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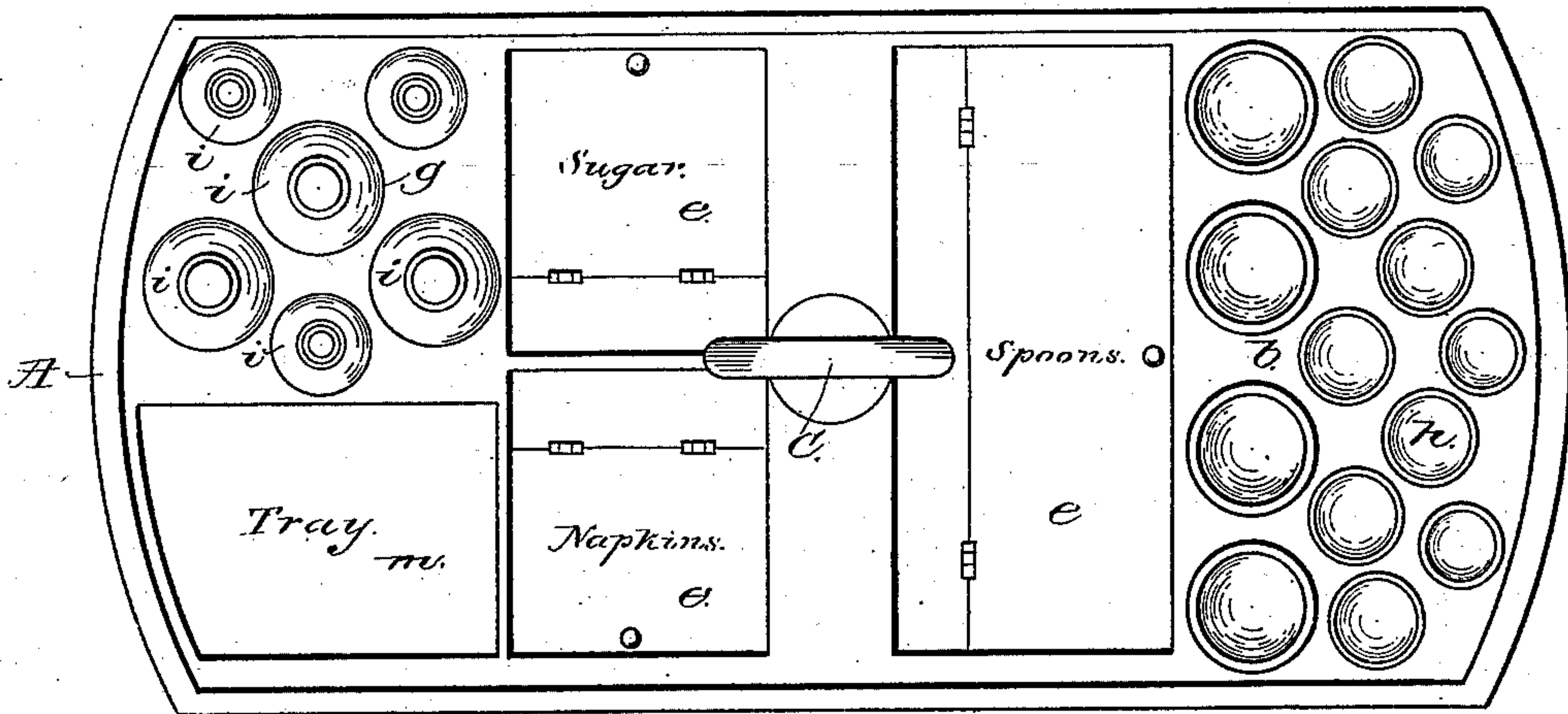


Fig. 1.

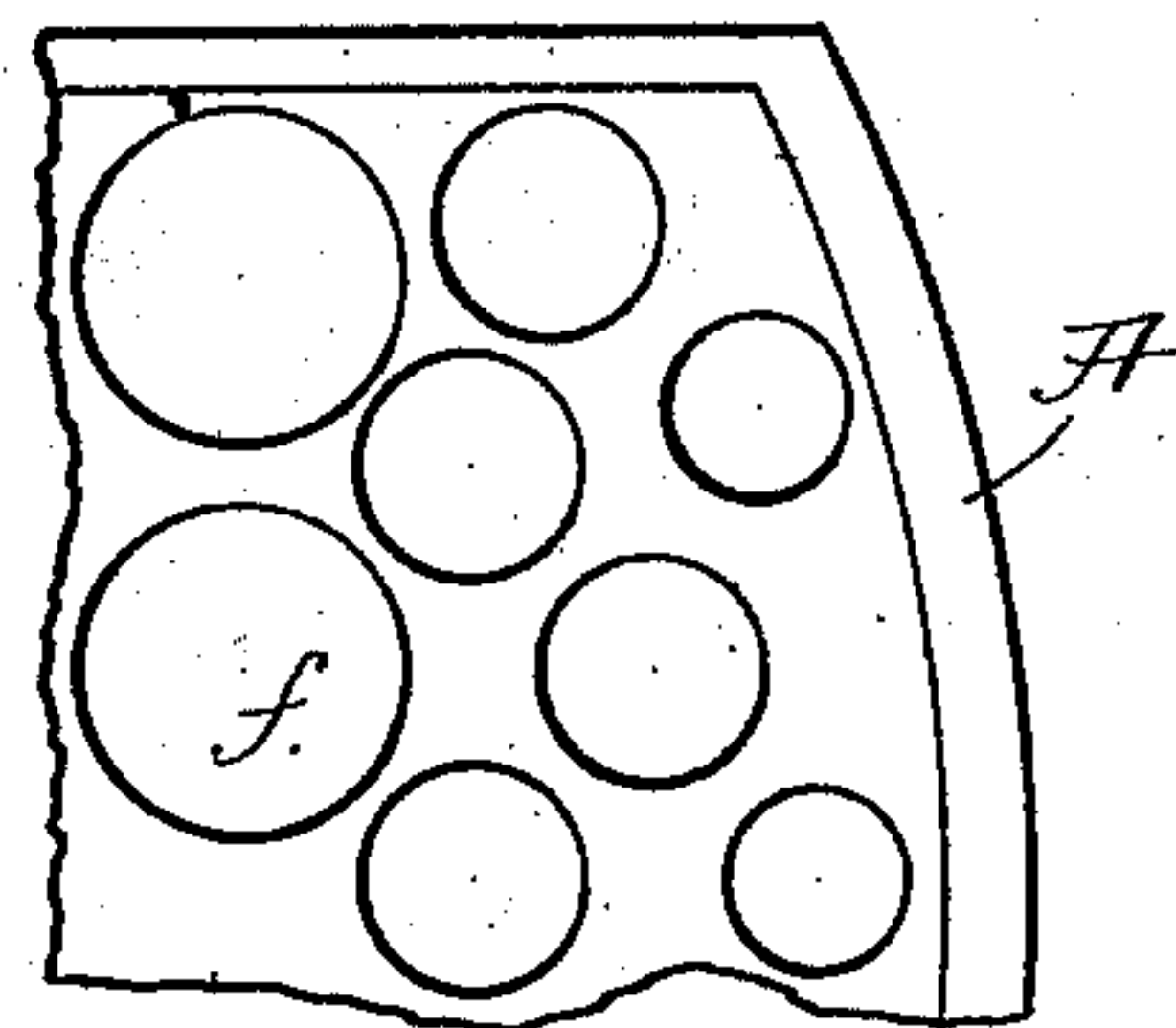


Fig. 3.

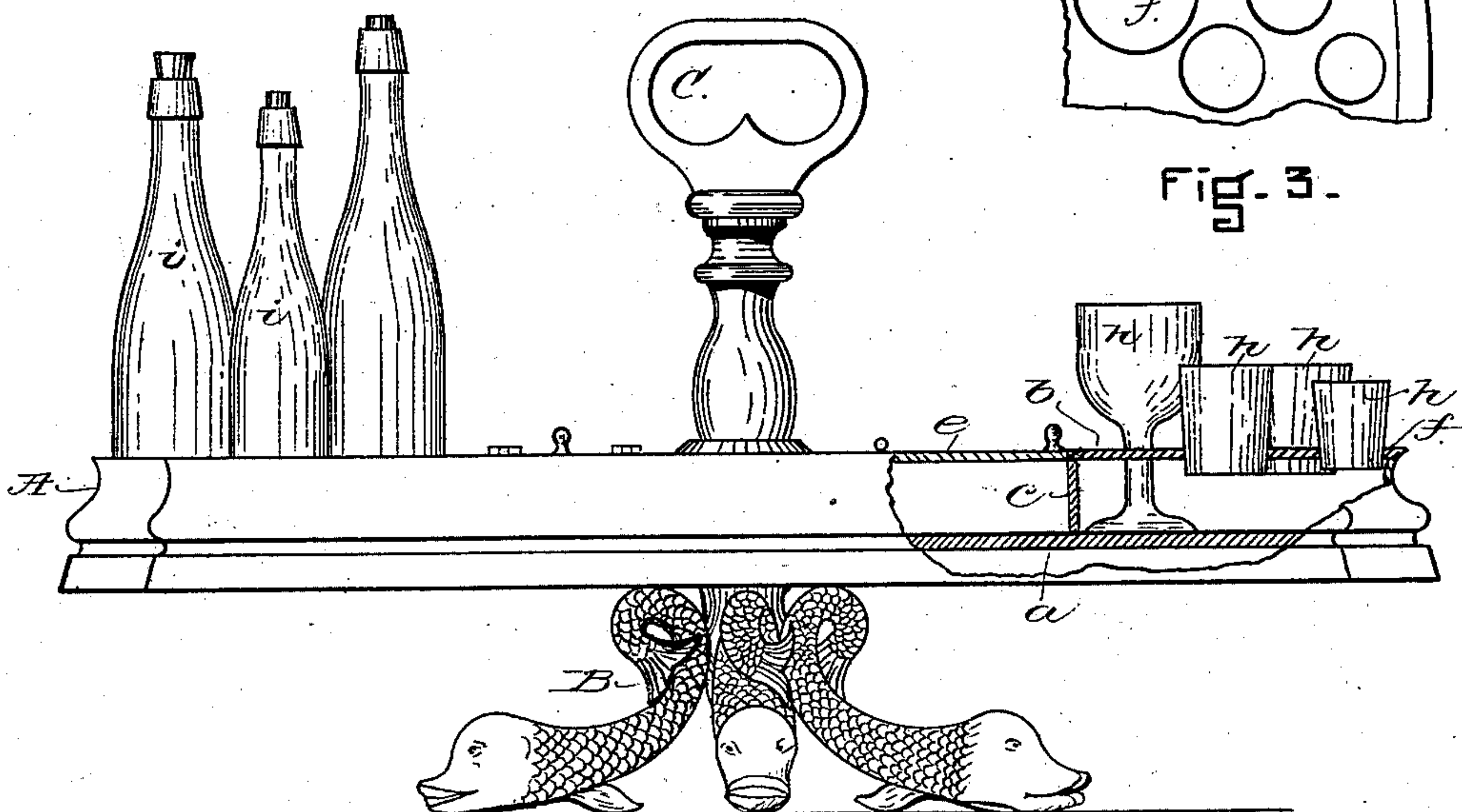


Fig. 2

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## WAITER OR TRAY.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE D. BURTON, of New Ipswich, county of Hillsborough, State of New Hampshire, have invented an Improvement in a Waiter or Tray, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification, like letters on the drawings representing like parts.

My invention, relating to a waiter or tray, has for its object to produce a compact and convenient implement for conveying glasses, bottles, decanters, and all the articles necessary for mixing and serving beverages. The waiter has a double bottom, with a sufficient space between the two bottoms for a number of different receptacles, which may be used for spoons, napkins, sugar, or other articles, and the upper bottom has a series of openings to receive the glasses or decanters, holding them steadily, so that they are not likely to fall off and be broken or their contents spilled.

Figure 1 is a plan view of a waiter embodying this invention furnished with glasses and bottles; Fig. 2, a side elevation thereof, partly in section; and Fig. 3, a partial plan view with the glasses removed.

The waiter A (shown as supported on an ornamental foot or stand, B, and provided with a handle, C) has a horizontal portion or main bottom, *a*, and a secondary or false-bottom, *b*, inclosing a space or chamber between them, which is divided by partitions *c* into sev-

eral receptacles having covers *e*, which may be labeled, as shown in Fig. 1, to indicate the contents of the said receptacles, they containing spoons, napkins, and sugar, or other articles which are likely to be needed. The secondary or false bottom *b* is provided with a series of openings, *f* and *g*, the former to receive the glasses *h*, occupying the whole of one end of the waiter, and the latter to receive the bottles or decanters *i*, occupying a portion of the other end of the waiter, which is also provided with a tray, *m*, in which the glass may be placed while the liquors are being poured out and mixed, the said tray receiving any liquor which may be spilled, so that the remainder of the waiter is always kept clean.

I claim—

As an improved article of manufacture, a waiter having a main and secondary bottom inclosing a space between them, a series of independent receptacles in the said space to hold different articles, the upper or secondary bottom having a series of openings to receive and steady glasses and decanters or bottles, as and for the purpose described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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