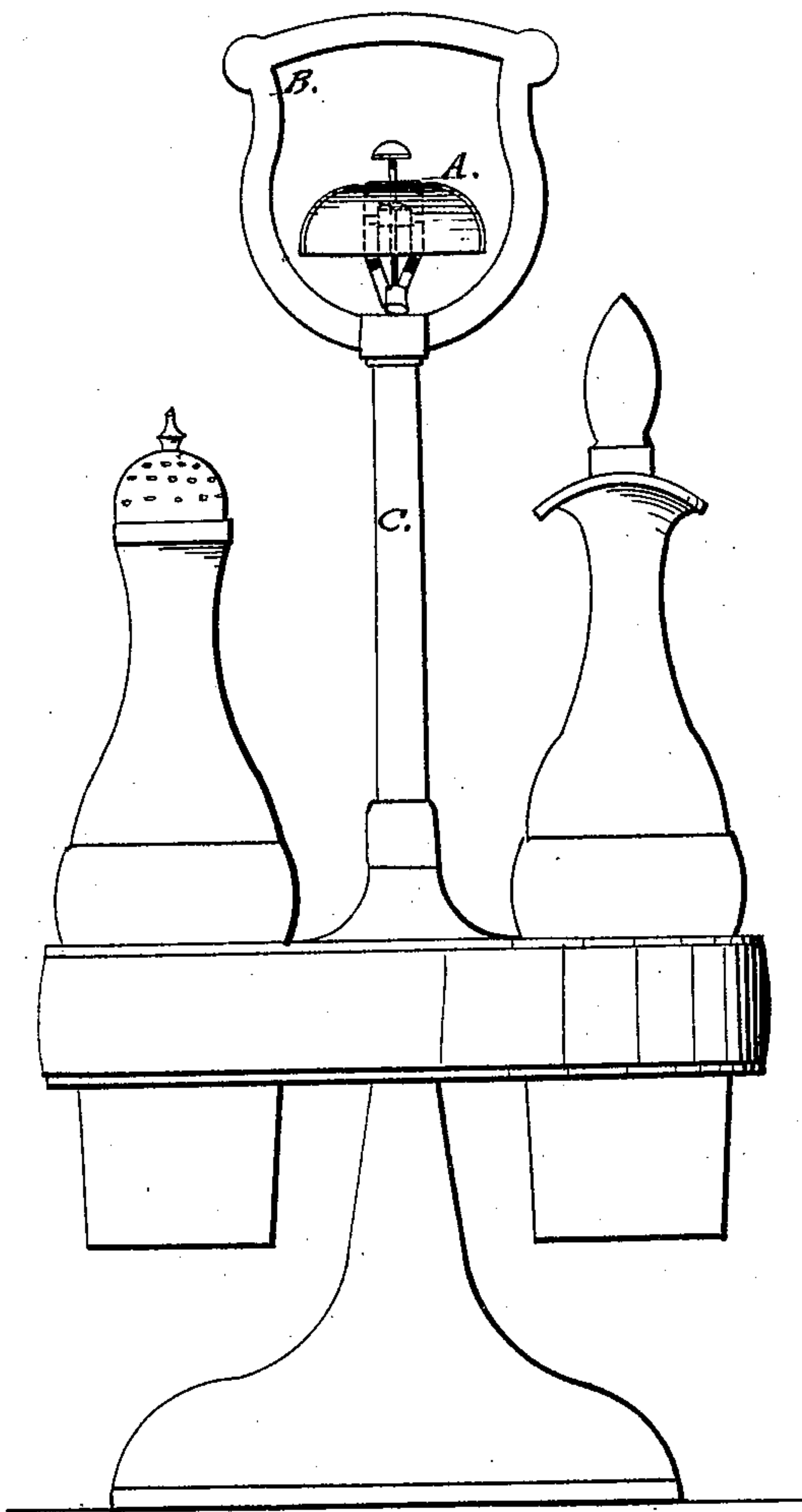


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IMPROVED TABLE-CASTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, H. A. DIRKES, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Table-Casters, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, and which represents an elevation of a table-caster having my improvement applied to it.

Table - casters have heretofore been constructed to embrace or combine with them a table - bell in connection with other devices; but in all such cases the bell has been so arranged as to be concealed from view, and the handle by which it has been operated only visible and capable of being worked from one side of the caster, so that a person sitting on the opposite side of the table remains in ignorance of there being a bell connected with the caster, and unless he sits directly facing said handle it is inconvenient or impossible for him to sound the bell. My invention obviates these defects by arranging the bell, gong, or annunciator, or whatever the device to attract attention by sound may be, within the bow of the handle of the casters, whereby it is visible from all standpoints and readily accessible to be sounded from opposite or all sides of the table, and in case of necessary repair or adjustment can easily be got at without

dissecting the casters. A table - caster provided with an annunciator thus arranged will be found of great advantage in restaurants and other like places to attract the notice of the waiter in attendance, and where it is usual for several persons to be seated around or on opposite sides of the same table, inasmuch as said annunciator by its prominent and exposed position is distinctly visible to and within like or easy reach of all.

In further explanation of this improvement it will only be necessary here in referring to the accompanying drawing to describe the portion marked A as being an ordinary annunciator arranged within the bow B of the handle or upper stem, C, of the caster, said bow being of any suitable form capable of presenting a free exposure of said annunciator, which is supported by the handle or stem.

What is here claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

The arrangement within the bow of the handle of a caster of the gong A and its operating-lever, whereby the latter are entirely exposed to view, removed from the bottles, and adapted to operate without rotating the caster, as and for the purposes set forth.

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