel.

The attachment consists of a fork, A, made of wire, bent in the form as shown, each prong, near its end, being turned in at a right angle, so as to form a pivot, as represented at *a*. These pivots are to be sprung into a bearing-hole, *n*,

or holes made in or through the handle B, or a projection, *b*, from the body C of the vessel, or into a metallic tube or bushing, *c*, inserted and fixed in such handle or projection.

The cover D is to be slotted or notched, as shown at *d e e*, to receive the fork, which, after having been extended through such opening in manner as represented, is to be secured to the fork by a screw, *f*, going through the shank *g* of the fork, and being screwed into the cover at or near its center. The prongs of the fork go through the smaller notches *e e*, which, with the screw, serve to hold the cover to the elastic fork.

The top of the vessel, if necessary, may be notched, as shown at *h h*, to receive the prongs of the fork and allow the cover to fit closely upon such top.

I claim—

1. The cover D and the body C of a pot or vessel, united by means of a furcated attachment, A, made and applied to them substantially as set forth.

2. The cover provided not only with the opening or notch *d e e*, for reception of the pivotal elastic fork A, but with the fastening-screw *f*, to secure, with such notch, the said fork to the cover, all being substantially as specified.

3. The cover provided with the opening or notch *d e e*, for reception of the pivotal elastic fork A, substantially as specified.

4. The body or vessel C, provided with the notches in its top, and the pivot hole or holes, arranged as explained, for reception of the cover attachment or pivotal fork, as described.

5. The cover D, provided with the opening or notch in its edge, in combination with the body or vessel C, provided with the projection *b*, to enter such notch when the cover is pivoted or hinged to the body.

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