

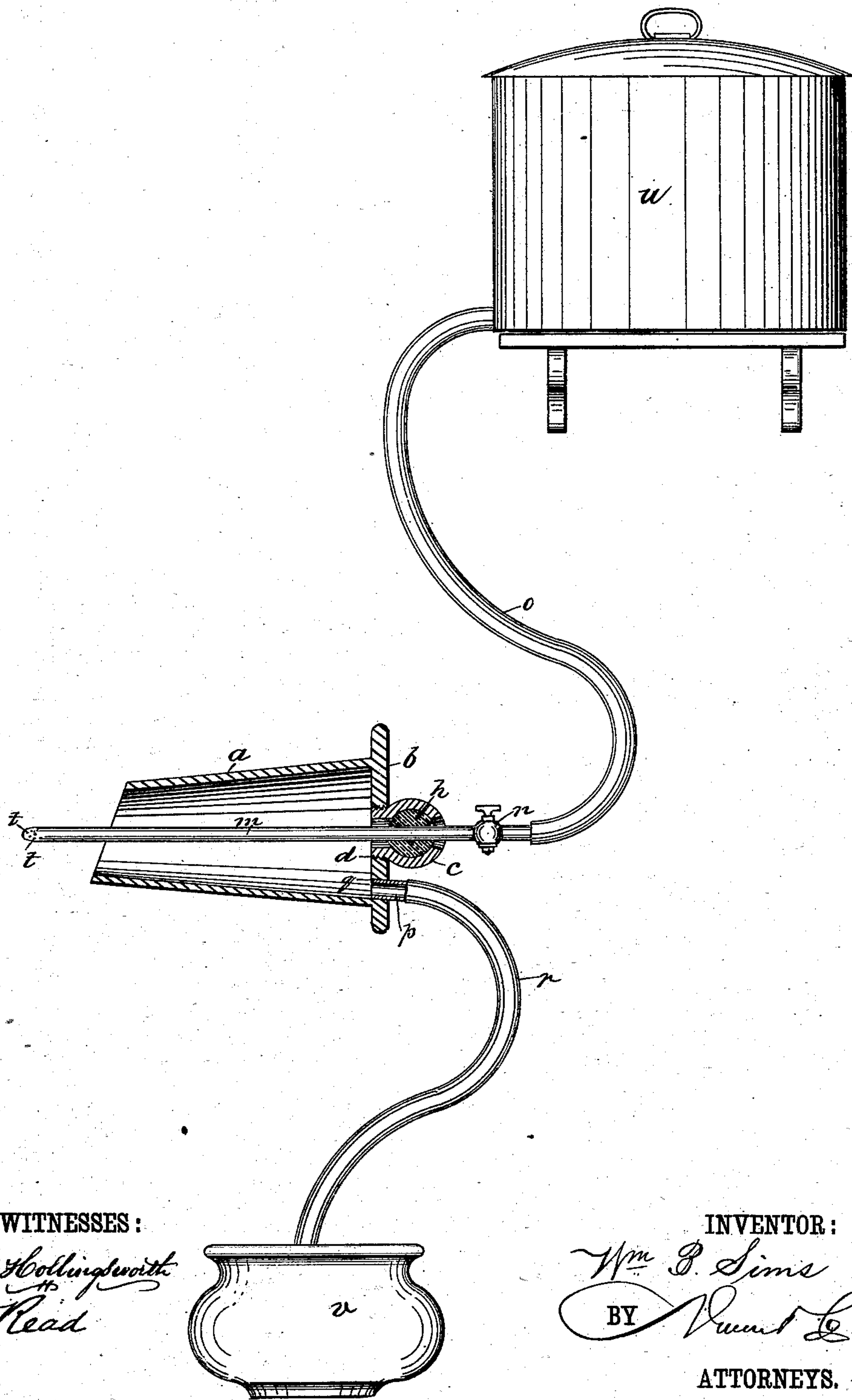
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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM B. SIMS, M. D., of St. Joseph, in the county of Champaign and State of Illinois, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Instruments for Washing the Vagina, Womb, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, in which the figure is a view of my improved apparatus, with the vaginal tube in section.

My invention relates to improvements in instruments for washing the vagina, womb, &c.; and it consists in the peculiar construction and arrangement of the parts, as hereinafter more fully set forth, and pointed out in the claim.

In the accompanying drawing, A represents a tube, tapering inwardly, adapted to be inserted in the vagina, and preferably made of hard rubber, and provided with a cap or cover, *b*.

*c* represents a hollow spherical socket, provided with an exteriorly-threaded neck, adapted to be screwed into a threaded orifice, *d*, in the cover *b*.

*h* represents a ball, preferably made of soft rubber, fitting into the socket *c*, and adapted to turn therein.

*m* represents a tube passing diametrically through the ball *h* and into the vaginal tube *a*, and provided near its lower end with a series of perforations, *t t*, for the passage of water into the vagina, and near its outer end, beyond the cap or cover *b*, with a stop-cock, *n*, for a purpose hereinafter explained. By this construction it will be seen that the tube *m* can be inserted into or withdrawn from the vaginal tube *a*, or is longitudinally adjustable therein, as desired, to suit any depth of vagina, and that the tube *m*, in consequence of its ball-and-socket or universal-joint connection with the cover of the vaginal tube *a*, may have a rotary motion imparted to it by the opera-

tor, as desired, to throw the water upon all the different parts of the vagina or other part operated upon by the instrument. The upper end of the small tube *m* is connected by a rubber tube, *o*, with a vessel or receptacle, *u*, containing water.

*p* represents a short waste or drain tube passing through an orifice, *q*, near the lower end of the cover *b* of the vaginal tube *a*. To the outer end of the short tube *p* is secured a rubber tube, *r*, leading the water off into a slop-vessel, *v*.

In practice, to apply the instrument to cleanse the vagina, womb, or other parts the vaginal tube is inserted into the vagina with the drain-pipe down, and the tube *m* connected by its rubber pipe *o* with a vessel containing water, the patient lying in bed with the hips elevated and the water-vessel *u* elevated above the patient. The stop-cock is then turned and the water is conducted by gravity into the vagina, and the tube *m* is turned so as to thoroughly wash all parts thereof. The water thence passes out of the vaginal tube through the drain-pipe *p*, all the escaping water from the vagina being collected by the vaginal tube, and thence through the rubber pipe *r* into the slop-vessel *v*.

By this instrument the fluid is gathered in the main vaginal tube or chamber and conducted off by the drain-pipe into a slop-vessel, everything remaining dry and comfortable.

The instrument can be employed for treating diseases of the rectum and deep abscesses.

What I claim as my invention is—

The combination, with a vaginal tube, *a*, of a ball-and-socket joint, *h c*, secured to the cover of said tube, and an adjustable delivery-tube, *m*, passing through the ball-and-socket joint, substantially as described, and for the purpose set forth.

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