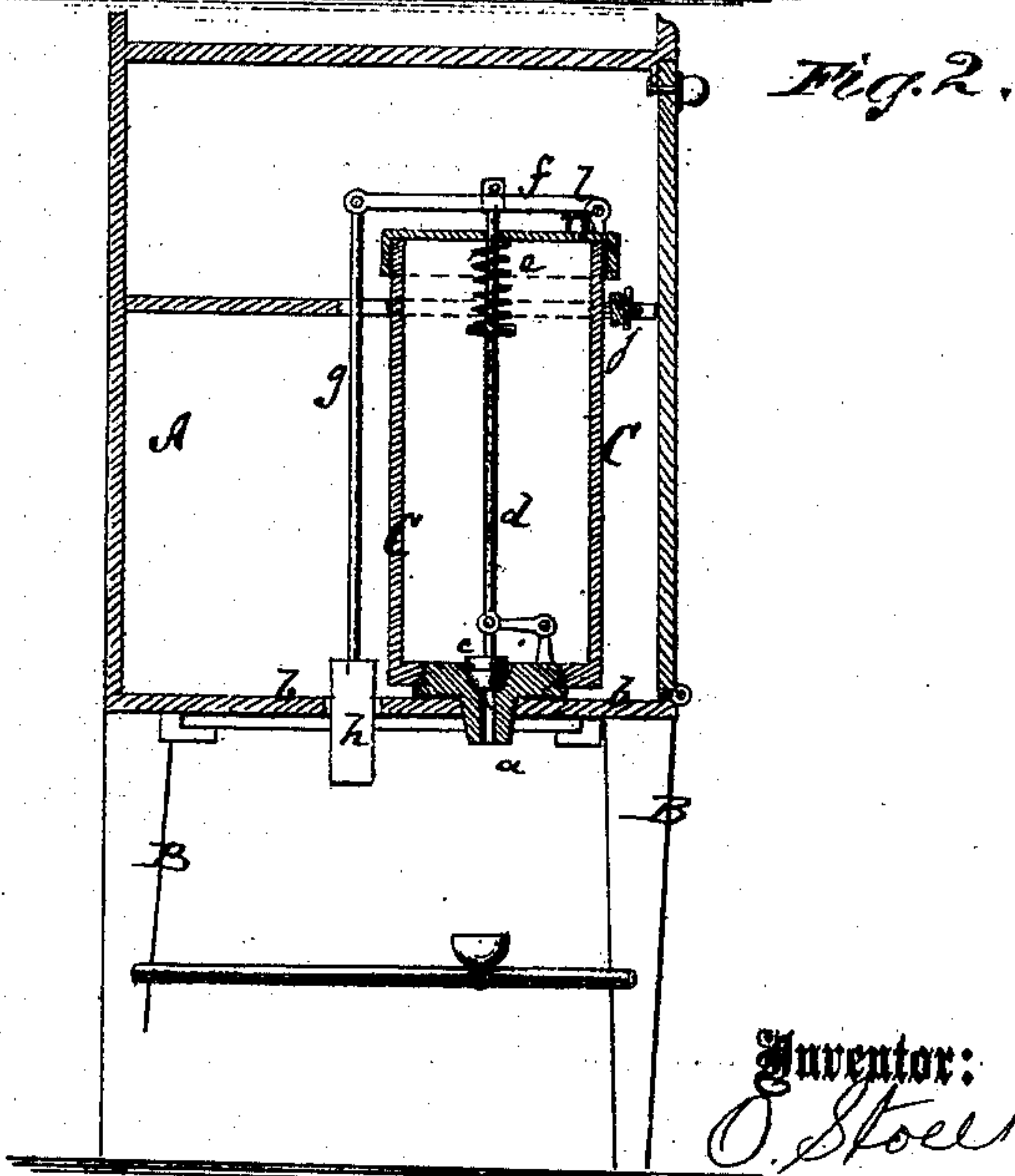
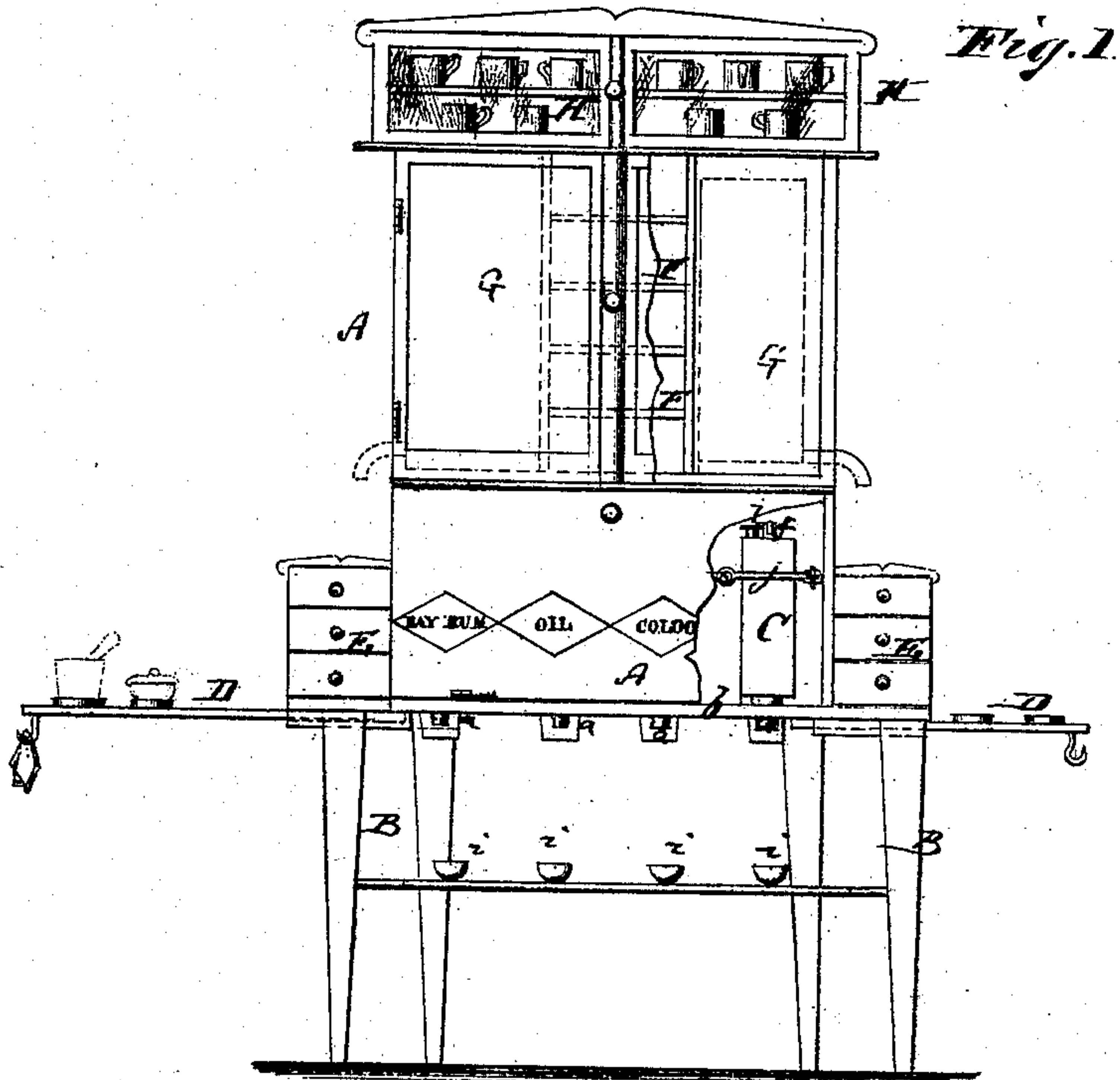


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IMPROVED BARBERS' FURNITURE.

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, OTTO STOELKER, of Montgomery, in the county of Montgomery and State of Alabama, have invented new and improved Barbers' Furniture; 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, in which—

Figure 1 represents a front elevation of my improved barbers' furniture.

Figure 2 is a vertical transverse section, on an enlarged scale, of the fluid-vessel contained in the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

This invention relates to a new apparatus, which is to be set up in barber-shops, with an object of economizing time and labor, and preventing waste of material.

The invention consists chiefly in the arrangement of vessels for holding the necessary liquids which are used for shaving, hair-dressing, and similar purposes.

These vessels are so constructed, by having openings in their bottoms, and valves for closing the same, that the contents can be poured out in the desired quantities without disturbing the vessels.

The invention consists, also, in the novel construction of apparatus for holding the various implements and devices that are used by barbers.

A in the drawing represents a case or shrine, supported on legs B B, and made of wood, metal, or other suitable material.

Upon its bottom are placed the vessels C C, containing the liquids used for the several processes of shaving, hair-dressing, &c.

Each vessel C has a downward-projecting nozzle or discharge-tube, *a*, which fits through an opening in the bottom *b* of the case A.

The nozzle is closed by a valve, *c*, which is secured to the lower end of a vertical rod, *d*, and held down against its seat by means of a spring, *e*.

The upper end of the rod *d* is suspended from a lever, *f*, which is pivoted to the top of the vessel.

From the free end of the lever *f* is suspended a rod, *g*, which projects through the bottom *b* of the case, and has a knob or weight, *h*, at the lower end.

By slightly raising the weight or knob *h* the valve *c* will be raised off its seat to let the liquid escape through the nozzle *a*.

The person using the liquid has, therefore, only to hold the hands under the nozzle, and press with one finger or hand against the knob, when the desired quantity will flow into the hands. As soon as the pressure against the knob is removed the valve is instantly closed by the weight or spring.

It is evident that the spring can be dispensed with when the weight is used, and *vice versa*.

By this construction of vessels the necessity of handling, and danger of breaking or misplacing the various bottles usually employed, is overcome.

Below each nozzle is fixed, on the frame of the case A, a cup, *i*, for receiving the drippings.

The vessel C, arranged as above described, may be secured in a case or receptacle, of suitable construction; and I do not confine myself, in the use of the same, to any particular construction of case or receptacle A.

The case is provided with sliding plates D D, which, when drawn out, serve to support the shaving-cups, brushes, &c.

Drawers E E are arranged on the sides of the case A, for the reception of money, razors, &c.

Shelves F are provided in the middle portion of the case, for towels, &c., while at the sides of said shelves are chambers for receiving water-vessels G, that may, by tubes or faucets, be connected with the shampooing-basin.

The top of the case A may support a series of shelves, H, for receiving customers' cups.

Each vessel C can be retained in the case by a pivoted lever, *j*, which fits against the front of the vessel, or in any other suitable manner.

A cap, *l*, may be arranged upon each vessel C, for filling the same.

Having thus described my invention,

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

1. The vessel C, provided with the nozzle and valve at the lower end, and with the suspended knob *h*, so that it can be opened by pressing against the knob, as set forth.

2. The case A, provided with the drawers E, sliding boards D, and vessels C, all combined and arranged as described.

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