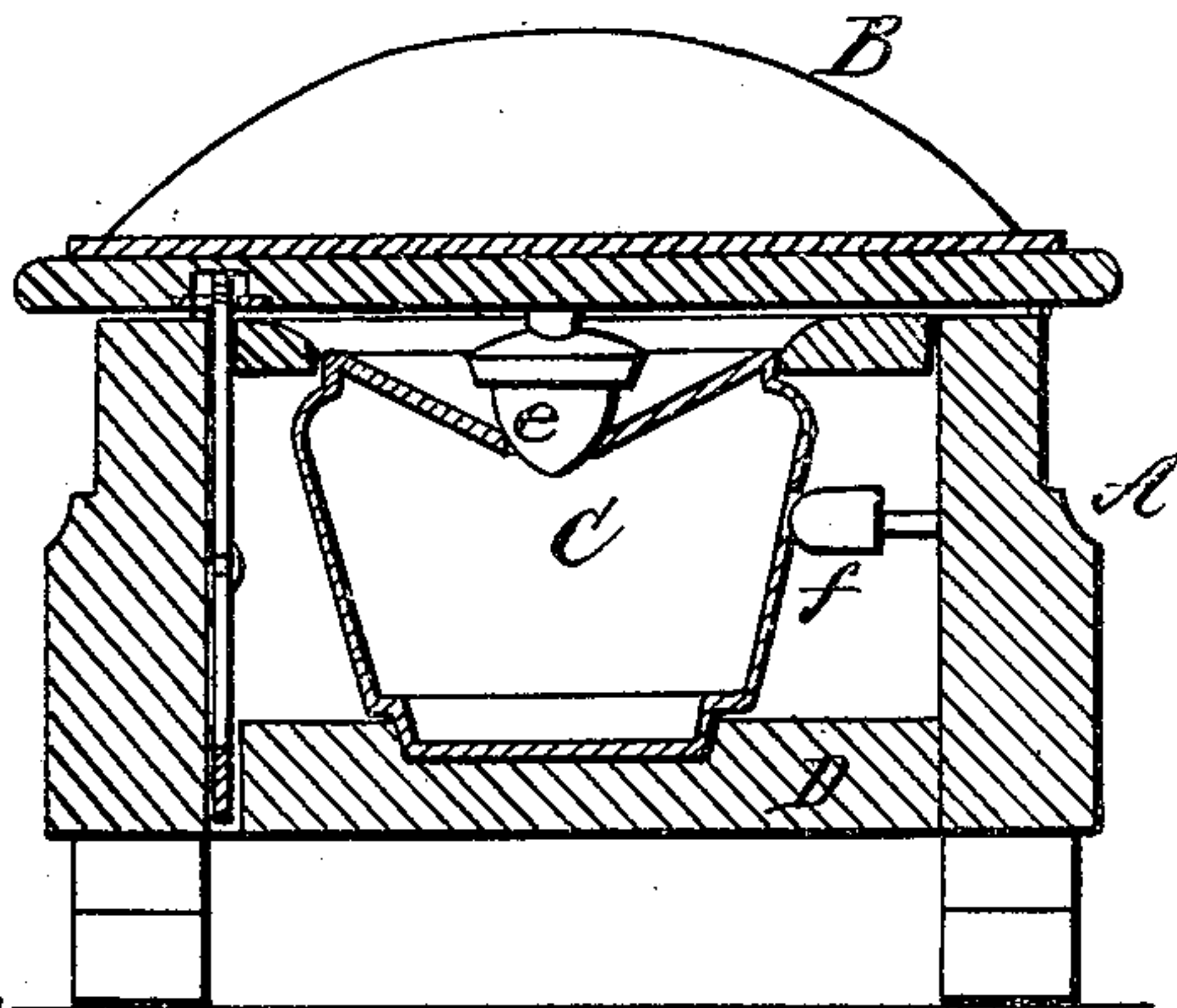
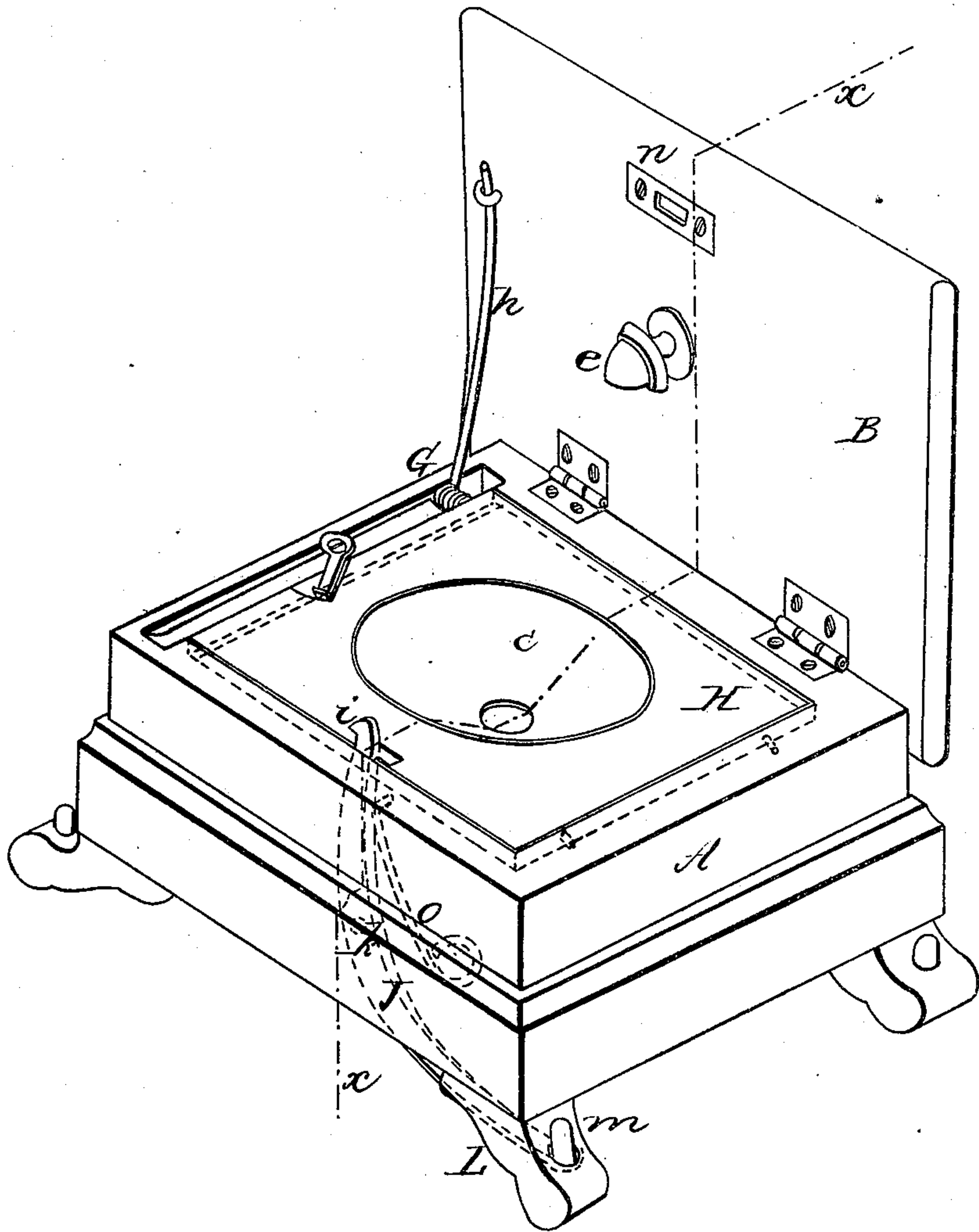


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IMPROVED SPITTOON FOOTSTOOL.

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, JOHN N. MORRISON, of the city of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and improved Spittoon Footstool; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification.

This invention relates to a new and useful improvement in household-furniture, and consists in forming a footstool with a hinged cover, and so as to enclose a spittoon that, when so enclosed, shall be water-tight, as hereinafter more fully described.

In the accompanying drawing—

Figure 1 represents a perspective view of the stool, open, showing the spittoon therein, and the manner of operating the cover.

Figure 2 is a vertical section of fig. 1, through the line *x x*.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A is the body of the stool.

B is the cover, which is hinged to A.

C is the spittoon, which rests in a recess in the bottom D, as seen in the drawing.

e is an elastic cone, which, when the cover B is closed down, fills the orifice in the top of the spittoon, as seen in fig. 2.

f is another elastic cone, attached to the side of the stool, for closing the orifice in the side of the spittoon.

The recess in the bottom, D, holds the spittoon steady, and with a constant pressure from the cone, which effectually closes the orifice, while the cover bears the cone *e* into the central orifice, which renders that also perfectly tight, thus preventing the escape of the contents of the spittoon, though the stool were turned bottom-side up.

G is a coiled spring, fast in the upper edge of the stool, so arranged that its arm, *h*, bears upward against the cover, with a pressure sufficient to throw it up, as seen.

The cover is fastened down by means of the hook *i*,

but around the spittoon there is a leaf, or inside top, H, which fits around the inner box, and is held by dowel-pins and a button, as seen in fig. 1.

This hook is the end of a lever, J, seen in dotted lines in fig. 1, whose fulcrum is at the point *k*.

Its lower end extends down to the corner, L, of the stool, and up through the foot, in the form of the knob *m*.

Knobs may be placed on each of the feet, to correspond with *m*, so that the means of opening the stool, and exposing the spittoon, will not be noticed, or form a prominent object.

It will be understood that, by bearing upon the knob *m*, with the toe or foot, the hook will be released from the plate *n* in the cover, and the cover will be thrown up by the force of the spring G. The hook *i* is forced forward, so as to engage with a hook over the plate N, by the spring O, which bears against the lever with a constant pressure.

The position of this spring is seen in dotted lines in fig. 1.

When the cover is closed down, there is nothing to indicate that the objectionable spittoon is concealed within.

The smoker and the tobacco-chewer may thus be accommodated, even in the parlor, without having the necessary but obnoxious vessel always in sight.

Having thus described my invention,

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

1. In combination with a spittoon footstool, the elastic cones *e f*, for closing the orifices in the spittoon, substantially as described.

2. The spring G, and the spring-lever J, with the hook *i*, plate *n*, and knob *m*, arranged and operating substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

The above specification of my invention signed by me, this 27th day of March, 1869.

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