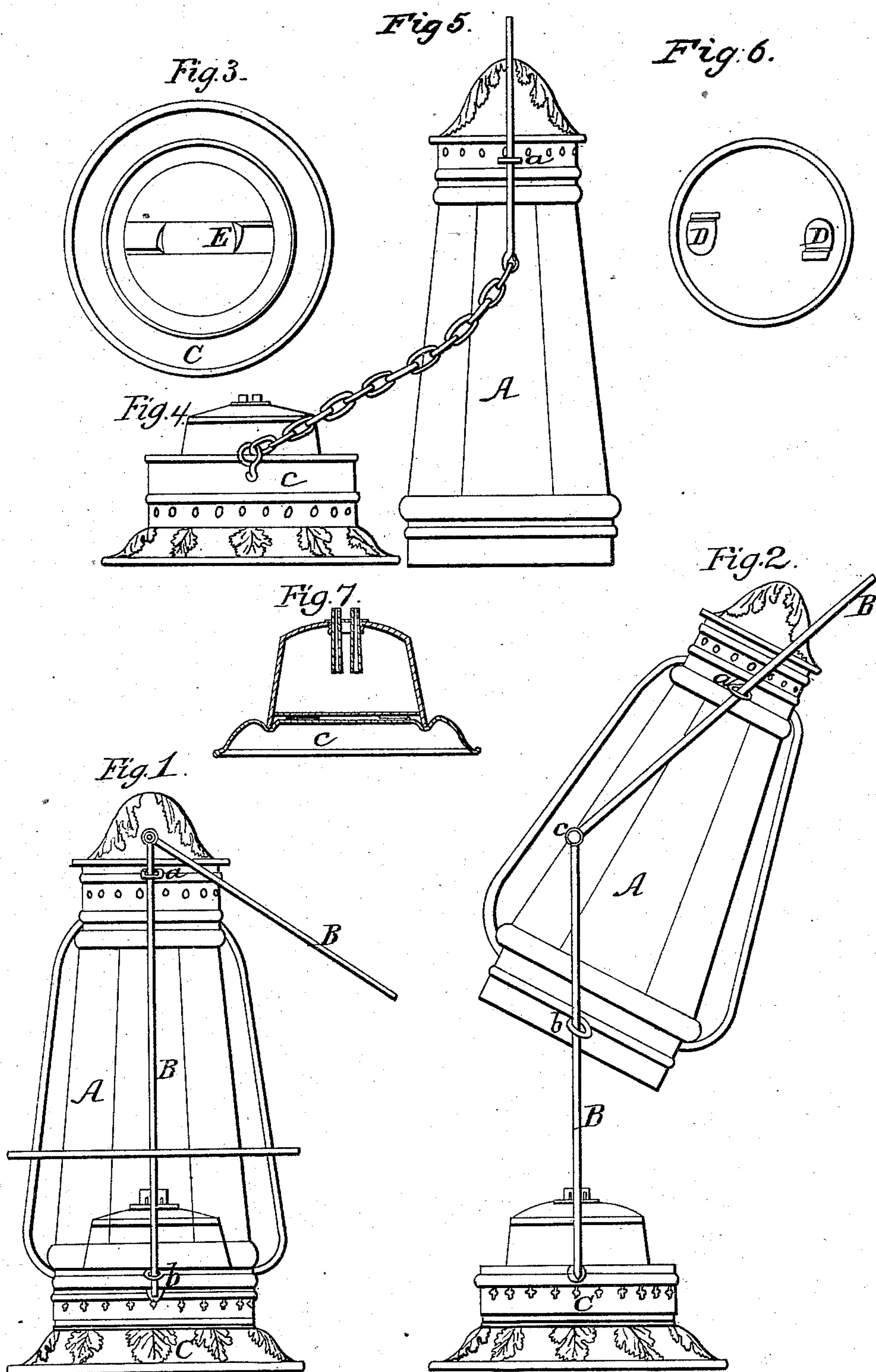


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## IMPROVEMENT IN LANTERNS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SINCLAIR SHANNON, of Buffalo, in the county of Erie and State of New York, have invented certain Improvements in Hand-Lanterns, which improvements are described and illustrated in the following specification and accompanying drawings with sufficient clearness to enable others of competent skill to make and use my invention.

The first of these improvements consists of a new and improved mode of attaching the lamp to the lantern, by which all danger of the lamp being accidentally disengaged and consequently dropped and perhaps lost is obviated, and a good serviceable and reliable article can be furnished at a less cost than by any other method of construction now in use.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of a lantern which embodies and illustrates the principles of my invention, the lantern being represented closed ready for use. Fig. 2 is a like view showing the lantern open, or, in other words, the lamp is shown as being removed from the body of the lantern, as would be necessary for the purpose of lighting, trimming, and cleaning it.

C is the lamp pot or cup containing the lamp.

The part designated by A is the body of the lantern.

B is the bail. The bail in this arrangement, instead of being attached, as it usually is, to the top of the lantern, is attached to the lamp-pot and kept in its place at the top and the lantern kept steady by the bail passing through two loops *a* at the top of the lantern, and in the mode represented in Figs. 1 and 2 the bail slides through two loops *b*, attached to the lantern near the lamp-pot. The bail has a hinge in it at *c*.

A light rim is attached to the lower part of the glass with a bead struck upon it to prevent its descending too far into the lamp-pot, and a flange rises from the lower part of the lamp-pot to receive it.

I claim to be the original and first inventor of the following improvement:

Connecting the lamp-pot to the main body of the lantern by the bail, substantially as herein set forth.

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