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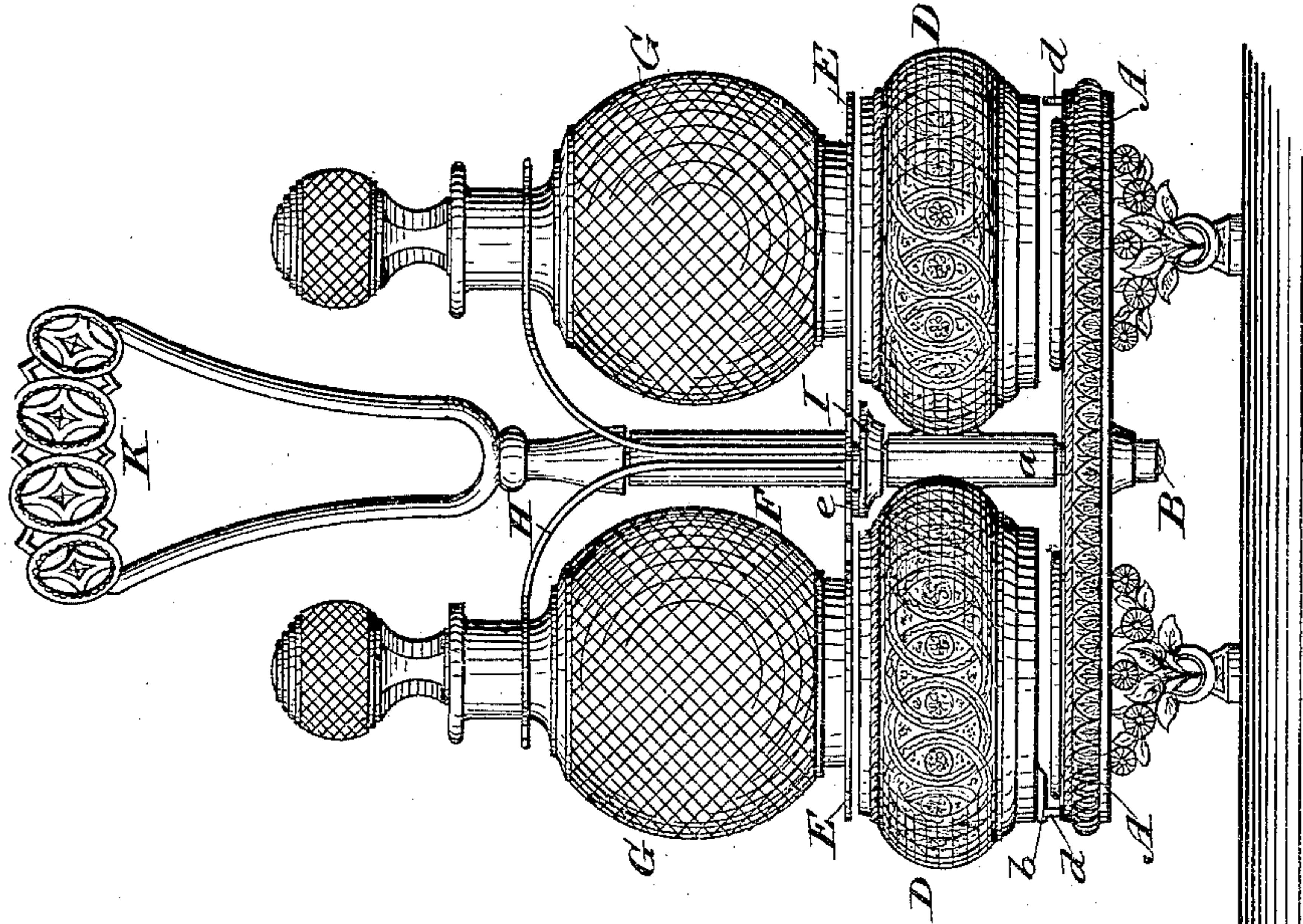
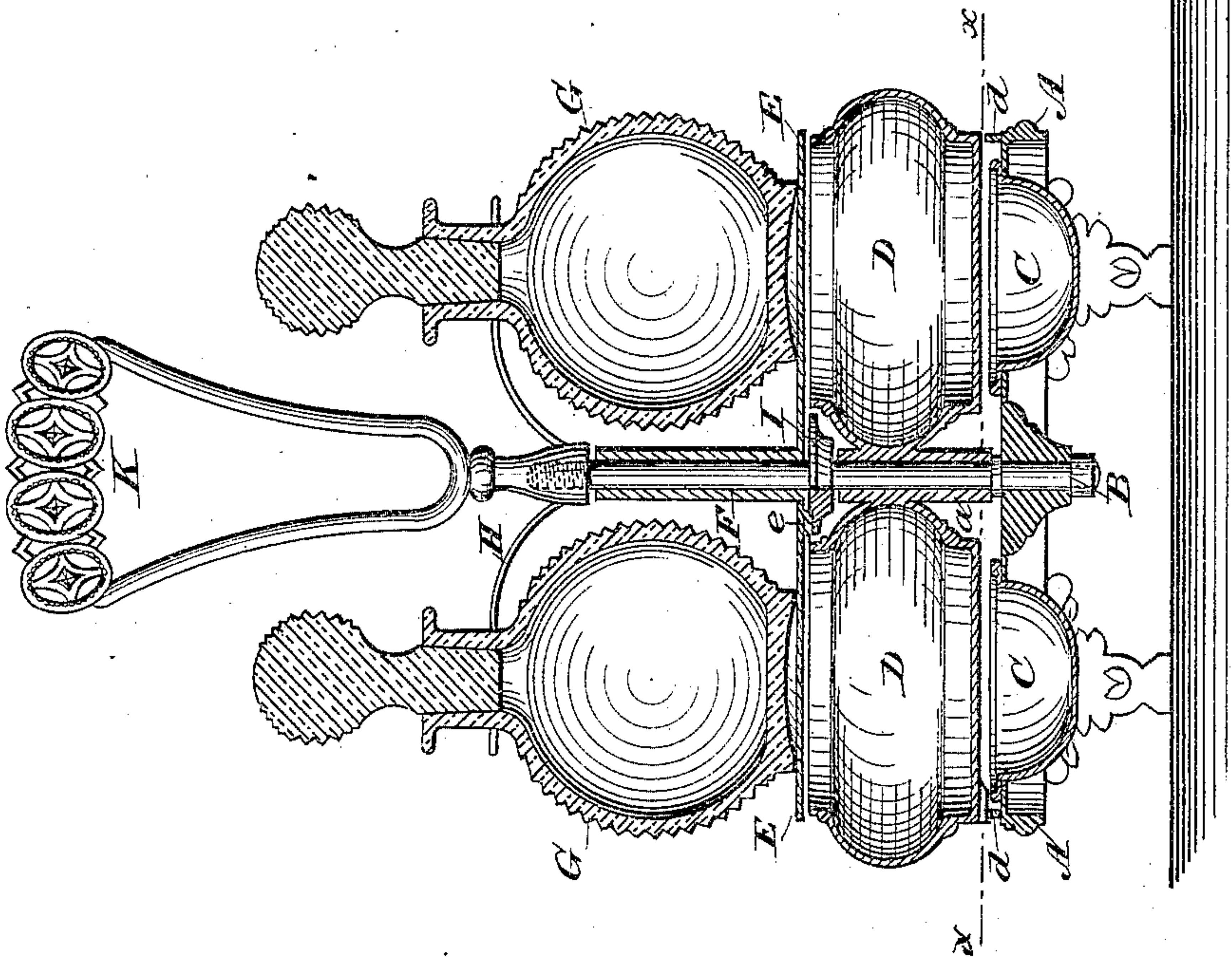


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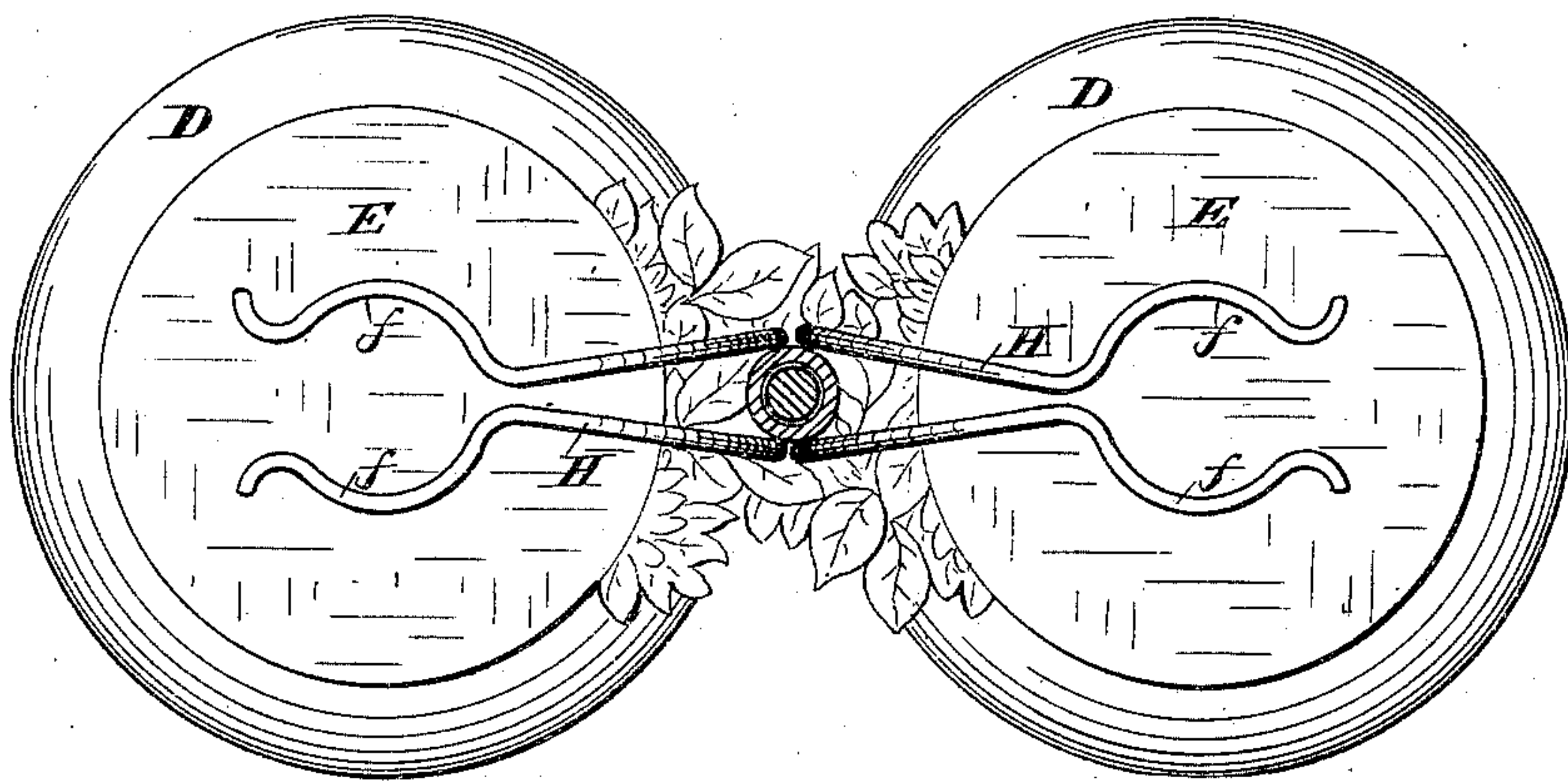


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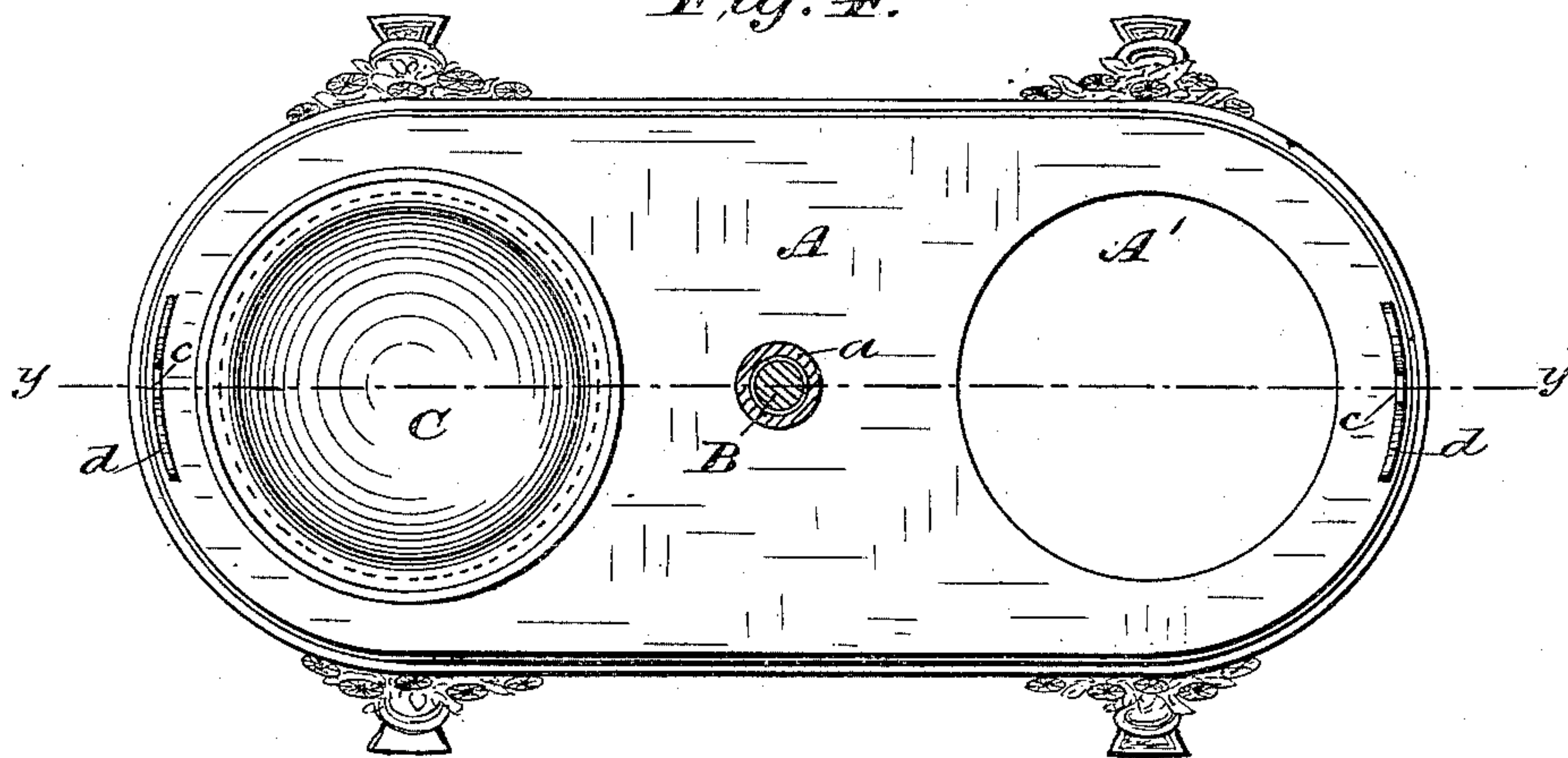
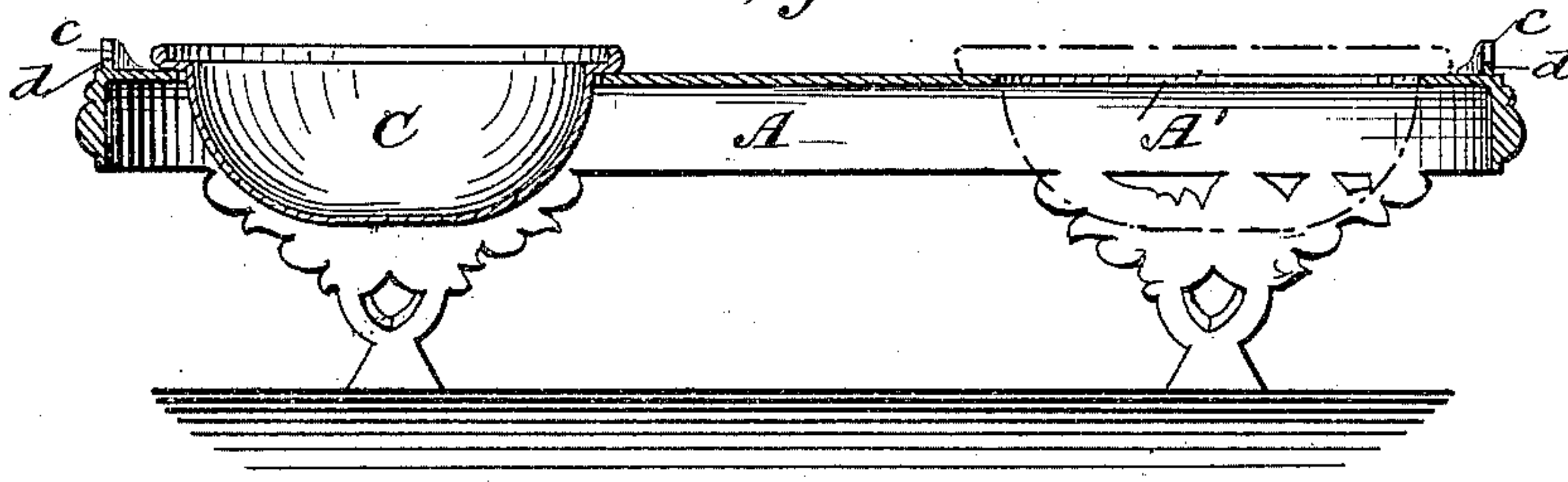


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, SETH WILLIAM BABBITT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Meriden, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Casters; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

My invention relates to improvements in casters, and is applicable to wine-casters, table-casters, &c.; and the object is to produce a caster that is simple in construction, and in which the various articles usually employed for toilet purposes are arranged in an easily-accessible, neat, and compact manner, and that can be conveniently and readily manipulated.

The invention consists in the manner of combining revolving boxes, cups, and bottle-holders with a caster-frame in such manner that any article contained in any of the receptacles is readily and conveniently accessible for use, and said receptacles are arranged in a very compact space.

It also consists in the construction of spring-wire holders open at one side, and by which the bottles are securely held by clamping around the necks of the bottles.

It further consists in certain details of construction, as will be more fully described hereinafter, reference being had to the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side view of my improved caster. Fig. 2 is a vertical cross-section of the same. Fig. 3 is a plan view of the caster with the handle and the bottles removed. Fig. 4 is a horizontal section on line *xx* of Fig. 2. Fig. 5 is a vertical cross-section on line *yy* of Fig. 4.

In the drawings, A is the base of the caster-frame, having suitable feet, and to it the upright or standard B is firmly secured. The base is provided at each side of the standard with a hole, A', for the reception of the flanged cups C, which are suspended therein, and are to be used for pomatum, cosmetics, or similar articles.

Immediately above the base A are arranged two boxes or receptacles, D, for powder, paint, or similar articles, and these boxes are at-

tached to a sleeve, *a*, so that they can be easily revolved around the upright B. The boxes (either one or both) are provided with a lug, *b*, that engages with a notch, *c*, in the projections *d*, having inclined faces and secured to the base A, and they serve to hold the boxes in their normal position. When it is desired to revolve the boxes D it is only necessary to slightly raise them, and thus the lug *b* is disengaged from the notch *c*. The bottoms of the boxes D serve as covers for the cups C when brought in line with them.

As close as allowable to the mouth of the boxes D is arranged a revolving table or platform, E, which is secured to a sleeve, F, so as to be easily revoluble on the standard B. Upon this table the bottle G, for perfumery, oils, or similar articles, are supported and held in place by a spring bottle-holder, H. This holder consists of a double wire of springy metal, and is curved upward and outward, and bent at its outer ends, *f*, (as best seen in Fig. 3,) so as to embrace and firmly clamp the necks of the bottles when they are placed in position on the table E. The necks of the bottles can be easily removed or replaced between the ends *f* of the holder H. The lower side of the table is provided with a lug, *e*, which engages, when brought in line, with a notch in the collar I, that is secured to the standard B, and serves to hold the table in position. By slightly raising the table the lug *e* is disengaged from the notch in the collar I, and can then be readily revolved.

The handle K is secured to the upper end of the standard B and serves to transport the caster from place to place, as desired.

When the caster is to be used as a table-caster the bottles may be filled with vinegar or oil, the boxes with sugar, &c., and the cups with pepper and salt.

It will be readily understood that I do not confine myself to casters, as described, as it can be used as a table-caster, wine-caster, or for any other purpose to which it is applicable; neither do I limit myself to the number of cups, boxes, or bottles, as more than two of each may be employed, if desired.

The various parts constituting the caster can be highly ornamented, and are not liable to get out of order, as they are very simple in construction. It can be easily manipulated,

and the various parts or articles contained in the cups, boxes, or bottles are readily accessible, and the ordinary covers for the boxes or cups are dispensed with, as the bottoms of the revolving boxes serve as the covers for the cups in the base and the revolving table serves as the cover for the boxes when in their normal position, or when they are brought in line with each other.

10 Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. In a caster, the cups C, suspended in the base A of the caster-frame, substantially as shown, and for the purpose specified.

2. In a caster, the boxes D, secured to a sleeve and revoluble on the standard B, and serving as a cover for the cups C, arranged substantially as and for the purpose described.

20 3. In a caster, the boxes D, secured to a sleeve revolving on the standard B, and provided with a lug, *b*, for engaging with a notched projection, *d*, on the base A, substantially as set forth.

25 4. In a caster, the boxes D, secured to a sleeve, F, revolving on the standard B, in combination with the suspended cups C in the base A, all arranged substantially as shown, and for the purpose set forth.

30 5. In a caster, the revolving platform E, for supporting the bottles, and provided with a lug, *e*, for engaging with a notch in the collar I on the standard B, substantially as specified.

35 6. In a caster, a spring-holder, H, open at its outer ends, and curved to securely hold the bottles by clamping around their necks, substantially as shown, and for the purpose described.

7. In a caster, the combination of the revolving boxes with the revolving platform for supporting the bottles, and serving as a cover for the boxes, substantially as specified. 40

8. In a caster, the combination of the suspended cups in the base A with the revolving boxes D and the revolving platform E, arranged substantially as shown, and for the purposes herein set forth. 45

9. In a caster, the revolving platform secured to a sleeve, F, in combination with the spring bottle-holder, arranged substantially as shown, and for the purpose specified. 50

10. In a caster, the revolving platform secured to a sleeve, F, and provided with means for holding it in position, in combination with the spring bottle-holder H, open at its outer ends, and serving to hold bottles by clamping around their necks, substantially as herein set forth. 55

11. In a caster, a revolving platform supporting the bottles, held and clamped by spring bottle-holders, in combination with the revolving boxes and the cups suspended in the base, substantially as shown, and for the purpose described. 60

12. A caster consisting of a base, A, standard B, cups C, revolving boxes D, and revolving table E, for supporting bottles G, held and clamped by spring bottle-holders H, and a handle, K, all arranged substantially as specified. 65

In testimony whereof I hereby affix my signature in presence of two witnesses. 70

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