

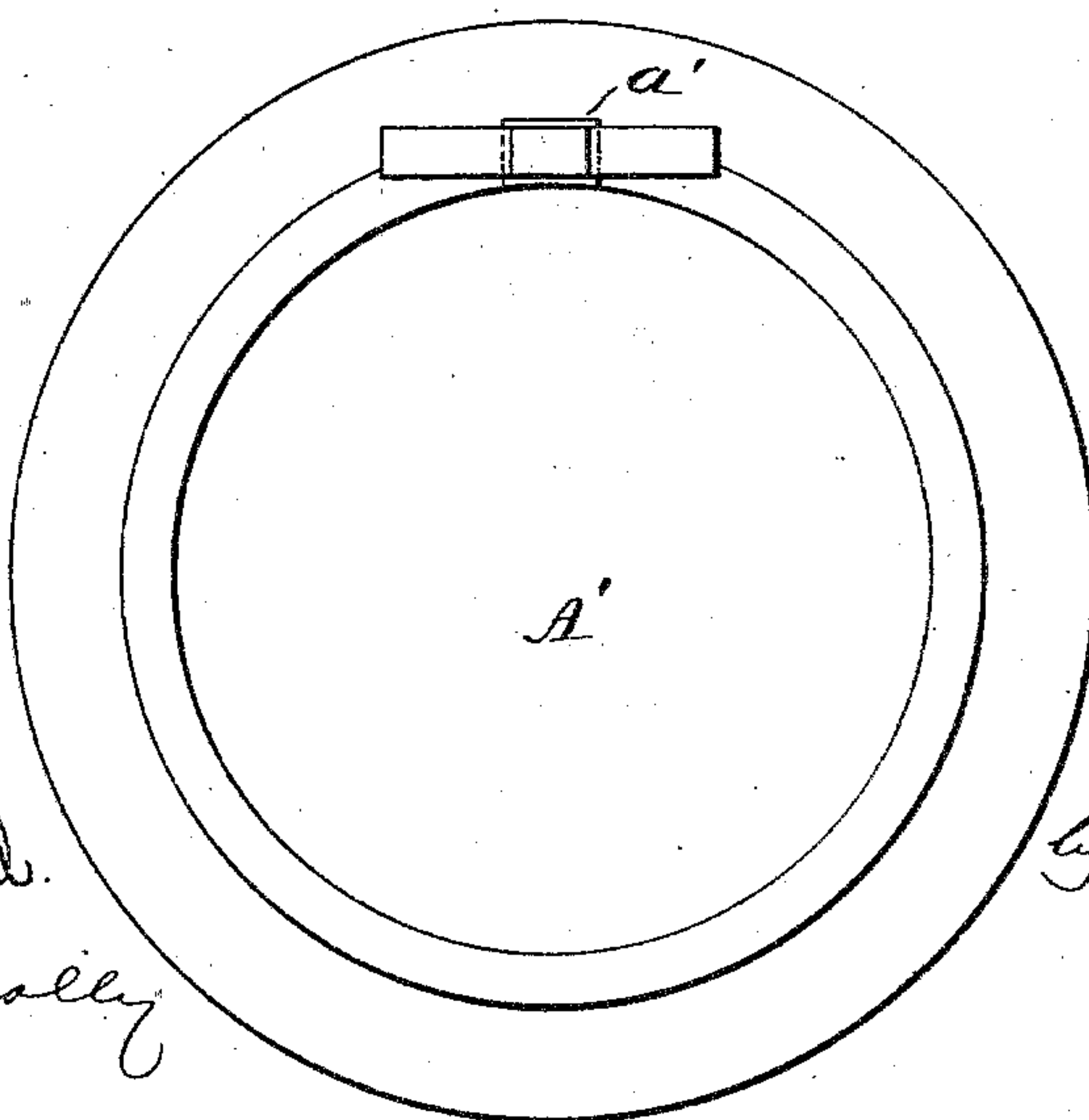
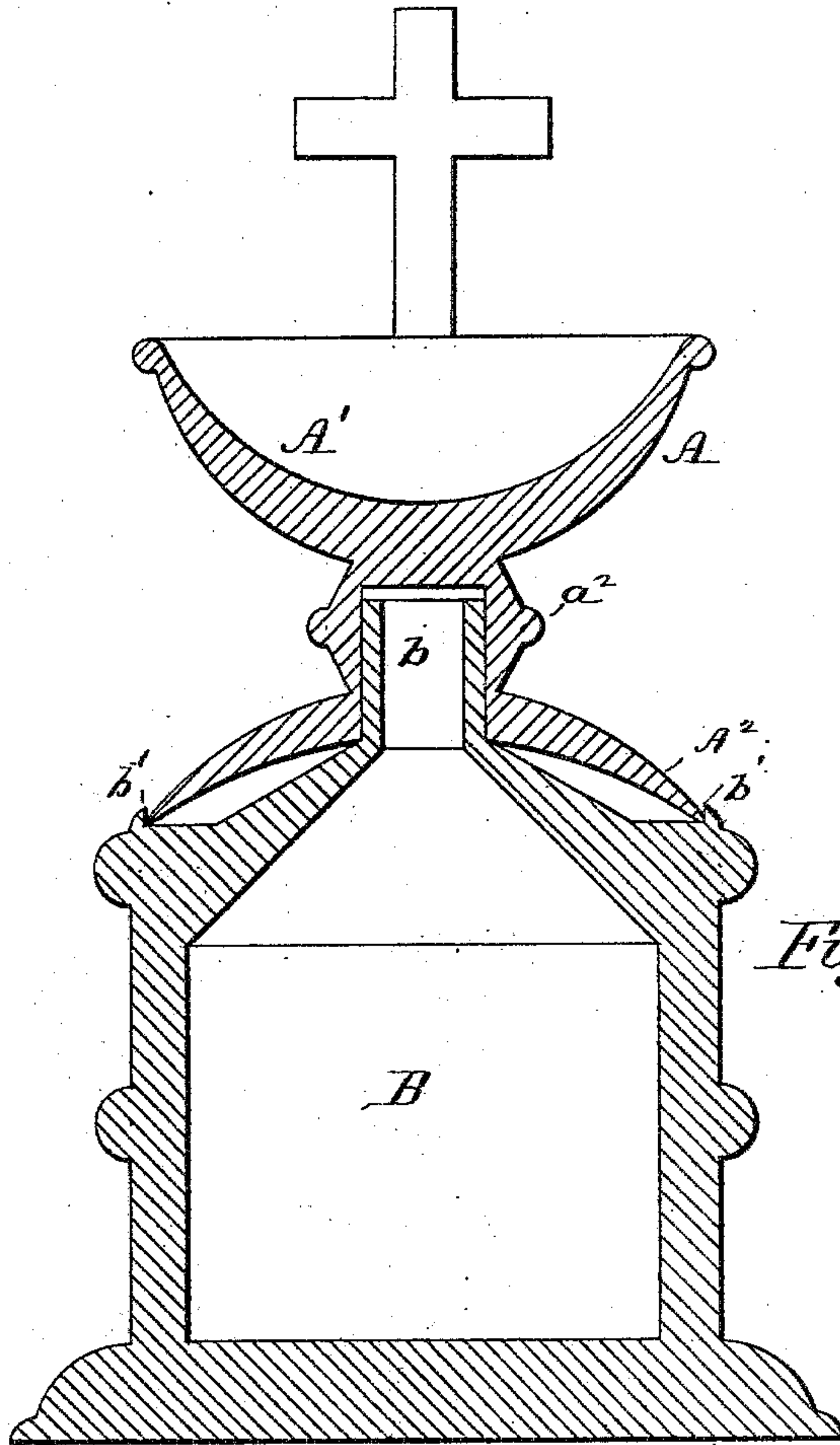
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*Fig. 2*

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, FRANCIS MALLOY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Norristown, in the county of Montgomery and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a certain new and useful Improved Holy-Water Font made of Glass, Porcelain, or other Suitable Material; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a sectional view, and Fig. 2 is a top view, of my invention.

My invention has for its object to supply a device which shall be at once a dipping-font for holy water and a reservoir therefor, said reservoir forming the pedestal for the font.

My invention consists of a holy-water font provided with a pedestal in the form of a bottle, the neck of which is concealed and covered by the foot or stem of the font, substantially as hereinafter set forth.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, A indicates the font proper, which consists of a vessel, A', of cup shape or approximate form suitable for holding holy water, and for permitting fingers to be dipped therein, said font being made of glass, china, or other suitable material, according to any of the usual and well-known methods of manufacture. The configuration of the vessel may be varied to suit different devotional tasks, and the edge of the vessel should have a projection or lug, a', to form a support for a cross, the figure of an angel, or other religious symbol. Said vessel A' has a stem, a<sup>2</sup>, terminating in a broad foot or flange, A<sup>2</sup>, said stem and foot having a central vertical socket, as shown, for the reception of the neck b of a bottle, B. Said bottle may be of any appropriate shape; but is

preferably of such form and dimensions as will make it a symmetrical pedestal for the font A. Its breast is provided with an annular flange, b', within which the outer edge of the foot A<sup>2</sup> snugly fits, so as to make a tight or nearly tight joint. This prevents the font from being easily tipped over on its support, and also prevents evaporation from the bottle or reservoir.

When the font is mounted on the reservoir, the neck and breast of the latter being concealed, its semblance to a bottle is visually nullified, so that devotional sentiment is not impaired or distracted by vulgar association of ideas.

The device is intended to stand upon a table, bureau, or other piece of furniture or fixture, so as to permit the holy water in the font to be readily dipped. When the font requires replenishing, it is lifted off the pedestal and a fresh supply poured out from the bottle. When the font is lifted off the bottle, as suggested, it will stand upon its foot, or it may be held in the hand.

What I claim as my invention is—

1. The device herein described, consisting of a vessel, A, with socketed stem and foot, and a bottle-shaped reservoir, B, substantially as shown and described.

2. The combination, with dipping-vessel A', having stem a and foot or flange A<sup>2</sup>, said stem and foot having a socket, of reservoir or bottle B, having neck b and annular breast-flange b', substantially as shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing I have hereunto set my hand this 12th day of September, 1883.

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