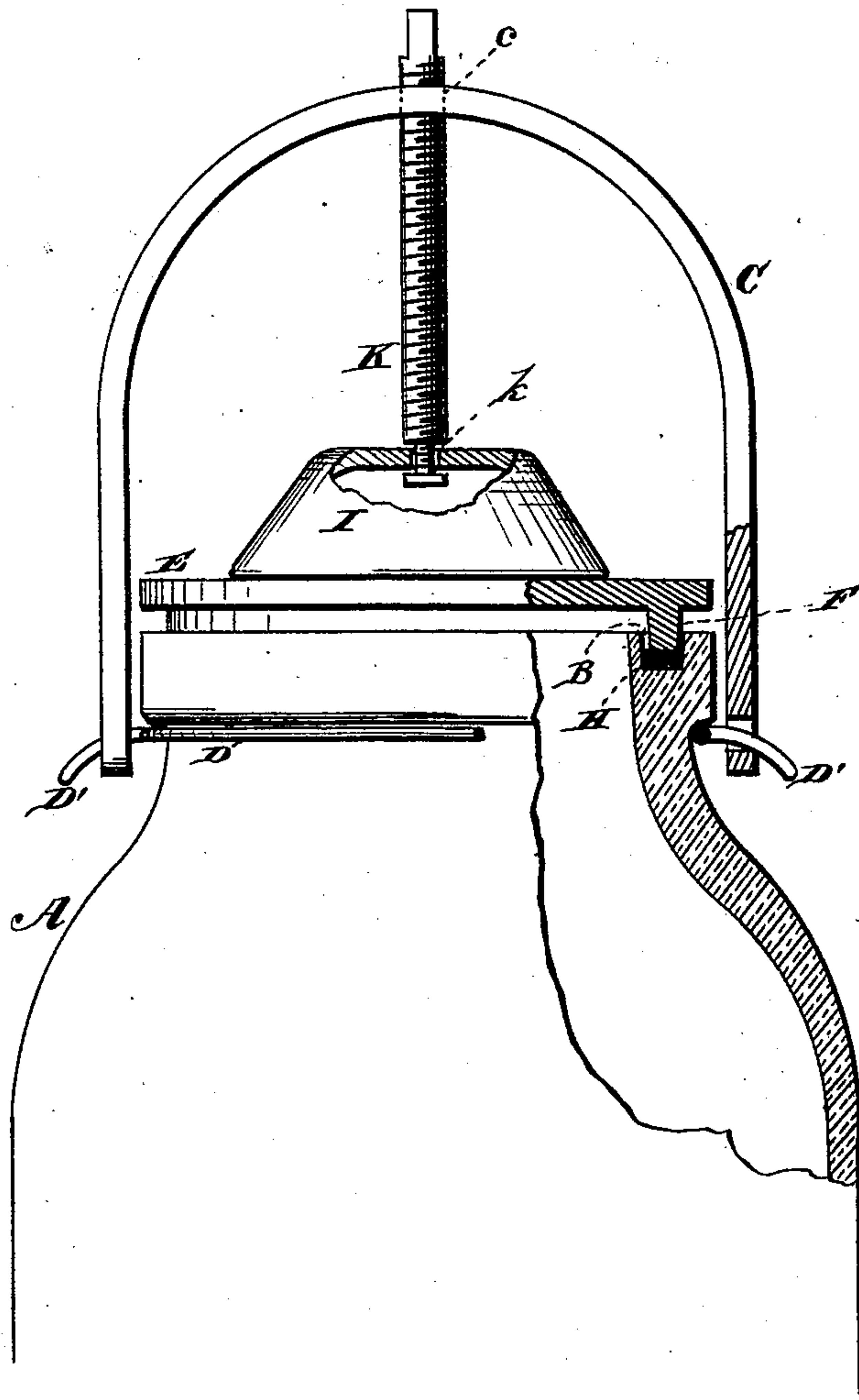


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**WITNESSES** •

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## FRUIT-JAR TOP.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 226,779, dated April 20, 1880.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN A. PAUL, of Huntingdon, in the county of Huntingdon and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain  
5 new and useful Improvements in Fruit-Jar Tops; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawing,  
10 making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

The figure of the drawing is a representation of a side elevation, partly in section, of  
15 my fruit-jar top.

My invention relates to tops for fruit-jars; and it consists in the construction and combination of parts, as hereinafter fully described, and particularly pointed out in the claim.

20 Let A designate the glass fruit-jar, which is formed with an annular recess, B, at its rim. C represents a yoke, which is hinged to the neck of the jar by means of a wire, D, which is passed around the jar and bent to form lugs  
25 D'. These lugs pass through holes in the ends of the yoke, and are bent down so as to maintain the yoke in place.

E is the jar-cover, which cover is formed with an annular flange, F, adapted to fit into  
30 the annular recess B, at the bottom of which is an elastic packing-ring, H.

A follower, I, is secured by means of a swivel-joint, k, to the lower end of a screw-threaded rod, K, which works through the yoke C. The upper end of this rod passes  
35 through an opening, c, in the yoke C, and is squared, so as to be effectively grasped by a wrench which will be used to screw down the rod, and thus bring the follower into contact with the cover.  
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After fitting the cover in place the rod will be screwed down so as to tighten up the follower against the cover, thus sealing the jar without the use of wax.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—  
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The combination of the yoke C, hinged to the lugs D' of the wire D, encircling the neck of the jar, and drilled and tapped to receive the screw K, provided with the swiveled follower I, with a jar, A, and cover E, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.  
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In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

JOHN A. PAUL.

Witnesses:

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J. HALL MUSSER.