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BEER COOLER.

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Fig. 1.

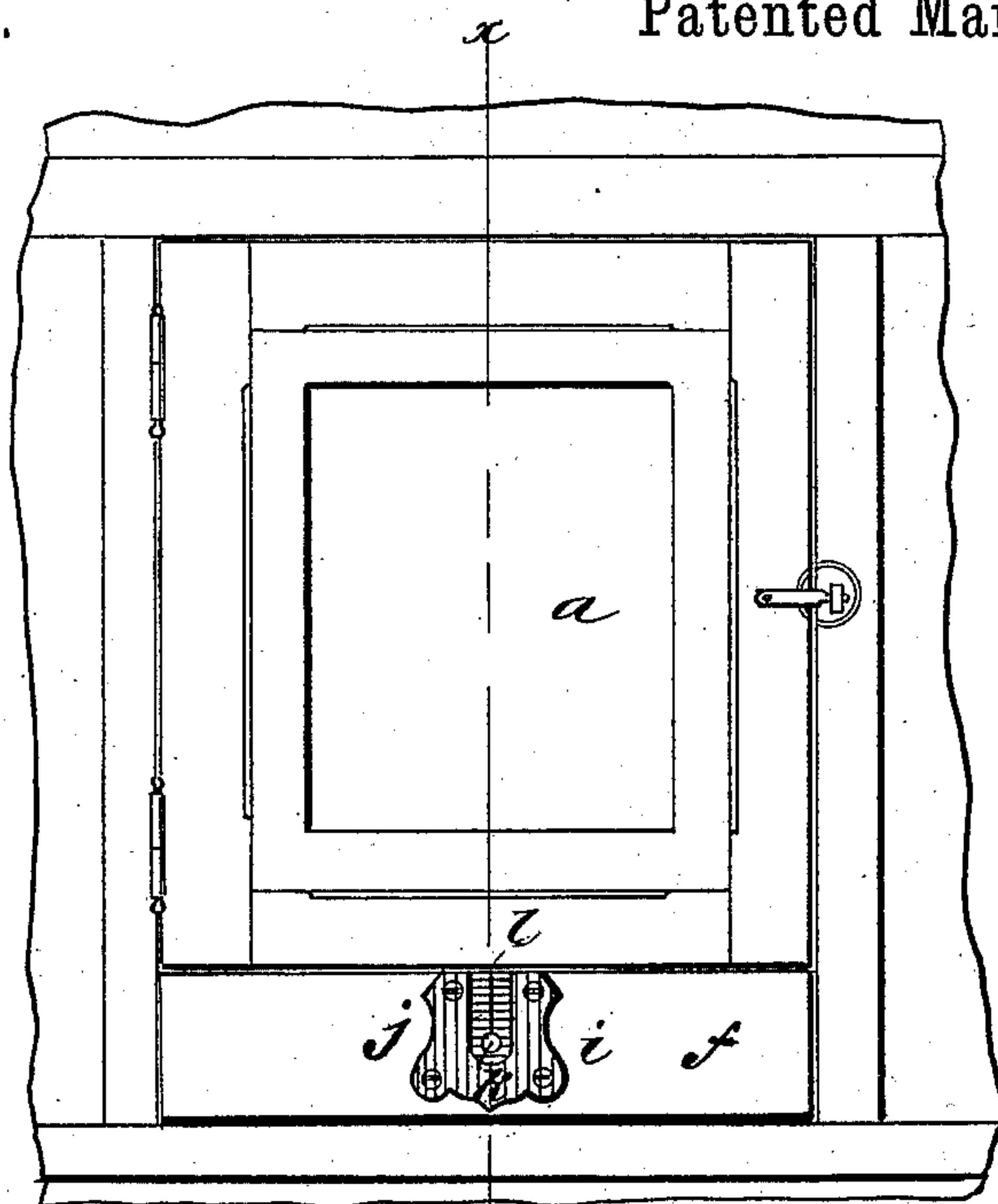


Fig. 2.

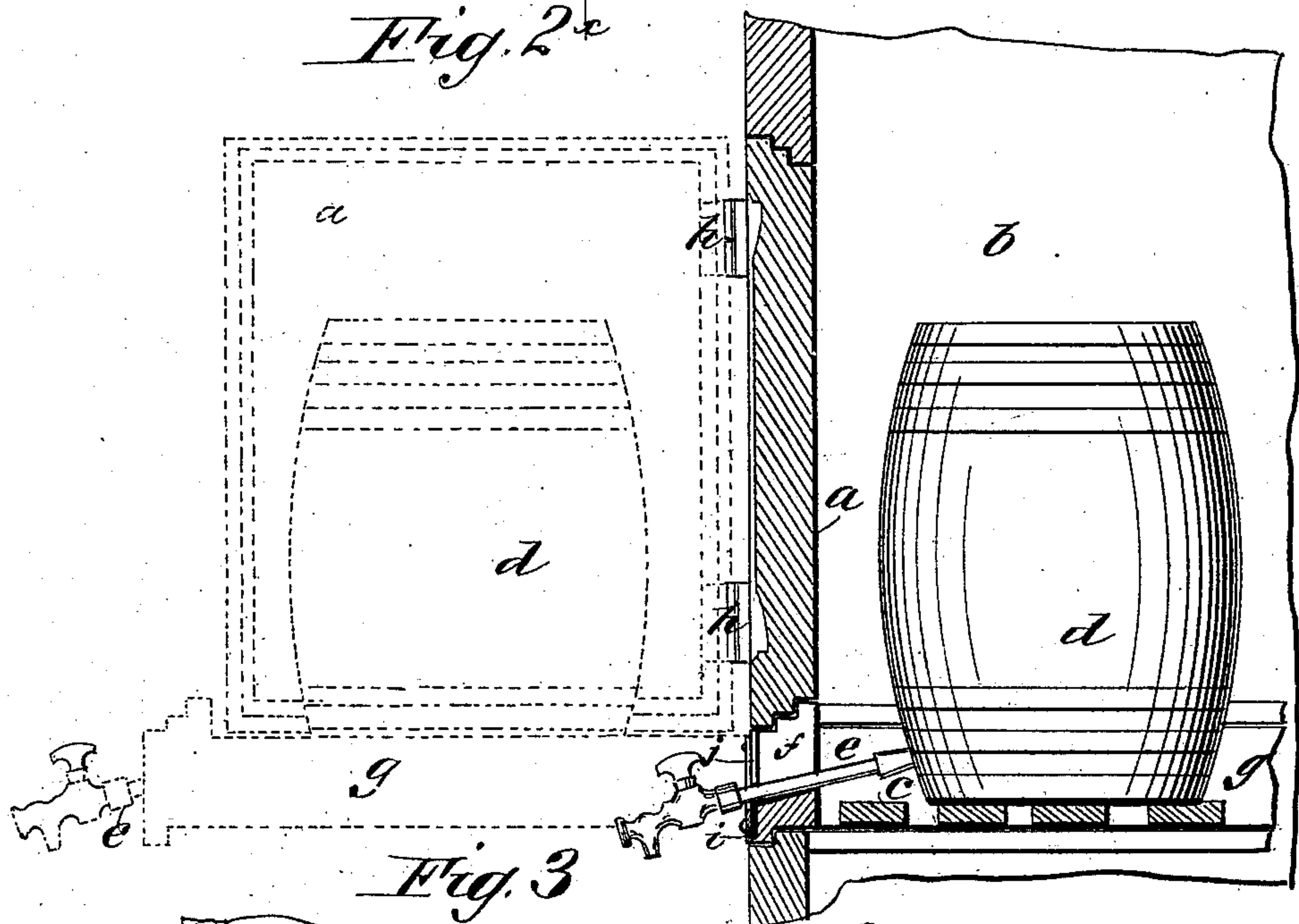
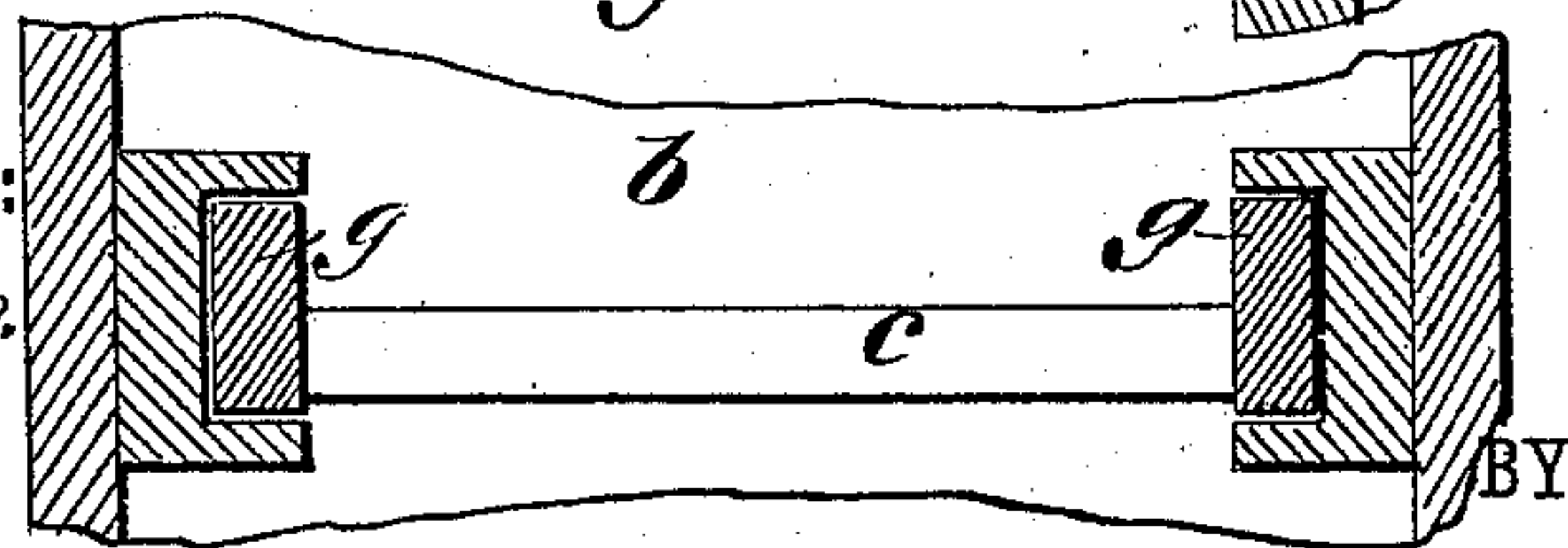


Fig. 3.

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BEER-COOLER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES L. KRUM, of Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and Improved Beer-Cooler, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

My invention relates to beer-cooling and refrigerating rooms used for drawing beer and liquors from kegs or barrels on tap.

10 In beer-coolers as ordinarily made the kegs or barrels rest on slides or stationary racks in such manner that it becomes necessary to lift off the doors to clear the faucet for opening the doors to draw out the slide to receive or
15 remove the package.

My invention consists of a false rail or front attached to and forming part of the slide and containing the tap-hole for the faucet, with a plate and closer for the tap-hole, permitting
20 the door to be opened on its hinges, all as hereinafter fully described.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

25 Figure 1 is a front elevation of a beer-cooler constructed according to my invention. Fig. 2 is a sectional elevation of the same, on line *x x*, Fig. 1, with dotted lines showing the slide drawn out with the keg on it, the dotted lines also showing the door as swung open on its hinges; and Fig. 3, a transverse section of the rack and slides.

35 Instead of extending the door *a* to the refrigerator or cooling-room *b* to the bottom of the opening below the rack *c*, on which the kegs or barrels stand, so that the faucet *e* prevents the opening of the door by swinging it on its hinges, and making it necessary to lift
40 the door off, I make the door to terminate above the rack, and attach the rail *f* to the slides *g* of the rack, said rail being the lower portion of the door and closing that part of the opening out of which the rack *c* and its slides
45 *g* draw, and allowing the door proper, *a*, to open and close on its hinges *h*.

To provide for the faucet *e*, I make a notch

in rail *f*, over the front of which I attach a metal plate, *i*, also having a notch for the faucet, and to this plate I apply a narrow sheet, 50
j, of rubber or other flexible material, having a hole, *k*, for the faucet, and being slitted at *l* from the top down to the hole, to allow the faucet to be passed into and out of the hole while being attached to or removed from the
55 barrel, and to close around the faucet when the keg has been shoved back into the cooler, to prevent the passage of air.

I may, if preferred, attach the rail *f* to the casing, below the opening for the rack, by
60 hinging it thereto, so as to swing down and up, by which it will open and close on the faucet above the same, as when attached to the rack-slides, permitting the rack to be drawn out with the door hung on hinges, and I do
65 not limit myself to the attachment of said rail to said slide, and said rail may also be otherwise arranged so that it may close on the faucet, and the door may be arranged to open and close on its hinges to either side.

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

1. The false rail or front *f*, containing a tap or faucet hole, in combination with the beer-cooler and its door *a*, to enable the door to
75 open on its hinges, and to open and close the way for the sliding rack with the keg thereon, and having the faucet in it, substantially as described.

2. The combination of the false rail *f*, containing the tap or faucet hole or notch, with the slides *g* and rack *c*, and forming part of the same, to be drawn out with the slides, substantially as described.

3. The front rail, *f*, having the notch for the
85 faucet *e*, notched plate *i*, and the slitted rubber packing *j*, in combination with the rack *c* and slides *g* of a beer-cooler, substantially as described.

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