

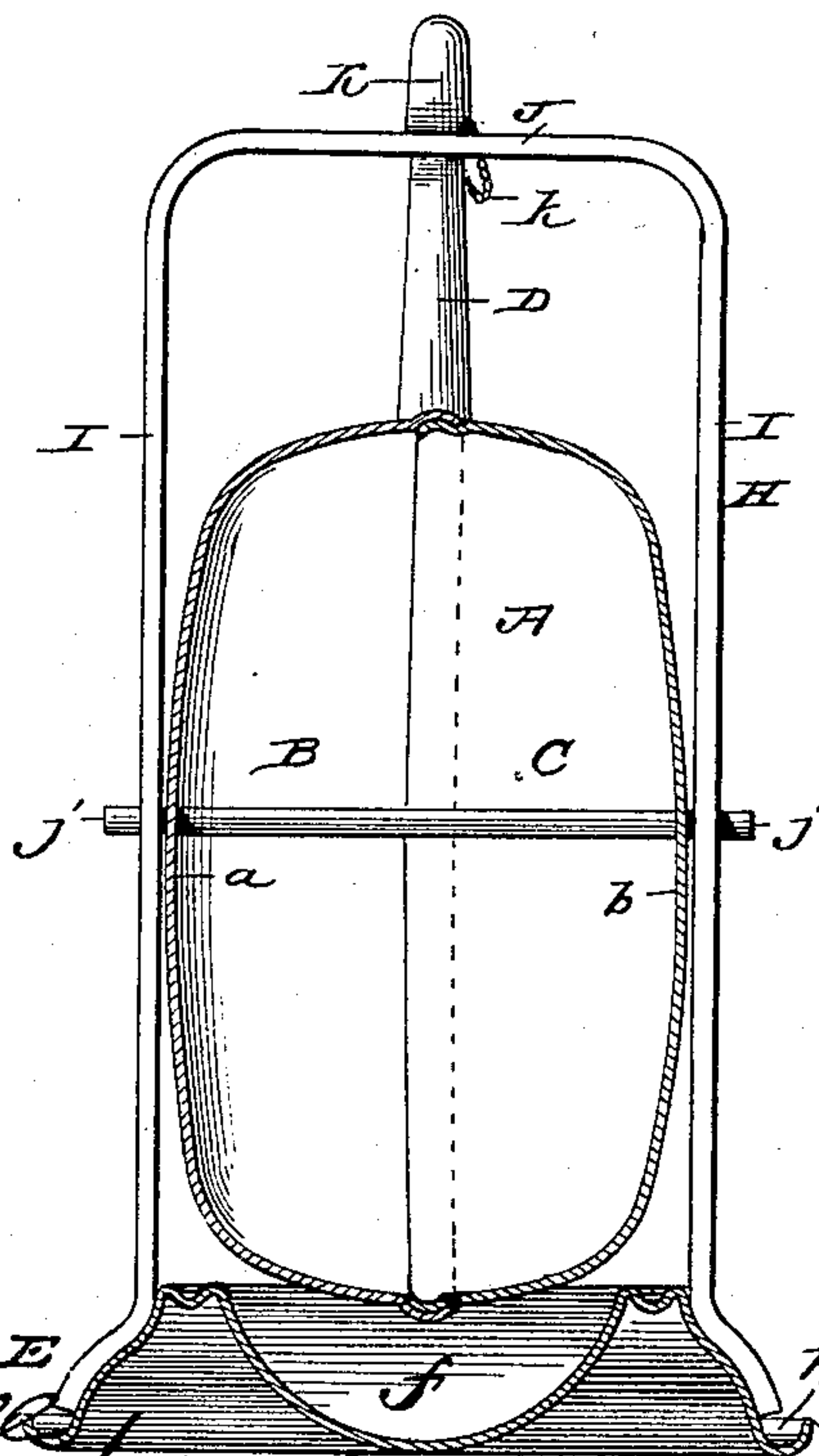
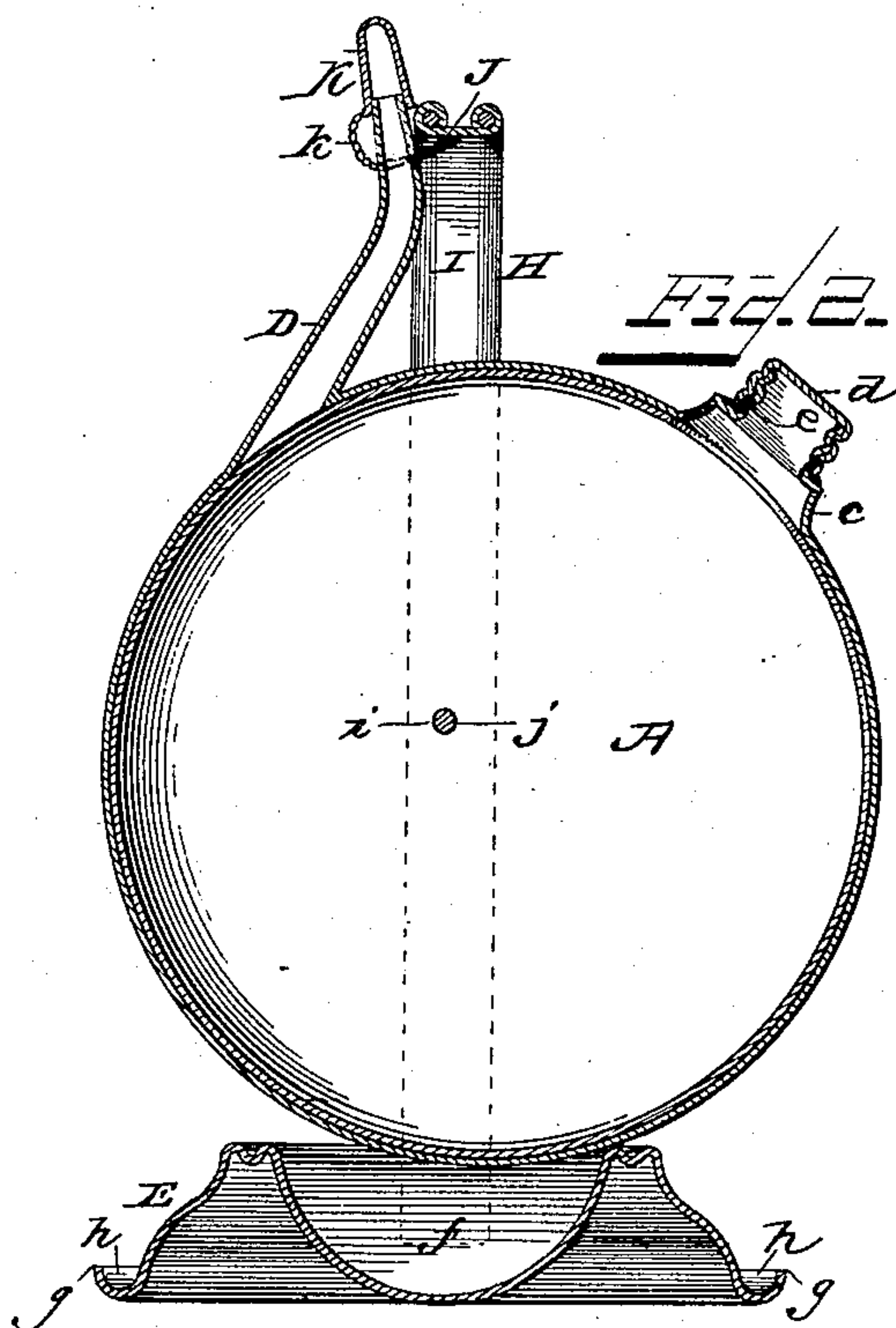
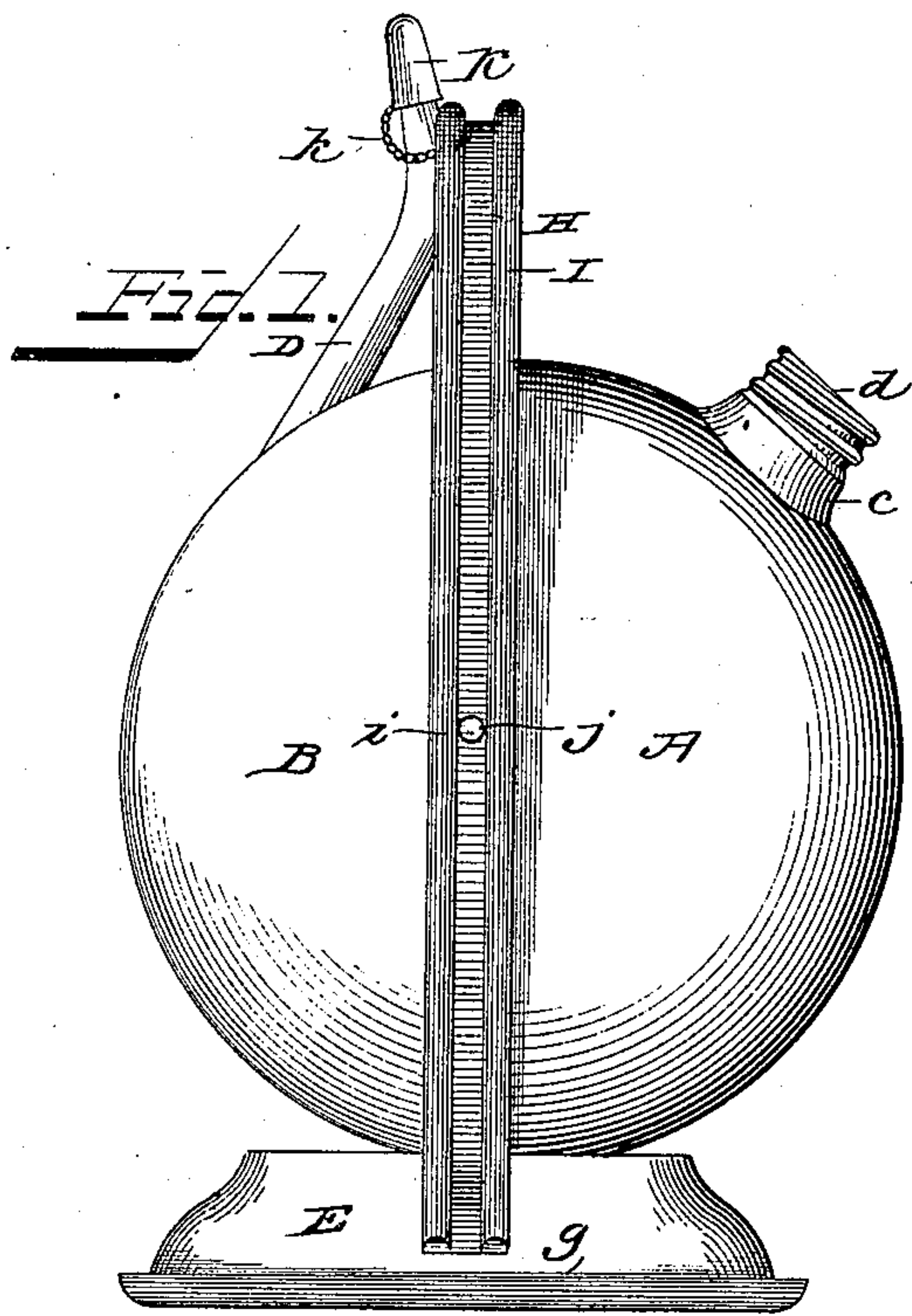
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## OIL-CAN.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GREGORY GERDOM, a citizen of the United States, residing at West Troy, in the county of Albany and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Oil-Cans, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to oil-cans; and it has for its object, first, to construct the can of but two sections, whereby material is saved and a can produced which possesses greater strength and durability than cans as ordinarily constructed; second, to provide the can with a support, to which it is adapted to be pivotally connected, and which will serve to hold the spout of the can in an upright or vertical position; third, to provide a base which will serve to catch any oil that may leak or escape from the can while pouring the oil from the same; and, fourth, to provide a can which shall be cheap and simple in its construction, thoroughly efficient, and one that will be neat and attractive in appearance, and from which the oil can be easily poured without handling the can.

With these ends in view the invention consists in the improved construction and combinations of parts hereinafter fully described, and pointed out in the claims.

In the drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of an oil-can constructed in accordance with my invention. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal vertical section of the same, and Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section on the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

In the accompanying drawings, in which like letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures, A represents the can, which is composed of two parts or sections, which are struck up, with their edges turned inwardly, so as to form, when placed together, a can substantially spherical in form, the difference existing in the fact that the opposites, *a b*, of the can are flattened. The edges of the two sections B C are lapped and secured together in any suitable manner, preferably, however, by soldering. Upon the can A is provided an opening formed by recessing the sections B C at their meeting edges, and extending upwardly from the sides of the

said opening is a threaded collar or flange, *c*, adapted to fit which is a cap, *d*. The flange *c* is provided with an opening, *e*, which, when the cap is raised to expose the same, serves as a vent-opening, thus obviating the necessity of entirely removing the cap to allow the oil to be poured from the can.

D represents a spout, which is secured over an opening in the can A, and which is of the usual construction.

E represents a base, which is depressed in its center, as at *f*, to form a drip-cup to receive or catch the oil that may leak from the can or run down the sides of the same. The said base is provided with an upturned edge, *g*, which forms a circumferential cup, *h*, adapted to catch any oil that may drop upon the base outside of the depressed portion of said base.

H represents a bail extending upwardly from the base E. The said bail H consists of the standards I, integrally or otherwise connected at their upper ends by a cross-strip, J. The strips I are formed with holes or openings *i*, in which are adapted to bear trunnions *j*, extending outwardly from the sides of the can A. The said trunnions extend outwardly from points in front of the center of the can, thus eccentrically pivoting the can, and causing the spout to at all times be held against the strip J by the weight of the can. The spout D is covered by a cap, K, which is attached to the strip J by a chain, *k*, whereby when it is desired to pour oil from the can the cap can be removed, and it will be supported by the chain.

When it is desired to pour oil from the can the cap is removed, when the can may be readily tilted to the desired angle, when the oil will readily flow therefrom. By this construction it will be observed that the necessity of handling the can, as is ordinarily the case with this class of articles as now constructed, is obviated. Inasmuch as the can is eccentrically pivoted, the spout is held at all times in a vertical position, thus preventing the oil from leaking or escaping through said spout or the spilling of the oil. The base being considerably wider than the can A, affords a firm support, so that the can cannot be readily overturned, and the depressed por-



tion of the base forming the oil-cup serves to effectually catch all drippings.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

- 5 1. The combination, with a base having an upwardly-extending bail, of an eccentrically-pivoted can having a spout adapted to strike the upper end of the bail, and be held in position thereby, as set forth.
- 10 2. The combination, with an oil-can, of a base depressed to form an oil-cup, and an oil-receiver formed by turning the lower edge of the base upwardly, substantially as set forth.
- 15 3. The combination, with a base depressed to form an oil-cup, of strips secured to said base and extending upwardly therefrom, said strips being connected at their upper ends, a can eccentrically pivoted between said strips, and the spout on the can, adapted to bear  
20 against the strip connecting the sides, as set forth.

4. The combination, with a base having the depressed portion, and having its lower edge turned upwardly to form a circumferential cup or receiver, of strips secured to said base 25 and extending upwardly therefrom, a can eccentrically pivoted between said strips, and a stop, for the purpose set forth.

5. The combination, with a base, of a bail consisting of the sides connected at their upper 30 ends, and an oil-can eccentrically pivoted between the vertical sides of said bail, so that its spout will bear against the strip connecting the upper ends of the side, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my 35 own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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