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Lantern.

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Fig. 1.

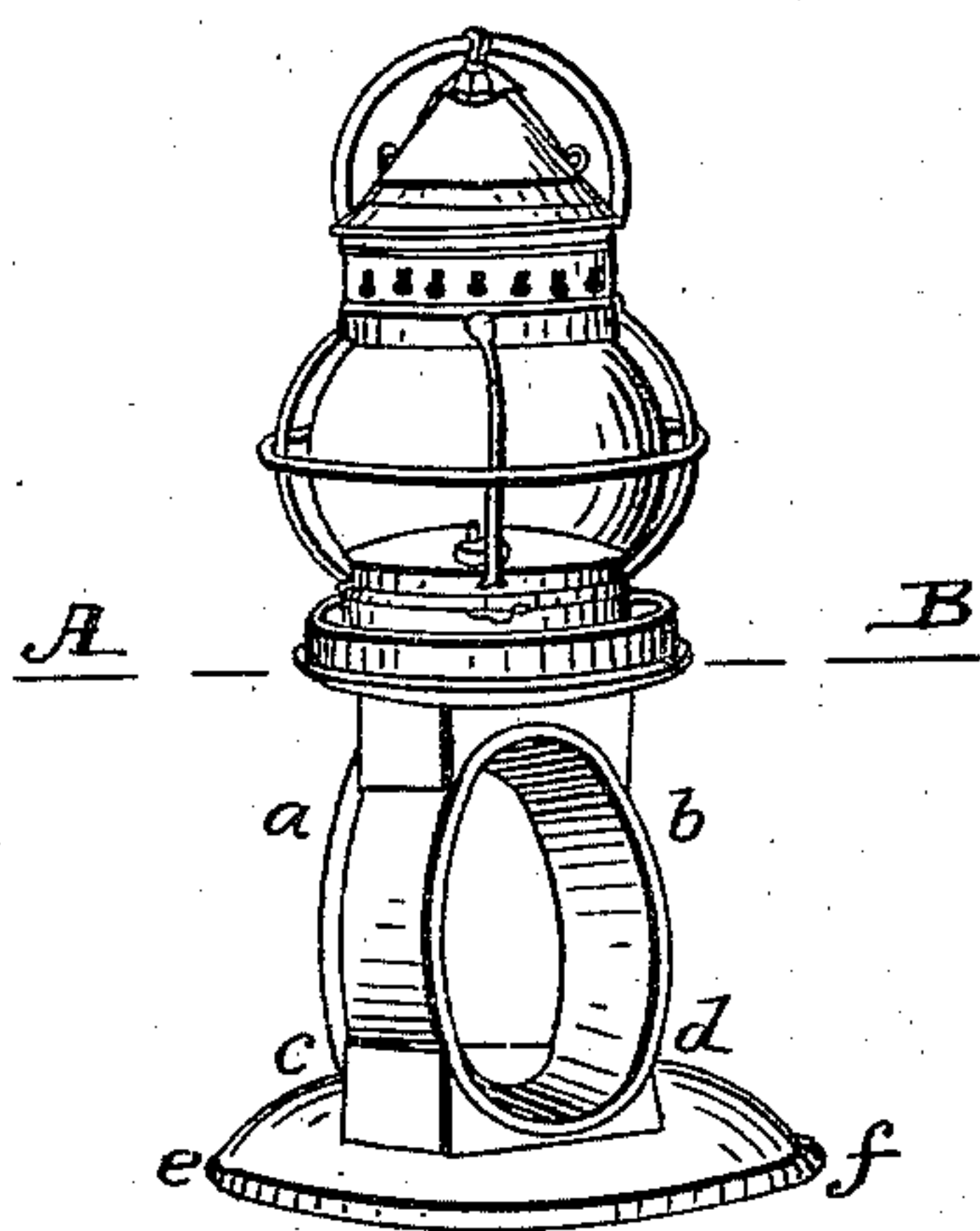
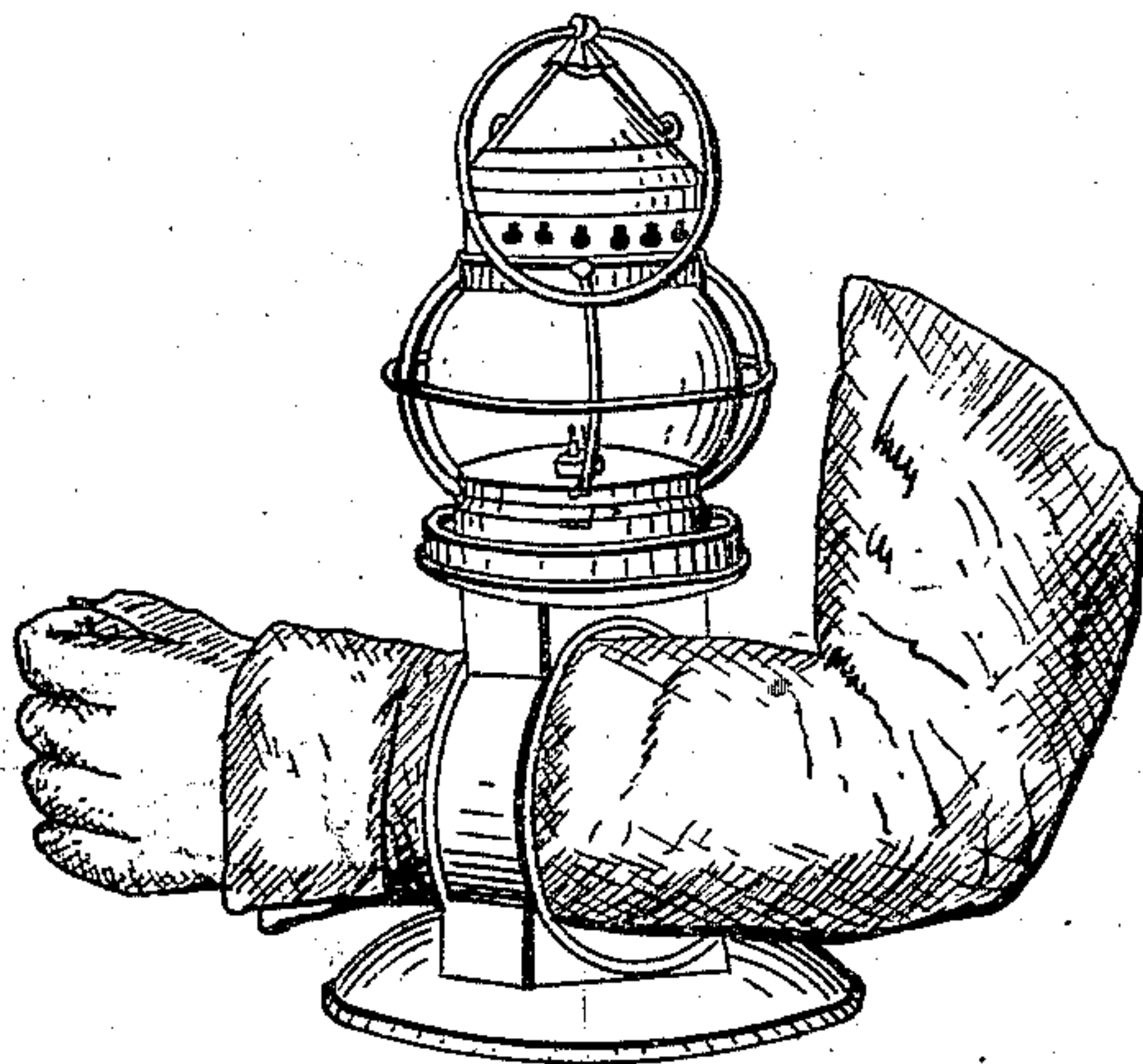


Fig. 2.



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LANTERN.

Specification of Letters Patent No. 8,650, dated January 13, 1852.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PHILOS BLAKE, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a
5 new and useful Improvement in Lanterns, and that the following is a full and exact description of my said improvement.

My improved lantern is designed chiefly for the use of railroad conductors, freight
10 agents and others who while carrying a lantern have occasion to use both hands in performing manipulations which require the light to be above their hands. Lanterns have heretofore been provided with a large
15 ring at their top, by means of which they may be suspended from the arm. In this way the hands are at liberty, but the light is too low down to aid their manipulations.

My improvement consists in attaching to
20 the bottom of a lantern of any known or suitable construction an additional appendage whereby the lantern is made to rest securely and in an upright position on the top of the fore-arm of the person who carries it;
25 thereby leaving both hands at liberty to perform manipulations, and at the same time presenting the light in the proper position for that purpose. The said additional appendage is constructed as follows,
30 reference being had to the annexed drawing making part of this specification. That part of the drawing which is above the line A B may represent a lantern of any known or convenient construction. The part of the

drawing below the line A B shows the ad- 35
ditional appendage in which my improvement consists.

a b c d is a stiff band or hoop which is firmly secured to the bottom of the lantern
40 as shown in the drawing. This hoop is of such size that the arm may be readily introduced.

e f is a weight firmly secured to the lower side of the hoop, of such gravity as is re-
45 quired to keep the lantern in an upright position when resting upon the fore-arm introduced into the hoop. This weight is made of such form and size as to serve the purposes of a pedestal on which the lantern
50 may stand when required.

What I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent is—

The combination of a lantern of any construction with the additional appendage
55 herein described and set forth, for the purpose of adapting the same to be carried on the top of the fore arm and keeping it in an upright position thereon. And this I claim whether said appendage be constructed
60 in the particular form and manner set forth, or in any other manner whereby the same object is accomplished by substantially the same means.

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