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Faucets for Casks, &c.

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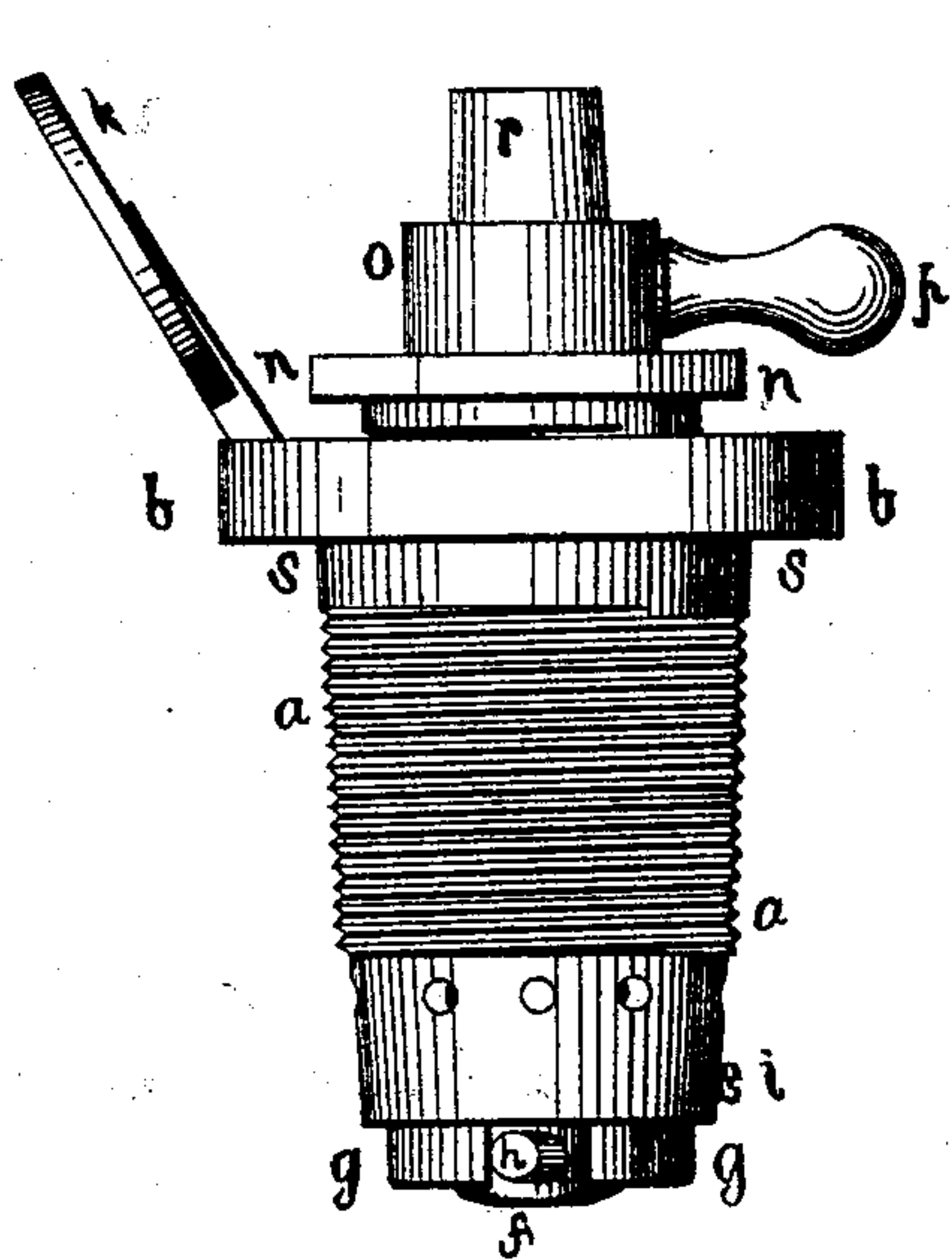
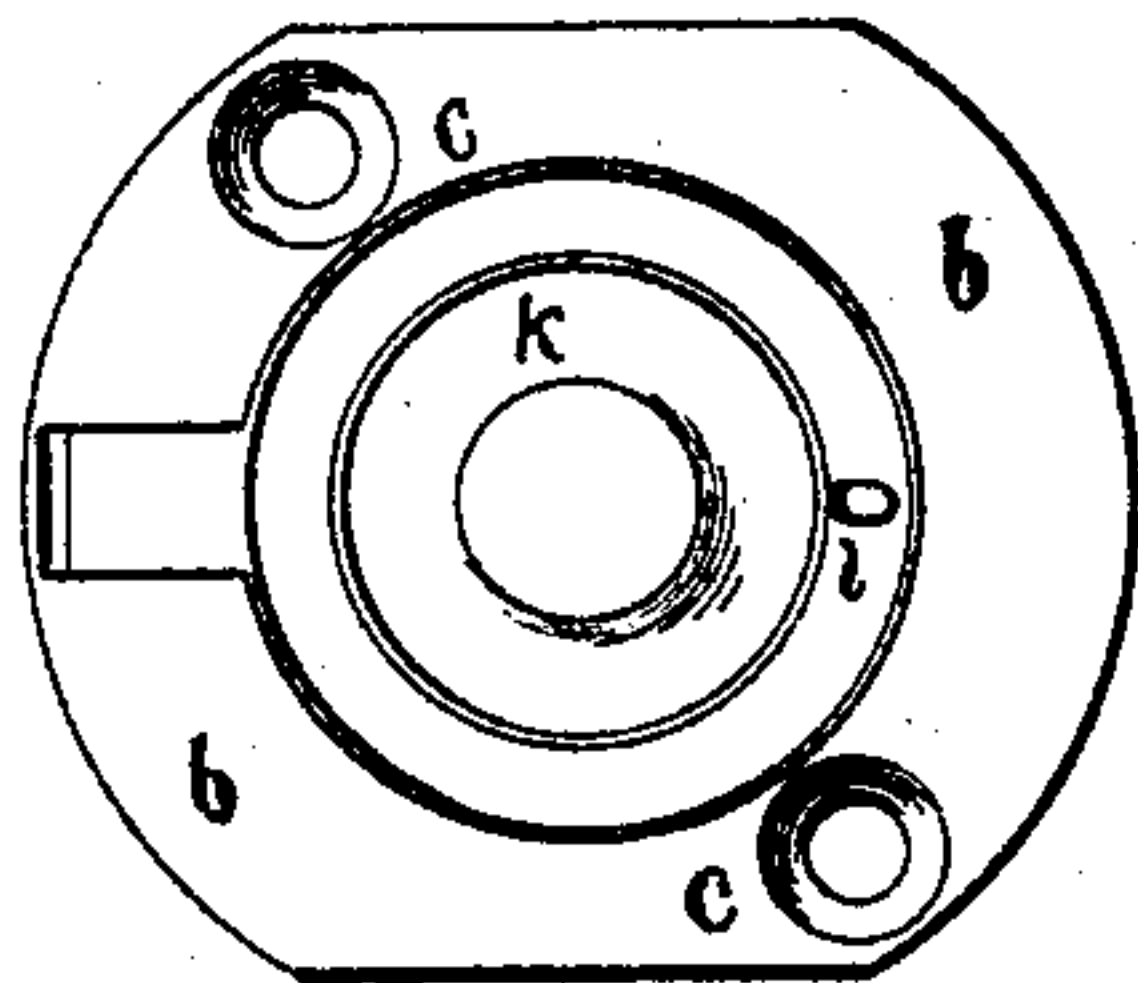


FIG. 2.

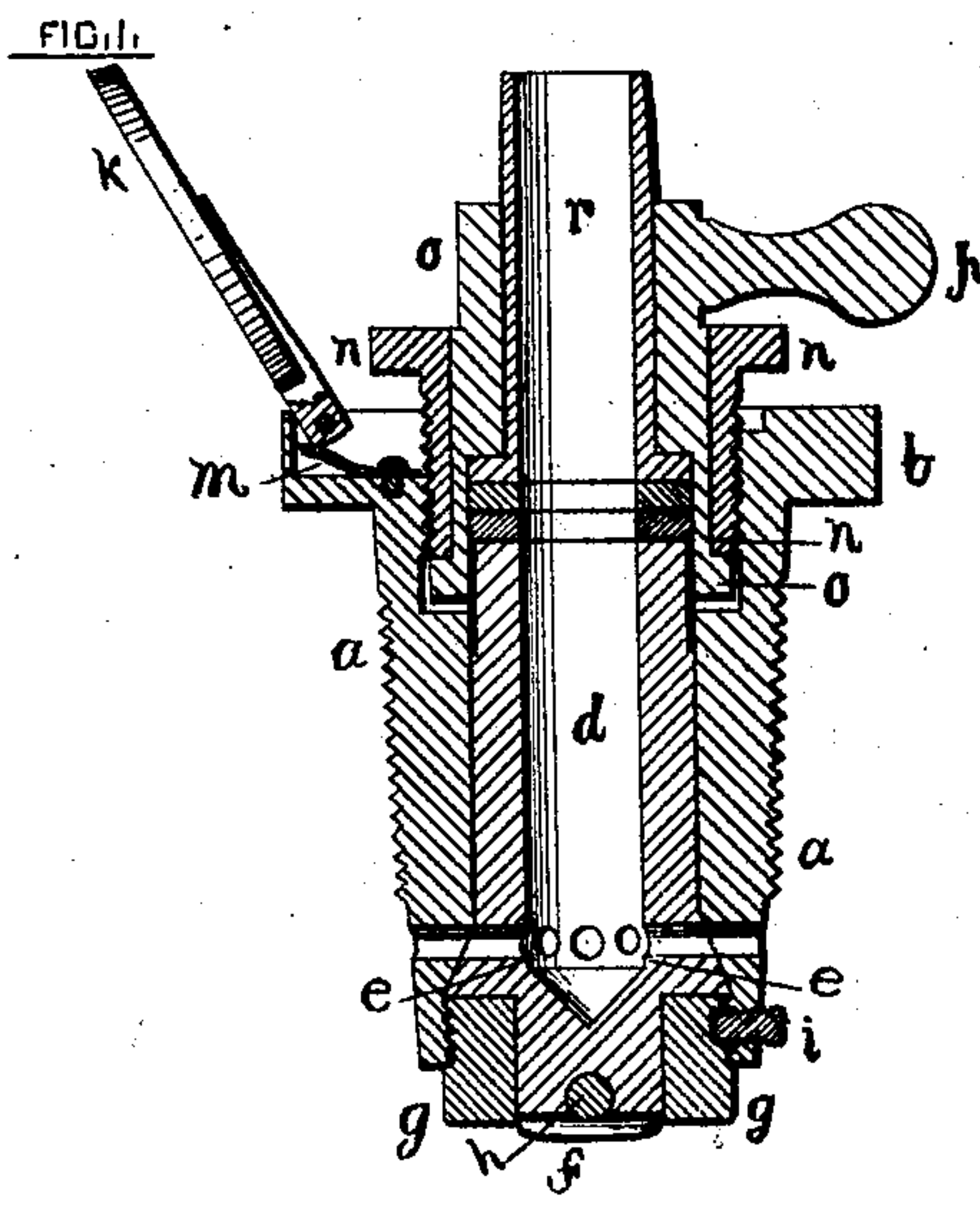


FIG. 3.

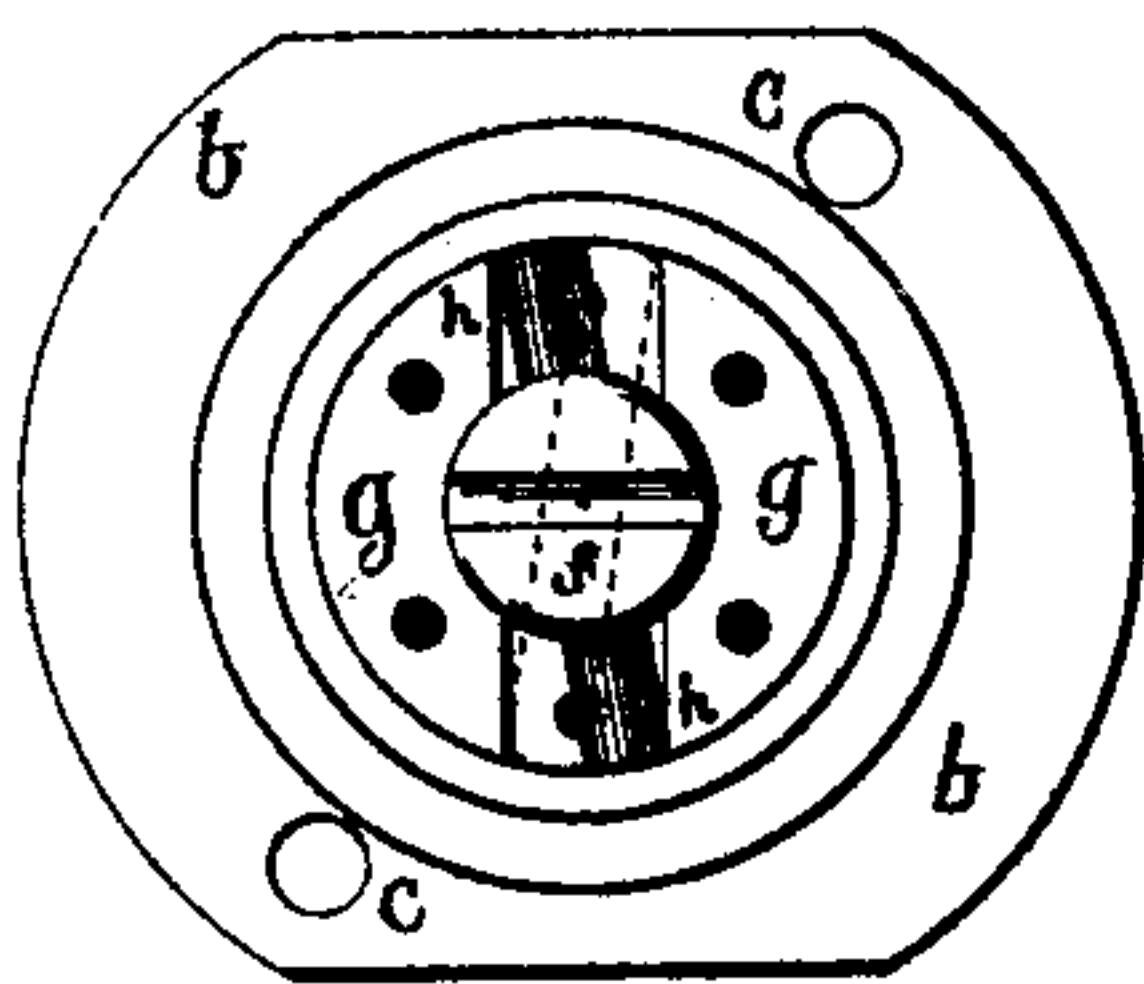


FIG. 4.

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IMPROVEMENT IN FAUCETS FOR CASKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, THOMAS MASSEY, of Pawtucket, in the county of Providence and State of Rhode Island, have invented certain Improvements in Faucets for Casks, Barrels, Kegs, and other similar articles, of which said invention the following is a specification:

My said invention relates to an improved means of tapping the barrels, kegs, casks, and other articles aforesaid, and of drawing therefrom the fermented liquors, beer, and other liquids therein. The said device is comprised in two parts, the first of which is permanently placed in said barrels, kegs, &c., and the second is kept and used by the person drawing from said kegs and barrels the contents thereof. The first of said parts consist of a tapering and externally-threaded cylinder or bushing, containing a cut-off valve constructed and operated substantially as hereinafter described. The top of said first part is provided with a swinging cap, which, in the absence of the second part, is closed and fastened to prevent the entrance into said bushing of any extraneous matter. The second part of said device consists of a wrench which has an internal tube, and which is so combined with a threaded nut that the first and second parts may be easily and quickly coupled together, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter described.

The accompanying drawing is hereby made a part of this specification, the indicating letters thereon referring to the same parts when repeated.

Figure 1 is a view of the top of the barrel part or bushing aforesaid, with the swinging cap closed. Fig. 2 is an external view of the device, with both parts thereof coupled together. Fig. 3 is a vertical section of Fig. 2, showing the respective parts and their relative position. Fig. 4 is a bottom view of the device.

a is a tapering cylinder or bushing, which is permanently screwed into the barrel, the lower part of which has perforations through the sides, as shown in Fig. 2, and which contain parts hereinafter described. *b* is the rim of said bushing, and *c c* are screw-holes therein, to enable said bushing to be more firmly fastened in the barrel. *d* is an inner cylinder

inserted in the bushing *a*, having a perforated and conical-shaped enlargement, as seen at *e*, which part *e*, in combination with the contiguous perforated part of said bushing, forms a cut-off valve, by the operation of which the liquid is let on and shut off at the will of the operator, as hereinafter described. *f* is a projection of said part *d* through the bottom cap, as shown. *g* is a cap screwed into the lower end of the bushing, which firmly secures the part *d* in place. Through this cap are perforations, as seen in Fig. 4, which allow the passage of the liquid through to the seat of the part *d*, and thus the pressure upon the cut-off valve *e* is equalized. *h* is a pin through the end of the projection *f*, which works from side to side of a rectangular groove in the bottom of the cap *g*, in the manner and for the purposes hereinafter described. *i* is a small screw through the bushing *a* into the cap *g*, for the purpose of preventing any possibility of said cap working or turning out of said bushing. *k* is a swinging cap used for the purpose of keeping dirt and other foreign substances out of the bushing *a*, when the second part of the device is not used. *l* is a catch in the top of said cap *k*, and *m* a spring underneath an arm of said cap, both of which facilitate the opening and closing of the cap *k*. *n* is a threaded nut, which screws into the open top of the bushing *a*, and carries the part *o*—a wrench—down upon the top of the part *d*, the points of union of the hollowed end of said wrench and the upper extremity of said part *d* being six or eight sided, to the end that, when united or coupled, the wrench will turn said part *d*, as and for the purposes hereinafter described. *p* is the handle of said wrench. *r* is a tube running up inside the wrench *o*, and projecting above said wrench, as shown, to which a beer-pump or other apparatus may be attached if and when desired. *s* is a beveled part of the exterior of said bushing *a*, and forms with the barrel a dovetailed joint to prevent any leakage of the contents of the barrel.

The operation of said device is substantially as follows: The bushing and its interior parts having been placed in the barrel substantially as indicated, the nut *n*, with its contiguous parts, is screwed into the top or mouth of said bushing until the hollowed end of the wrench

o and top of part *d* are fitted or coupled together, as shown in Fig. 3. To draw the contents of the barrel the wrench is turned by the handle *p*, which carries the whole of part *d* around until the perforations of said part *d* at *e* are brought directly in front of the perforations in said bushing. The beer or other liquid will then freely pass through said holes, into and up the interior of the part *d* and tube *r*. To shut off the flow of the liquid the wrench is turned backward, and the holes in the valve *e* are thus turned away from the perforations in the bushing *a*, and an impenetrable surface is then presented to the contents of the barrel. The pin *h*, through the projecting end *f* of the part *d*, turns with said part *d*, and the sides of the rectangular groove aforesaid, against which said pin strikes, prevent said part *d* from being turned farther than is necessary to draw the liquid or to shut it off. It is intended that the cut-off valve *e* and its seat shall be nickel-plated, or otherwise treated, to prevent the wearing away that might be incident to those parts. Washers of leather or other materials may be placed in the hollowed end of the wrench *o* at its point of union with the angular-sided top of the part *d*, when found desirable.

When the contents of the barrel or cask have all been drawn off the second part of the device is easily removed and the swinging cap closed. The barrel is then ready for refilling,

and the said second part is ready to be applied to another barrel or cask in which the said first part of the device has been previously placed.

I do not claim to be the inventor of a cut-off valve considered separately as such, nor that I am the first inventor of the bushing *a* in its external appearance and construction; but

What I do claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. The tapering cylinder or bushing *a*, constructed as shown, and working inside the barrel, in combination with the cut-off valve *e*, part *d*, rectangularly grooved and perforated cap *g*, pin *h*, and screw *i*, each and all in the manner and for the purposes substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination of the cut-off valve *e*, part *d*, wrench *o*, cap *g*, and pin *h*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

3. The swinging cap *k*, composed of a metallic disk, having a perforated arm, by which it is jointed to the rim *b*, and also having the catch *l* and spring *m*, all constructed in the manner and used for the purposes substantially as described and shown.

4. The combination of the wrench *o* with the nut *n*, part *d*, and tube *r*, all substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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