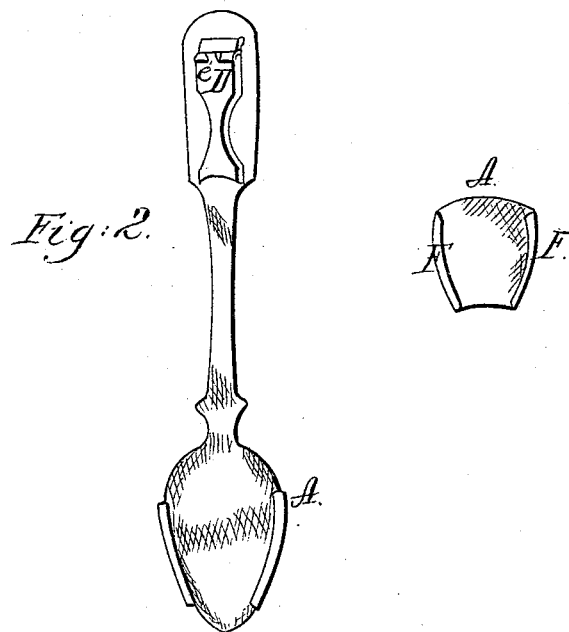
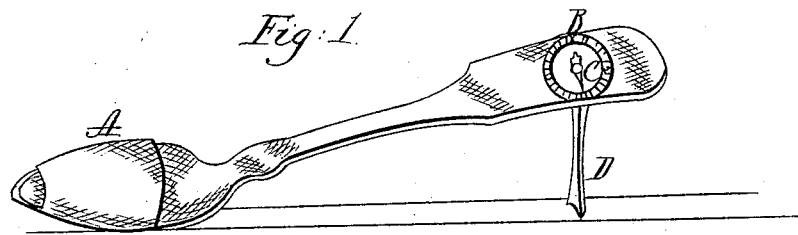


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IMPROVEMENT IN INVALID-SPOONS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 51,748, dated December 26, 1865.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, DAVID J. PEARSON, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new Improvement in an Invalid or Nurse Spoon, by which a saving of time and labor is gained; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof and of the construction, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in providing a common tea-spoon with an adjustable lid or cover, marked A in Figure 1, which covers the bowl, leaving a slight aperture at the tip, whereby the liquid escapes when introduced into the mouth of the patient; also, an aperture near the handle, thereby allowing the bowl to be more readily filled when immersed in a liquid, the use of said lid being to prevent the liquid from running out of the bowl at the sides, thereby securing a cleanliness which might not otherwise be obtained; also, adding to the comfort of the patient, as any liquid or nourishment so offered can be given without generally disturbing the patient. Said lid is provided with turned edges, by which it is slid onto the bowl, reference being had to A, Fig. 2, F F, Fig. 3, which represent the lid or cover; also, by providing the handle of said spoon with a dial and indicator or hand, said dial being marked B, and indicator or hand *c* in Fig. 1, the use of said dial being to mark the proportion of time that medicine or nourishment is ordered to be given to a patient, the dial being provided with

figures denoting the hours, thereby aiding to prevent neglect; also, by affixing to the back of said handle, toward the end, a support, said support being hinged and in length sufficient to support the handle of the spoon and to keep the bowl on a perfect level for the purpose both of preventing the liquid from flowing out of the spoon when set down and to obviate the difficulty of having to get something to form such support, as is often the case. Said support is provided with a shoulder to prevent its slipping backward. In Fig. 2, D is the support and *e* the shoulder.

In the drawings, Figure 1 shows the spoon as set upon a table when in use; A, the lid; B, the dial; *c*, the indicator, and D the support extended.

Fig. 2 shows the back of the spoon, in which D is the support closed down to the handle; *e*, the shoulder; A, the edges of the lid or cover to the bowl. Fig. 3 is the lid or cover; F F, the turned edges. The whole may be made of brass or German silver and afterward plated. The dial is engraved, and the hand or indicator riveted on. The support may be riveted or soldered on.

What I claim, and wish to obtain Letters Patent of the United States, is for—

The construction or providing of a common spoon with an adjustable lid or cover, a dial, and a support, as herein described, and for the purposes set forth.

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