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WATER CLOSET VALVE.

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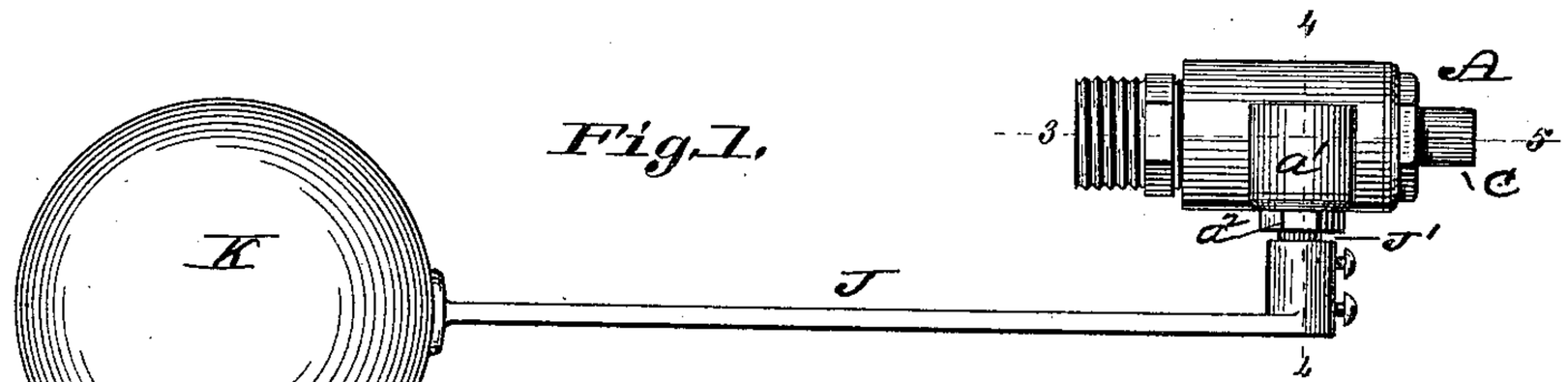
Fig. 1.



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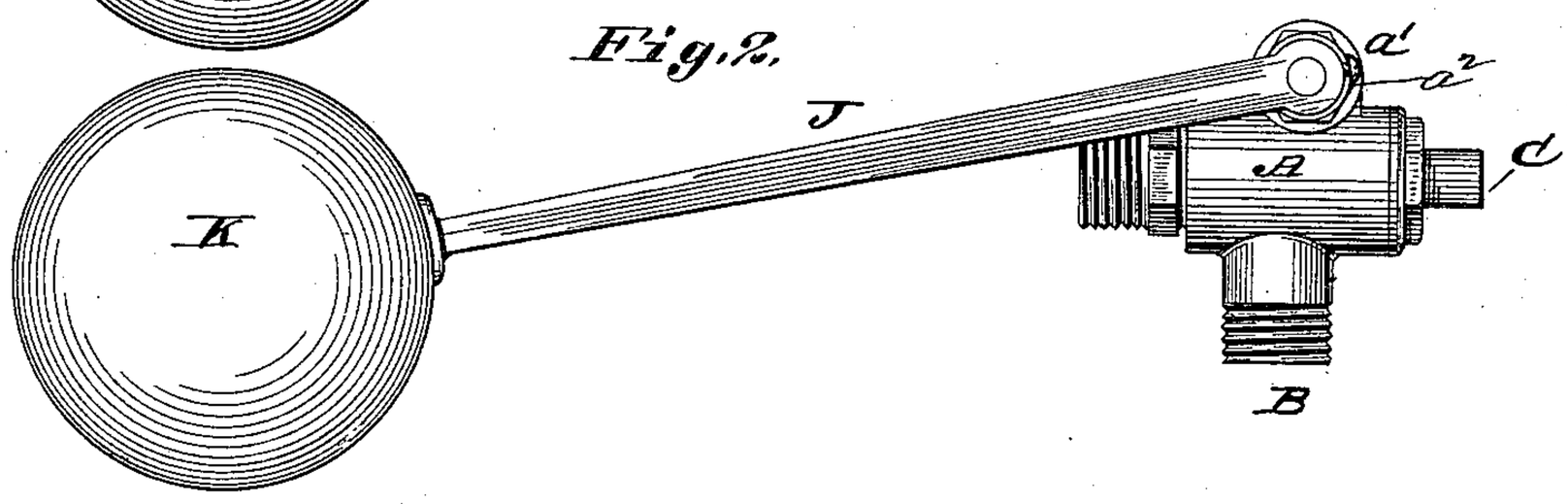

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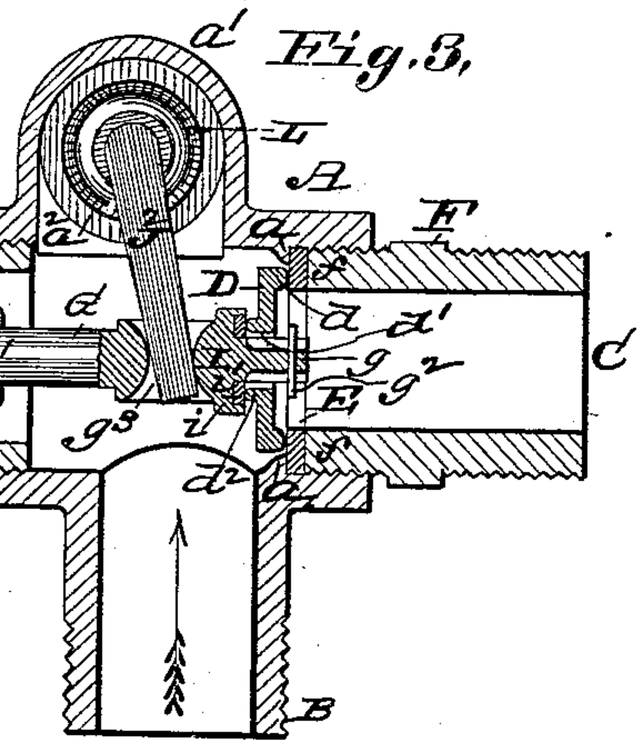

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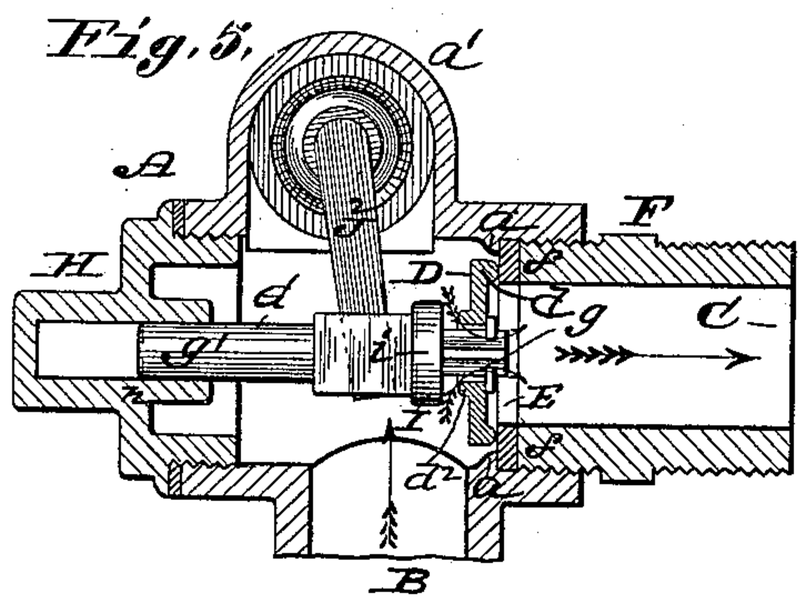

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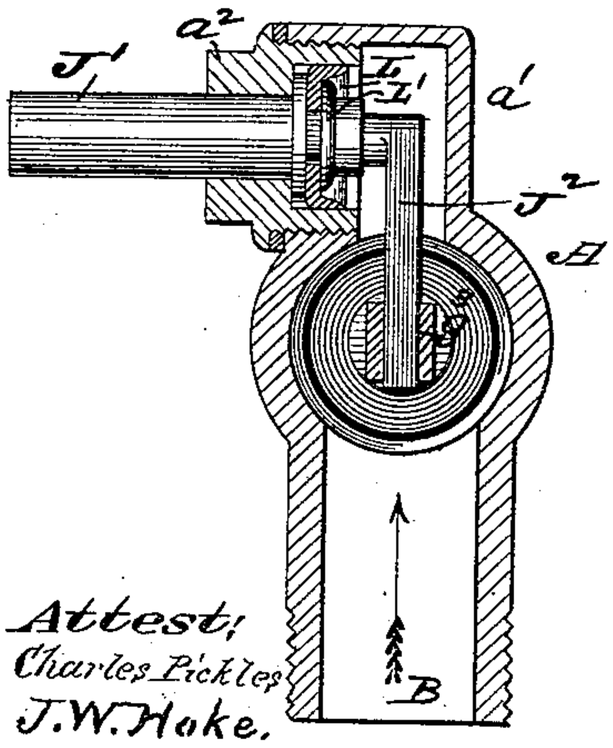

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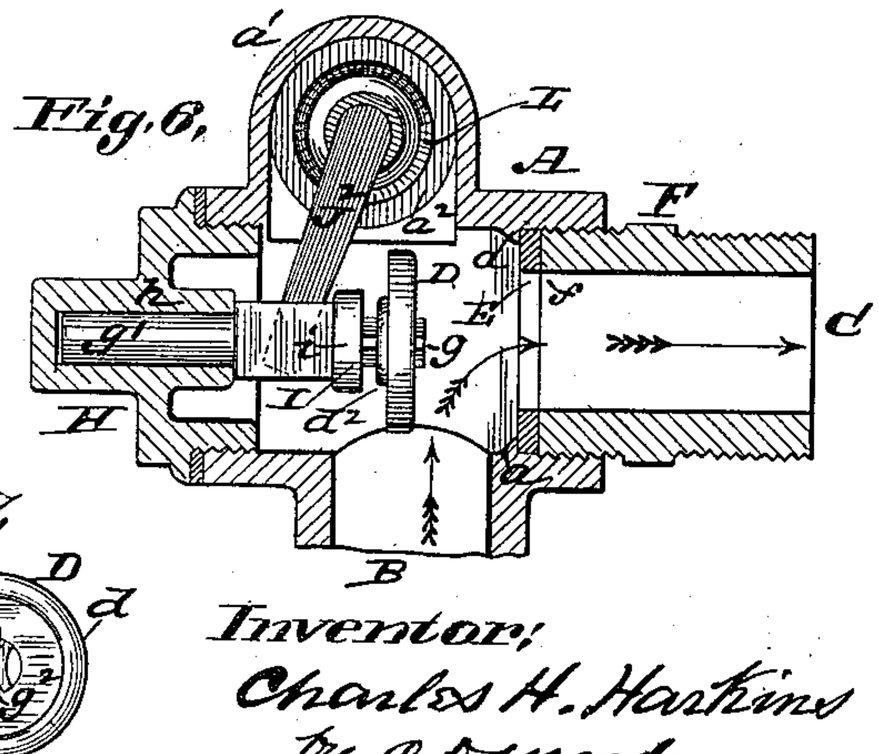

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WATER-CLOSET VALVE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CHARLES H. HARKINS, of St. Louis, Missouri, have made a new and useful Improvement in Water-Closet Valves, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

The improvement in question relates partly to the construction of the relief mechanism, partly to the construction of the main-valve seat, and partly to the means used in transmitting the movement of the float-lever to the valve-stem.

In the annexed drawings, making part of this specification, and exhibiting the improved valve, Figure 1 is a plan, and Fig. 2 is a side elevation, of the entire construction. Fig. 3 is a section, upon an enlarged scale, on the line 3 5 of Fig. 1, the main and also the relief valve being seated. Fig. 4 is a section on the line 4 4 of Fig. 1. Fig. 5 is a section on the line 3 5 of Fig. 1, the main valve being seated and the relief-valve being unseated. Fig. 6 is a section on the line 3 5 of Fig. 1, the main valve being unseated; and Fig. 7 is a bottom view of the main valve.

The same letters of reference denote the same parts.

A represents the valve-chamber.

B represents the inlet through which the water enters the valve-chamber, and C represents the outlet therefrom.

D represents the main valve. It is adapted to close upon the seat E, which consists of a ring of leather or other similarly elastic or pliable material, held in place by confining it between the inner end, *f*, of the tube F and the shoulder *a* of the valve-chamber.

The main valve is provided with a flange, *d*, which is the part that comes in contact with the valve-seat, the outer edge of the flange being adapted to be pressed against the inner side of the valve-seat, as shown in Figs. 3, 5. The valve-seat can be readily reached for removal or repair by unscrewing the tube F from the valve-chamber.

The main valve is centrally perforated at *d'*, to receive the extension or outer end, *g*, of the valve-stem G. The inner end, *g'*, of the valve-stem is adapted to be held and worked longitudinally in guide *w*, with which the cap H of the valve-chamber is provided.

The valve-stem serves a double purpose. It carries a relief-valve, I, and operates the main valve. The relief-valve is, compared with the main valve, much smaller in diameter, and it is arranged upon the valve-stem and adapted to seat upon the inner side of the main valve, which for that purpose is provided with a flange, d^2, which surrounds the perforation *d'*, and constitutes the seat proper for the relief-valve. The preferable shape of the relief-valve is that shown—namely, a flange, *i*, recessed in the direction of the main valve, to receive and hold a leathern washer, *i'*, which is the part that forms the contact with the flange d^2, as seen more distinctly in Fig. 3. The relief-valve is fast upon the valve-stem, and hence follows the valve-stem in its movement. The main valve is loose upon the valve-stem, being hung upon the extension *g* thereof, and so that the valve-stem can be moved a limited distance before acting to unseat the main valve—that is, the valve-stem to open the main valve is first moved to raise the relief-valve, and, as shown in Fig. 5, unseat it from the main valve, which yet remains seated upon its seat E. Then, by continuing to move the valve-stem in the same direction, the main valve is unseated, as represented in Fig. 6. The valves seat with the pressure; hence the relief-valve can be more readily unseated than the main valve.

The extension *g*, as seen more distinctly in Fig. 7, does not fill the perforation *d'*, and when the relief-valve is unseated the water, as indicated by the arrows in Fig. 5, can pass through the perforation *d'*. The main valve is secured upon the stem-extension *g* by any suitable means, such as the pin g^2.

In the place of extending the valve-stem through the cap H and there connecting it with the float, provision is made for connecting in a lateral direction with the float. To this end the valve-chamber is extended laterally at *a'*, and the lever J of the float K is at J' extended at right angles to the main part of the lever, through a plug, a^2, that is used to close the valve-chamber extension *a'*, in which plug, as in a bearing, the part J' is adapted to rotate. After passing the plug, and within the chamber *a'*, the lever is extended at J^2, Figs. 3, 4, 5, 6, the extension ultimately passing through a perforation, g^3, in the valve-stem. The extensions J' J^2 form a crank-

arm for the lever, and as this lever is attached to side of the valve-chamber the float moves on a rock-shaft, and a very free-and-easy movement is obtained. As the float rises in the usual manner, it causes, by means of the lever J J′ J², the valve-stem to move and lift, first, the relief-valve from off the main valve, and then the main valve from off its seat. The joint around the part J′ of the float-lever is packed by means of the cup-leather L, Fig. 4, held in place by a nut, L′.

I claim—

In combination with the valve-chamber A, having the lateral extension a' and plug a^2, the float-lever J, having crank-arms J′ J², the cup-leather L, the perforated valve-stem G, working at one end on the guide h, and having at the other end the main and relief valves, as described.

Witness my hand this 3d December, 1885.

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