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Fig: 1.

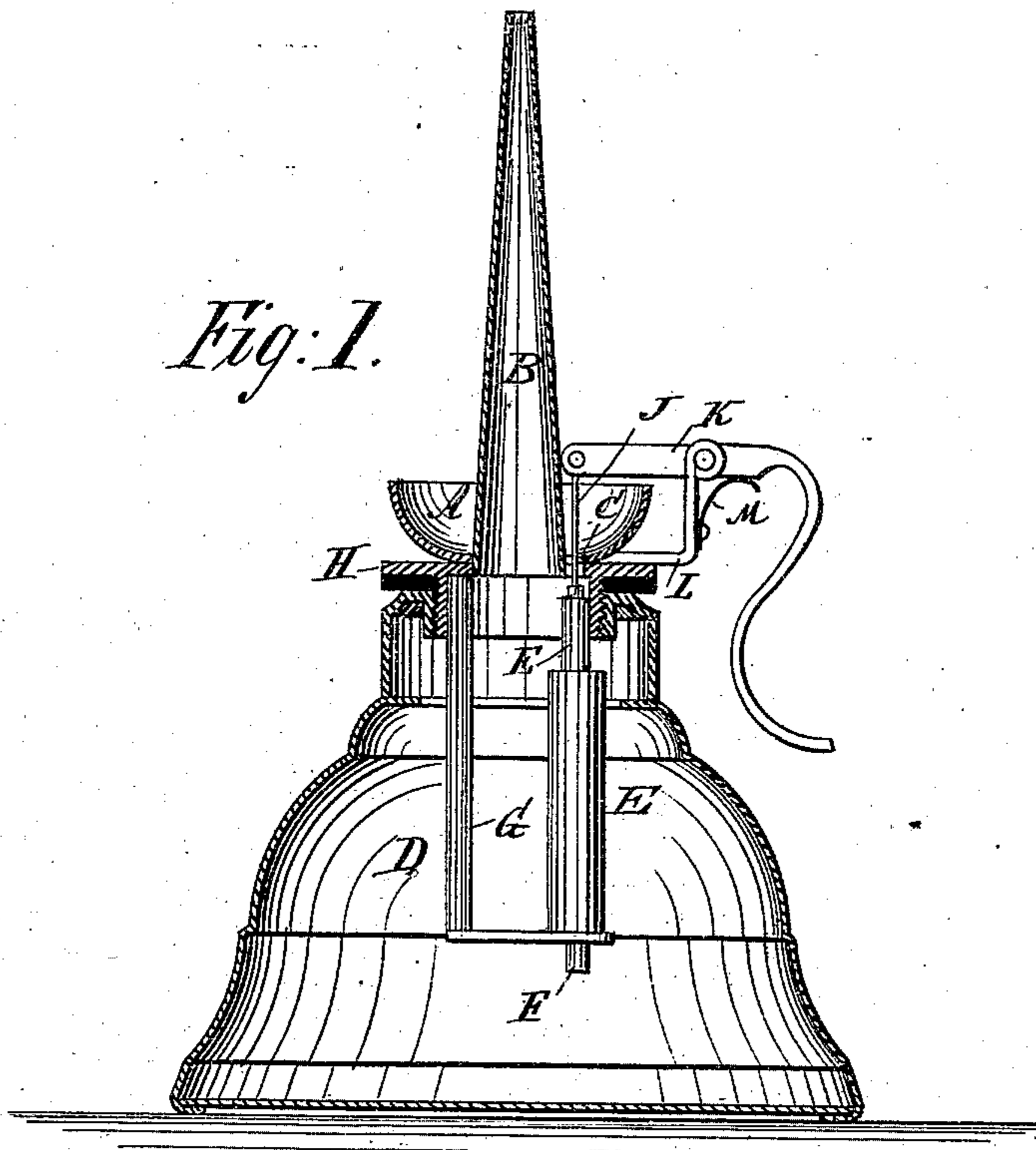
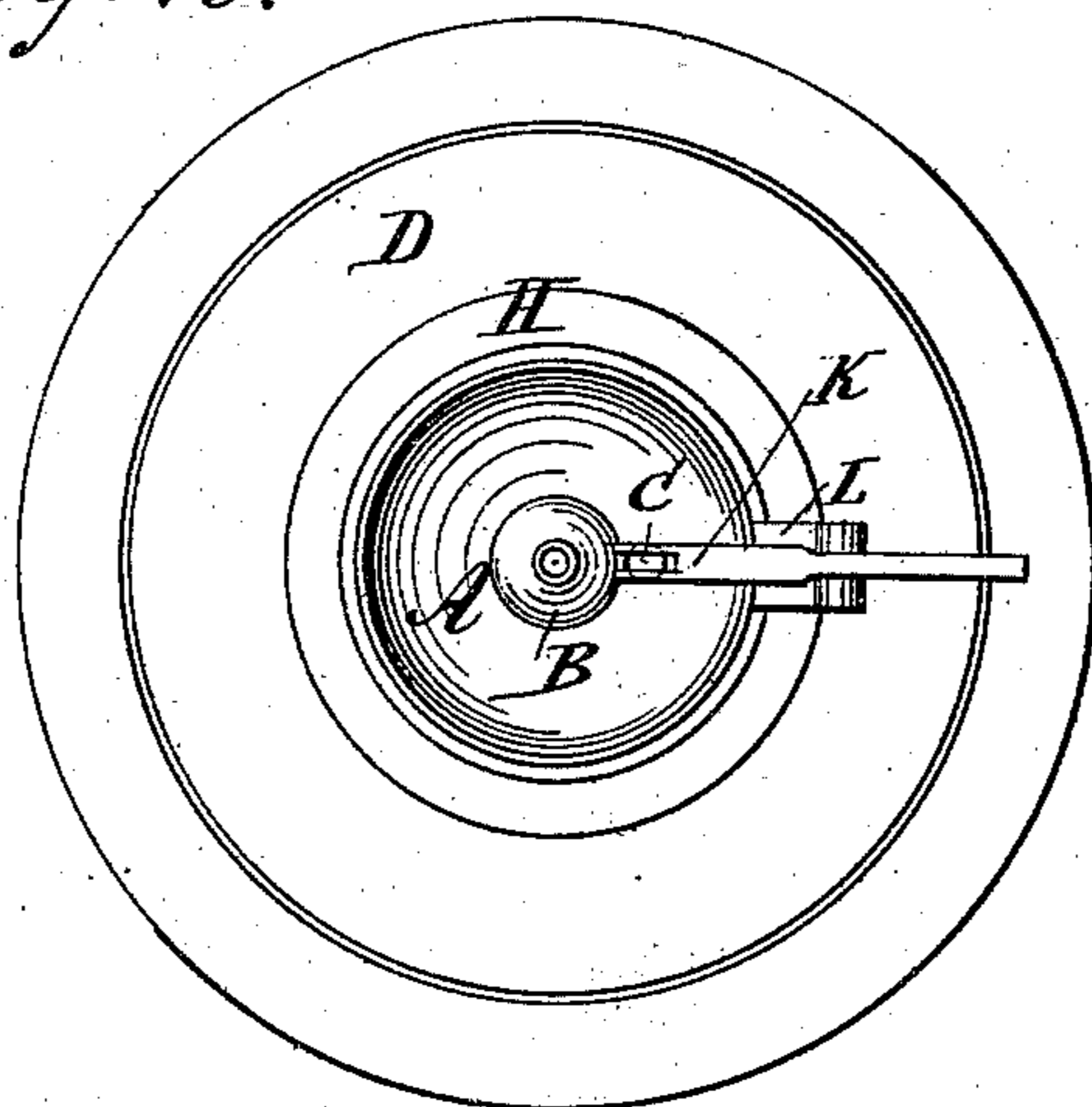


Fig: 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN R. BENNETT, of Nunda, Livingston county, State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Oil - Can

Top, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my invention is to provide a new and improved oil-can top, which is so constructed that the oil that drips from the spout is returned into the can and does not soil the

same. The invention consists of a valve - plug attached to a lever pivoted on the bottom plate of the spout, which plug closes a drip-hole in an annular drip-cup at the bottom of the spout when the said lever is depressed, so that if the lever is depressed when the can is inverted the oil cannot pass out of the drip-hole, but passes out through the end of the spout.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a cross-sectional elevation of an oil-can provided with my improvement, and Fig. 2 is a plan view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

An annular drip-cup, A, is fastened to the lower end of a spout, B, of an oil-can, and is provided with a drip-hole, C, which conducts the oil that drips down from the spout B into the oil-can D.

The drip-hole C can be closed by means of a weighted valve-plug, E, the lower end of which is provided with a stem, F, passing through an aperture in the end of a downwardly-projecting rectangular arm, G, attached to the under side of the bottom plate, H, of the spout B.

By means of a wire, J, the upper end of the valve-plug E is connected with one end of a lever, K, pivoted to an arm, L, fastened to the upper side of the bottom plate, H, of the spout. The other end of the lever K is bent down-

ward and curved, so as to afford a convenient rest for the finger. A spring, M, acting upon the lever K, assists in lowering the valve-plug as soon as said lever is released.

The operation is as follows: If the oil-can is in the position shown in Fig. 1, the oil in the annular drip-cup A will flow through the drip-hole C into the can D; but before the can is inverted, so as to let the oil flow out of the front end of the spout B, the outer end of the lever K must be depressed, whereby the upper end of the plug E is raised into the drip-hole C, effectually closing the same and preventing a flow of oil through the same.

The within - described mechanism works much more accurately and reliably than the self-closing valves of the drip-cups.

Having thus described my invention, I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. An oil-can top having an annular drip-cup provided with a drip-hole and a valve-plug operated by a lever pivoted to a suitable support on the said top, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In an oil-can top, the combination, with the arm L and the annular drip-cup A, provided with a drip-hole, C, of the valve-plug E, wire J, and lever K, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

3. In an oil-can top, the combination, with the valve-plug E, of the rectangular arm G, the wire J, lever K, spring M, the arm L, and annular drip-cup A, provided with a drip-hole, C, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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