

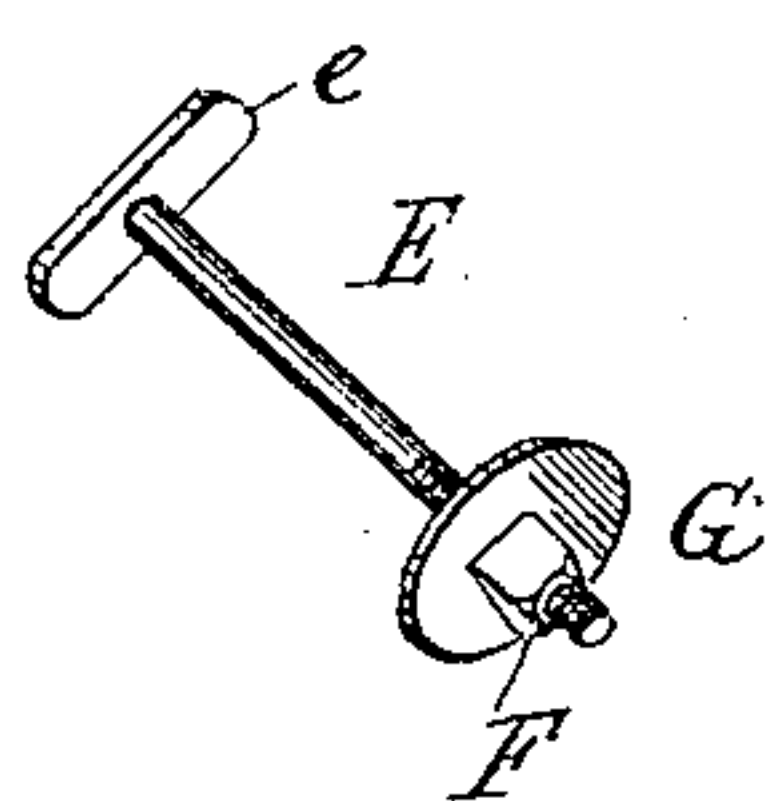
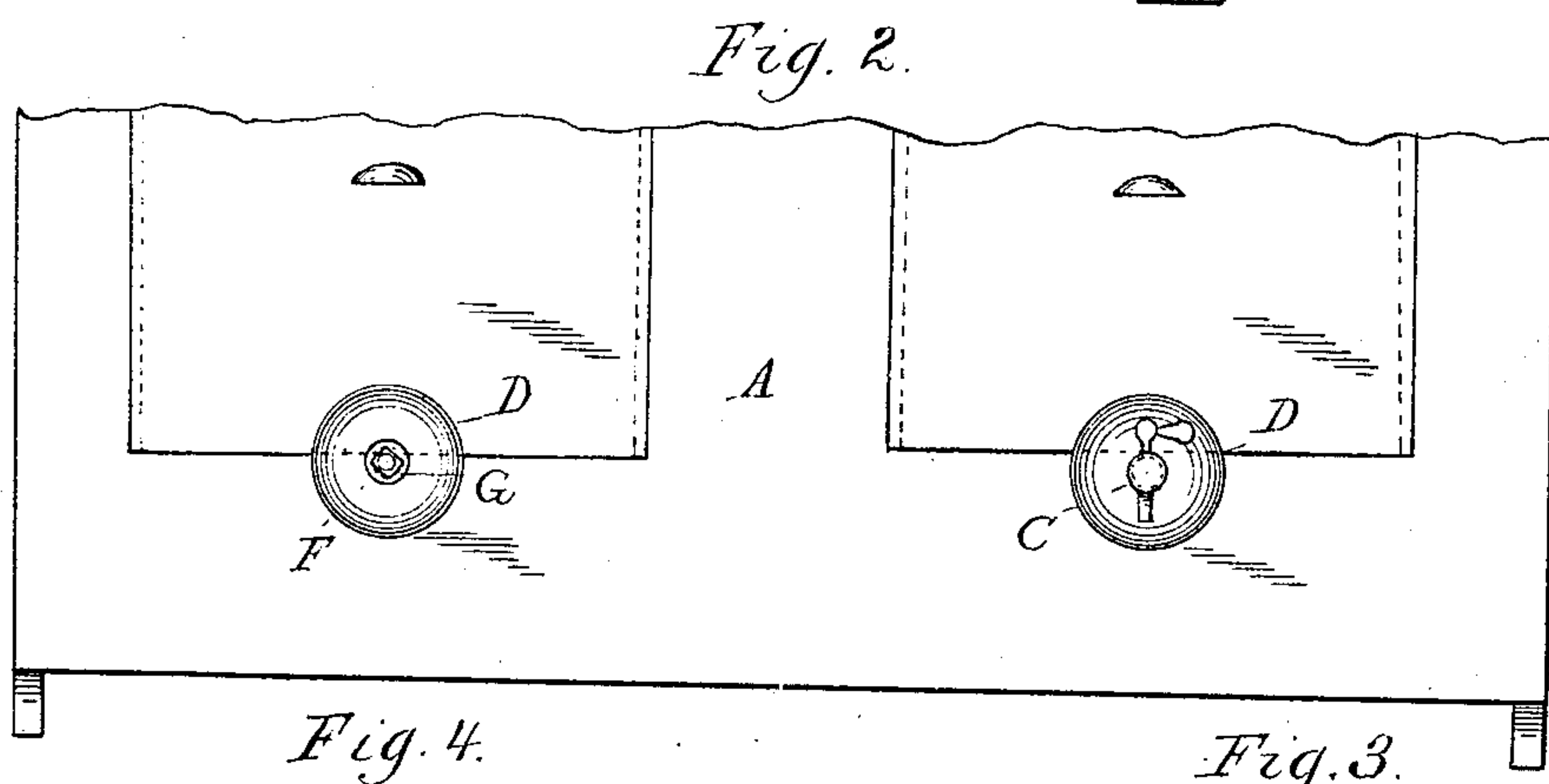
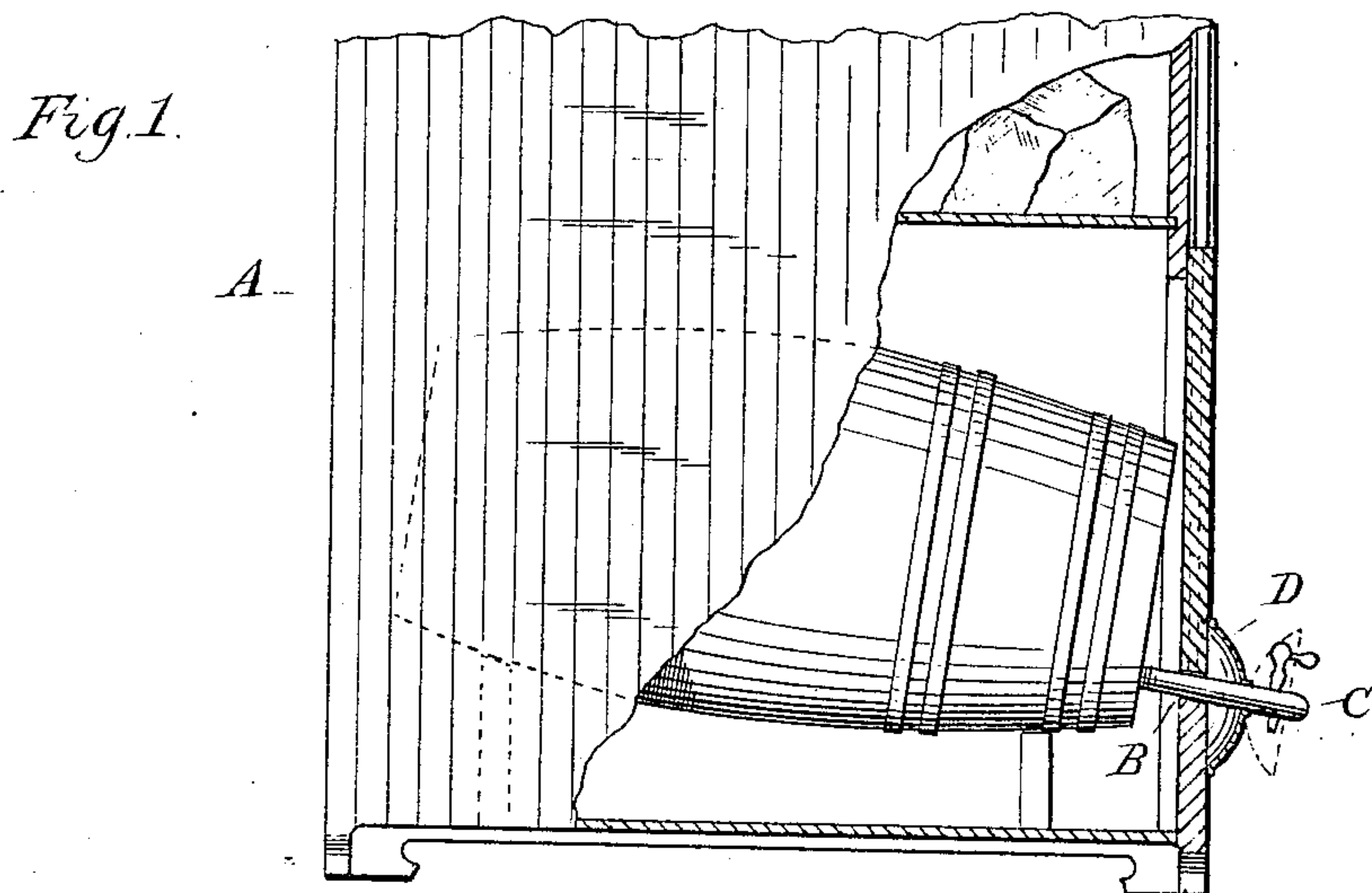
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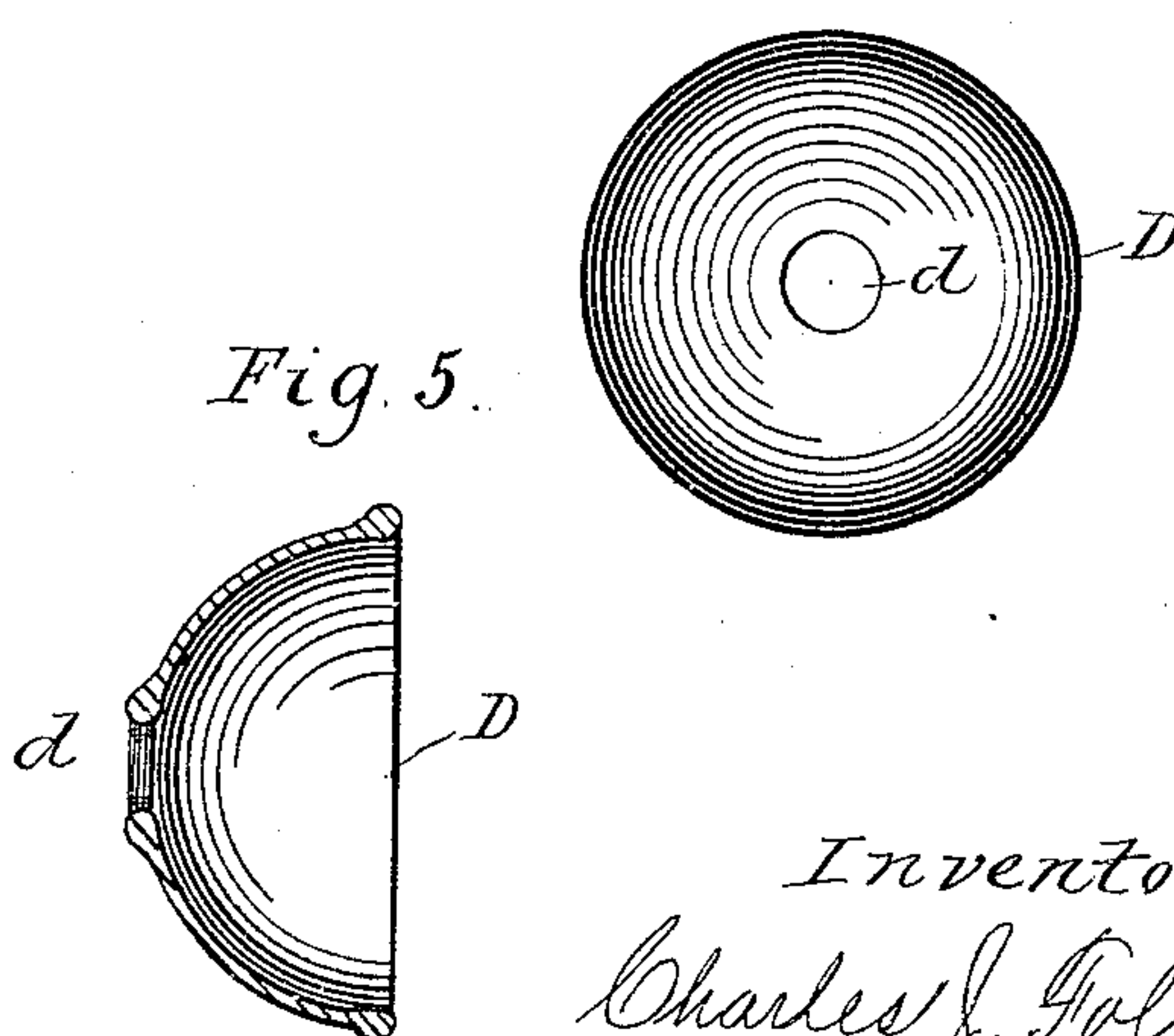
BEER COOLER.

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*Fig. 5.*



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## BEER-COOLER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, CHARLES J. FOLLETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Galveston, in the county of Galveston and State of Texas, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Beer-Coolers; and I do hereby declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, such as will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same.

This invention relates to beer-coolers and analogous articles, and has for its object to provide a simple, durable, and inexpensive device whereby the waste of ice is prevented.

In the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, Figure 1 is a side elevation of a beer-cooler partly broken away to show the interior; Fig. 2, a front view; Fig. 3, a plan view of the perforated cup-shaped rubber cap; Fig. 4, a view of the sustaining-rod, and Fig. 5 a cross-sectional view of the cap.

Similar letters refer to similar parts throughout the several views.

A represents an ordinary beer-cooler having the ice above the keg; B B, the openings in the front of the cooler for the faucets C, of any suitable construction and size; D D, the perforated cup-shaped rubber caps; E, the sustaining-rod, provided with screw-threads part of its length from one end for the reception of the screw-nut F, and having a cross-piece, *e*, at its opposite end, and G the washer, the purposes of which will be hereinafter described.

The rubber caps D D are perforated at *d*, near or at their centers, for the reception of the faucets C. These caps are intended to be slipped over the small ends of the faucets before they are driven into the kegs. The rubber cap is then turned back or reversed, as shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, and the faucet driven into the keg and the cap turned to the position shown in full lines, Fig. 1, and forced back on the faucet until its periphery rests against the front of the beer-cooler, thus closing the space left between the faucet and the edge of the opening B and forming an air-

tight joint. The caps are also made to fit the faucets air-tight, and are slightly thicker at their centers immediately surrounding the openings and at their peripheries than elsewhere, so as to resist wear. This thickness may extend some distance back from the openings and peripheries, or it may be merely beaded. They are also made of rubber sufficiently thick to retain its shape without collapsing.

As is generally the case, beer-coolers are made large enough to hold two kegs without having any division in the lower or keg space, and have two openings for faucets; and, as is frequently the case, only one keg is used, leaving one of the faucet-openings unoccupied. Of course this permits of the entrance of the outer comparatively-warm air to the beer-cooler and the escape of the cold air therefrom. To prevent this I have provided the rod E and its attachments. After removing the washer G and nut F from said rod I pass it through the unoccupied opening B and place the cap D over the rod, so as to completely surround the opening B, letting the rod E project through the opening *d* of the cap. I then replace the washer (which is larger in diameter than the opening *d*) and nut F, screwing the latter down on the rod until it presses the washer firmly against the cap, (the rod being prevented from being drawn out of the opening B by the cross-piece *e* on its end,) and thus shut off the escape of the cold air from and entrance of the warm air to the cooler.

The washer G may be made of rubber, leather, iron, or any suitable material.

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

1. In a beer-cooler, the combination of the cup-shaped rubber cap having the opening *d*, with the faucet C, said cap being adapted to form an air-tight joint between the faucet and the beer-cooler.

2. The combination of the cup-shaped cap having the opening *d* near its center, with the rod E, provided at one end with the cross-



piece e, and screw-threaded at its other end, the washer G, and nut F, substantially as and for the purpose described.

5 3. As a new article of manufacture, a cup-shaped rubber cap having an opening at or near its center, and having its surface immediately surrounding said opening and its peripheral surface thicker than the circum-jacent surface, as set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature 10  
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