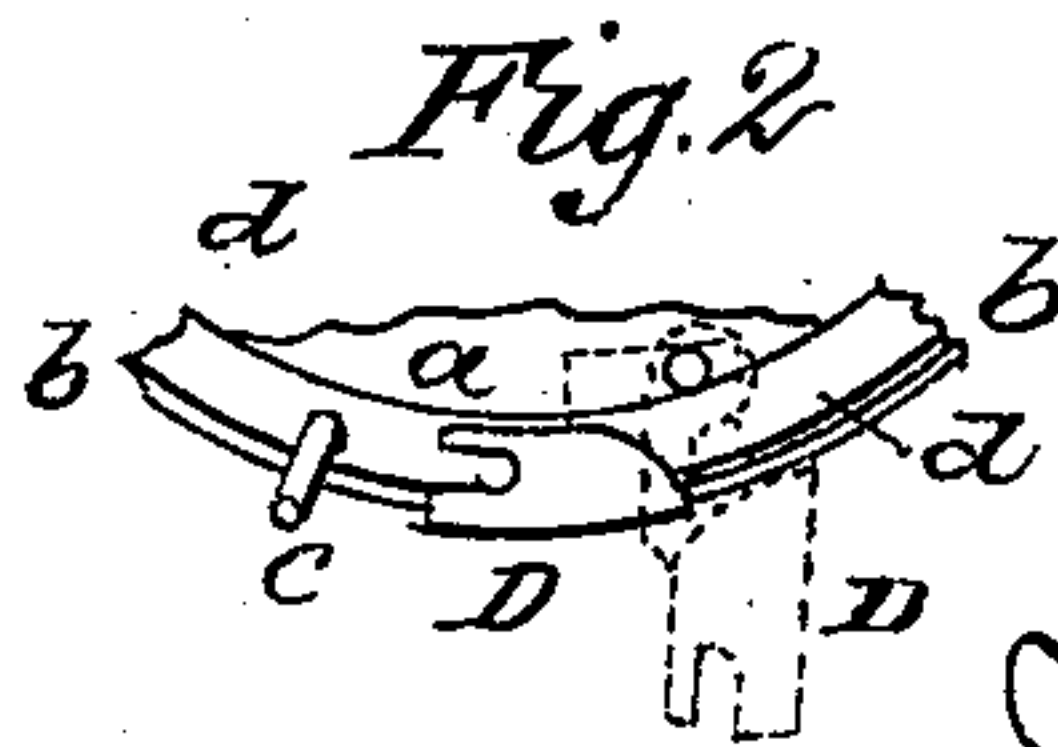
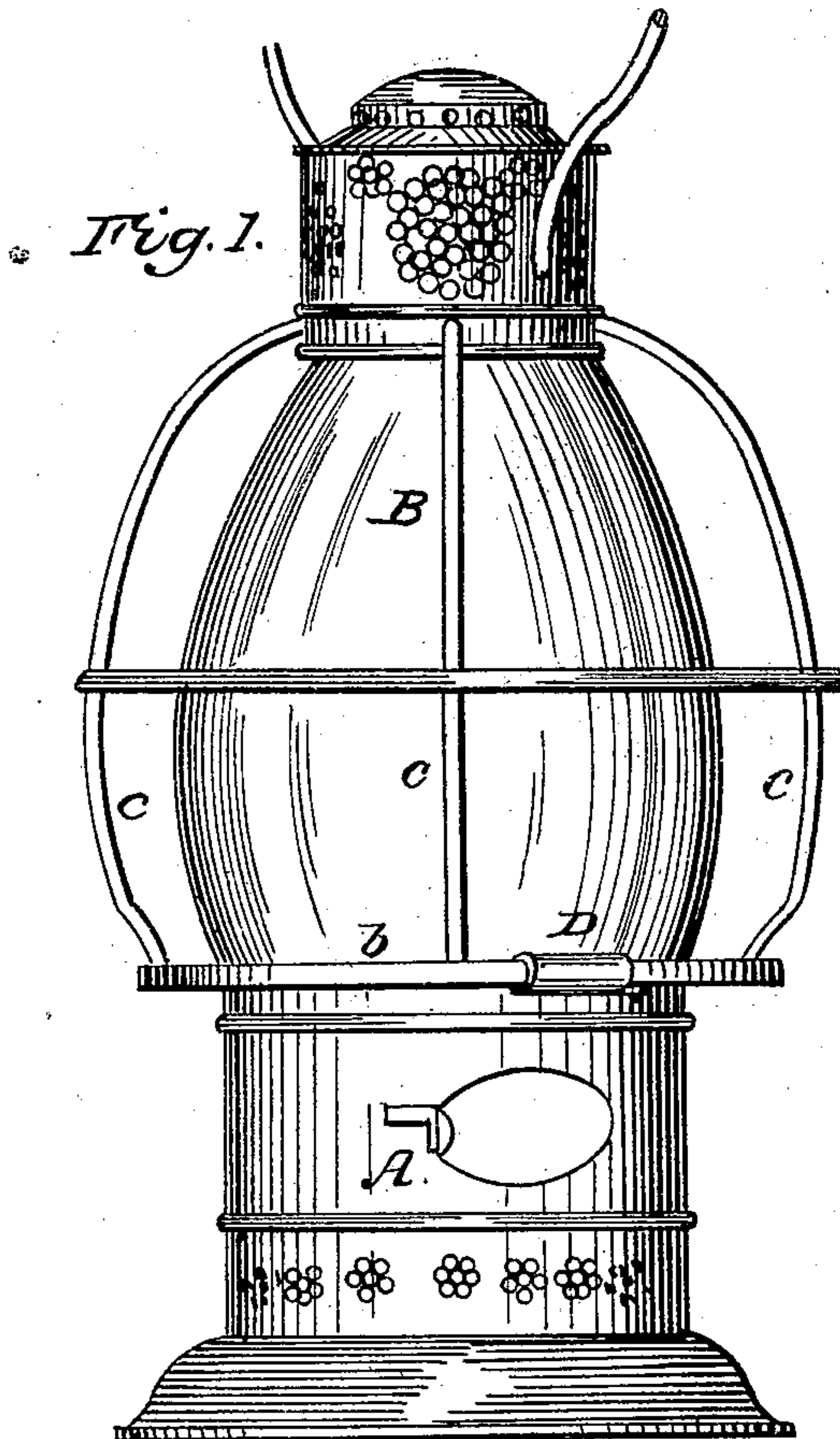


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Lantern.

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IMPROVEMENT IN LANTERNS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS LANGSTON, of Brooklyn, in the county of Kings, and in the State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Lanterns; and do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The nature of my invention consists in the mode of fastening or holding the upper and lower parts of a lantern together by means of clasps.

In order to enable others skilled in the art to which my invention appertains, to make and use the same, I will now proceed to describe its construction and operation, referring to the annexed drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation, and

Figure 2, a section showing the clasp.

A represents the base of a lantern, around the upper part of which is a flange, *a*, of suitable width, which, at its outer periphery, is bent upwards, forming a rim, *b*.

The upper part, B, of the lantern, is, as usual, around the glass, provided with guards, *c c*, which, at their lower end, are secured to a flat ring, *d*, of sufficient

size to fit snugly inside of the rim *b*, resting on the flange *a*.

On the under side of the flange *a* are pivoted two clasps, D, which work over and around the flange *a*, rim *b*, and ring *d*, thus holding the upper and lower parts of the lantern firmly together. The upper sides of the clasps D are slotted, so that by turning the base around a little, the slot fastens in one of the guards *c*.

By this arrangement, the glass can be easily removed and replaced, and the lantern at the same time made substantial and durable.

Having thus fully described my invention,

What I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

Fastening the upper and lower parts of a lantern together by means of clasps, D D, pivoted to the flange *a* on the base, and working over said flange, and over the ring *d* on the upper part, said ring having the guards *c c* attached thereto, and setting inside the rim *b* on the flange *a*, substantially as herein set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing, I have hereunto set my hand, this 19th day of August, 1868.

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