

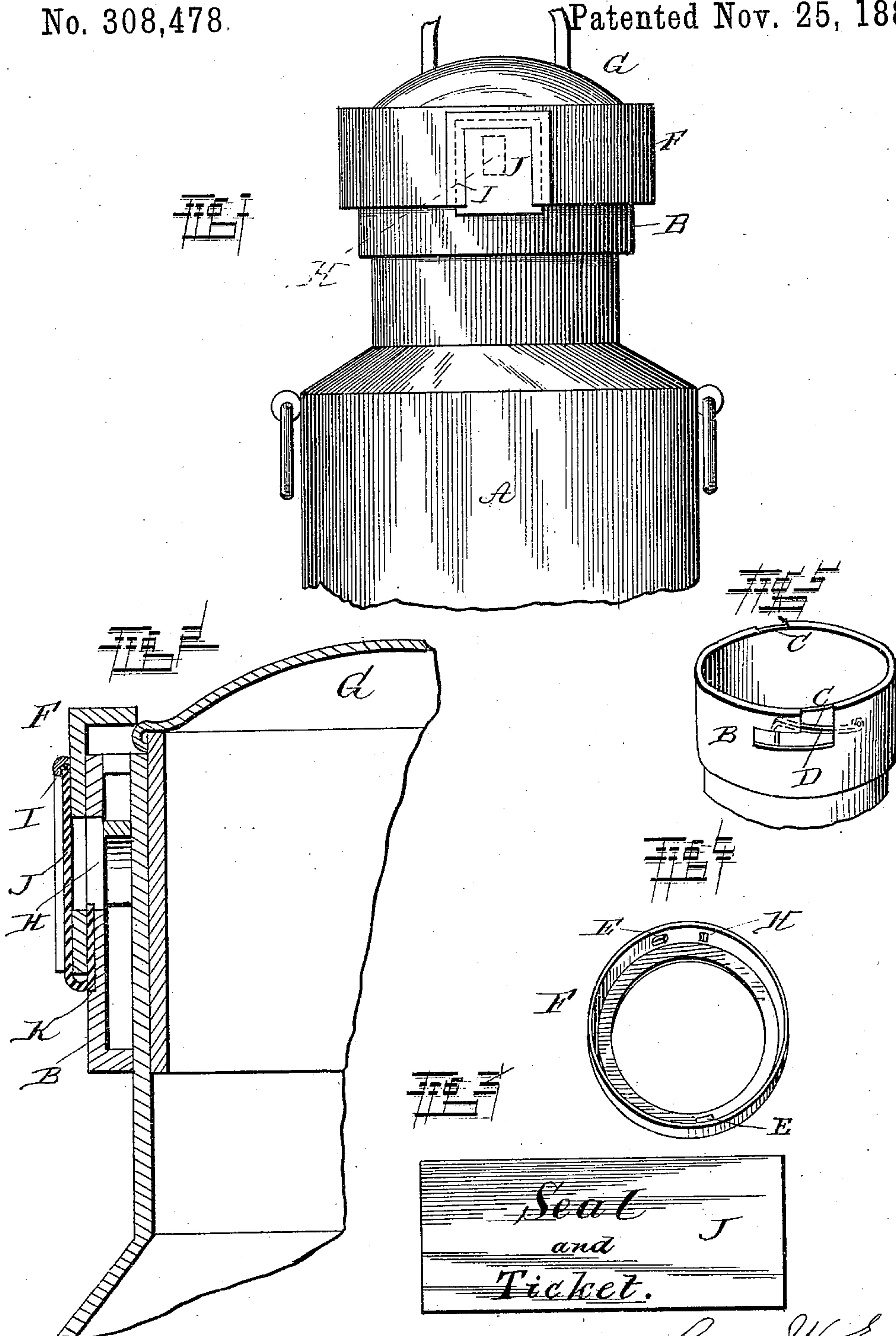
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## SEAL AND RAILROAD-TICKET FOR MILK-CANS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEORGE W. EVANS, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Combined Seal and Railroad-Ticket for Milk-Vessels; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the upper portion of a milk-can provided with my improved sealing device. Fig. 2 is a vertical sectional detail view showing the seal and its fastening. Fig. 3 is a view of the seal and ticket, and Figs. 4 and 5 are respectively a perspective view of the sealing-collar, seen from the inner side, and a similar view of the neck and flange of the can, showing the lock or catch slot and spring.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

My invention has relation to a combined seal and railway-ticket, and means for securing it to a milk-can; and it consists in the improved construction and combination of parts of a seal and fastening for the same, which is mentioned in my Patent No. 274,745, dated March 27, 1883, as hereinafter more fully described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings, the letter A indicates the body of the can, having the flange or collar B at its mouth, which collar has the L-shaped slots C and the locking-spring D, which slots are engaged by the lugs E upon the sealing-collar F, which retains the cover G, one of the said lugs being retained by the locking-spring, and all of which parts are described in the above-mentioned patent, and consequently need no further explanation. The sealing-collar has the key-hole H near the lug, which is retained by the locking-spring; and rectangular flanged ways I are formed above and at the sides of the said key-hole for

the reception and detention of the ticket and seal J, which is slid up with its edges under the said flanged ways, and has its lower end bent under the lower rim of the sealing-collar, where the said lower end is held clamped between the collar B of the neck of the can and the said sealing-collar, a recess, K, of a width corresponding to the width of the ticket being preferably made in the collar B. In this manner the ticket is retained over the key-hole when the sealing-collar is locked in place upon the neck of the can, and will prevent access to the key-hole excepting when broken or penetrated.

It will be seen that the seal, which has the ticket of transportation printed upon it, will be canceled when the can is to be opened, and that it at the same time will prevent any tampering with the contents of the can, and the ticket can only be used once, as it is necessary to destroy or cancel the ticket when the can is to be opened. The railway company or other transporter may in this manner issue the tickets, which will protect the shipper, while at the same time the transporting party will have the guarantee that the ticket will have to be destroyed before opening the can, and thus be canceled.

Having thus described my invention, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

In a milk-can, the combination of a sealing-collar provided with a key-hole, and with flanged ways or slides above and at the sides of the key-hole, with a ticket and seal having its lower portion bent and clamped under the lower edge of the sealing-collar and fitting with the edges of its upper portion under the flanged ways, as and for the purpose shown and set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereunto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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