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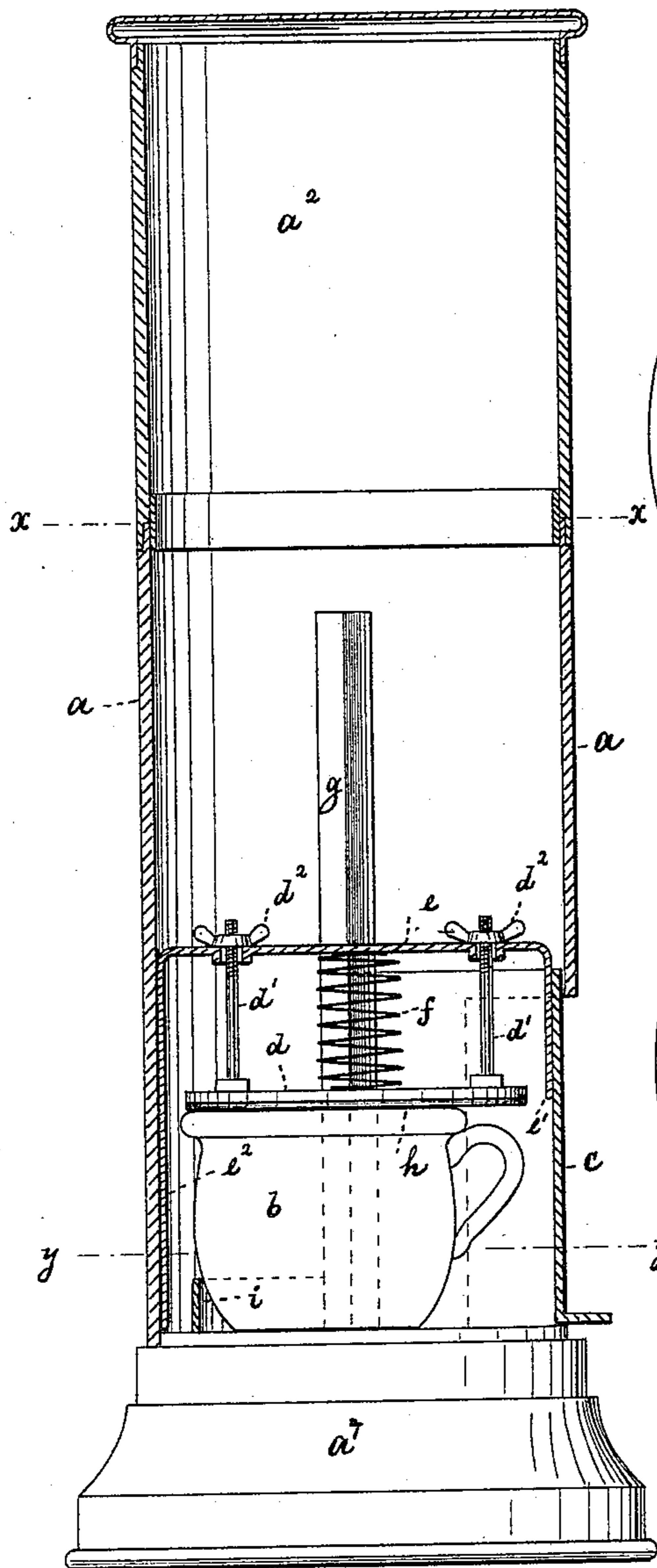


FIG. 1

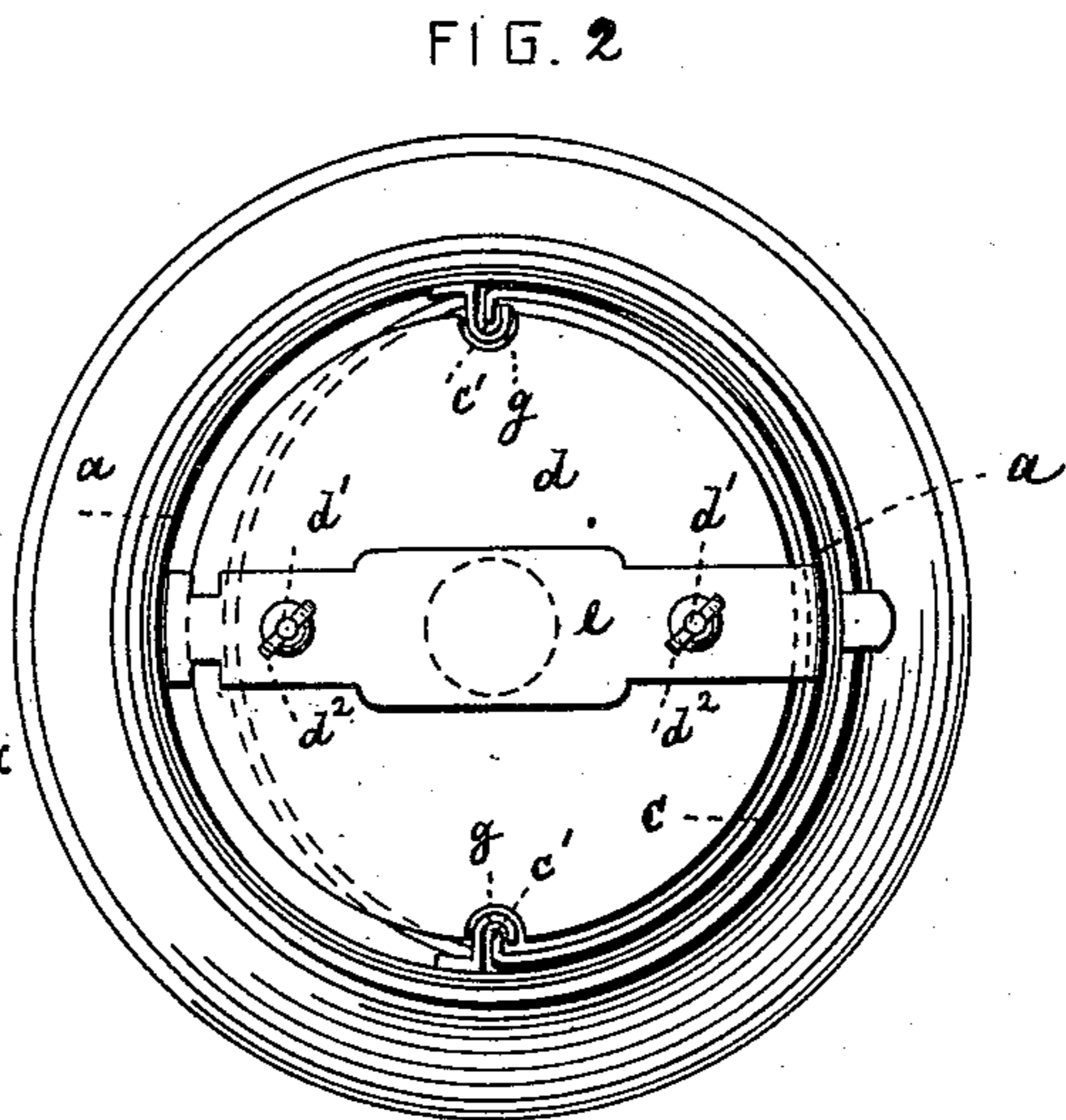


FIG. 2

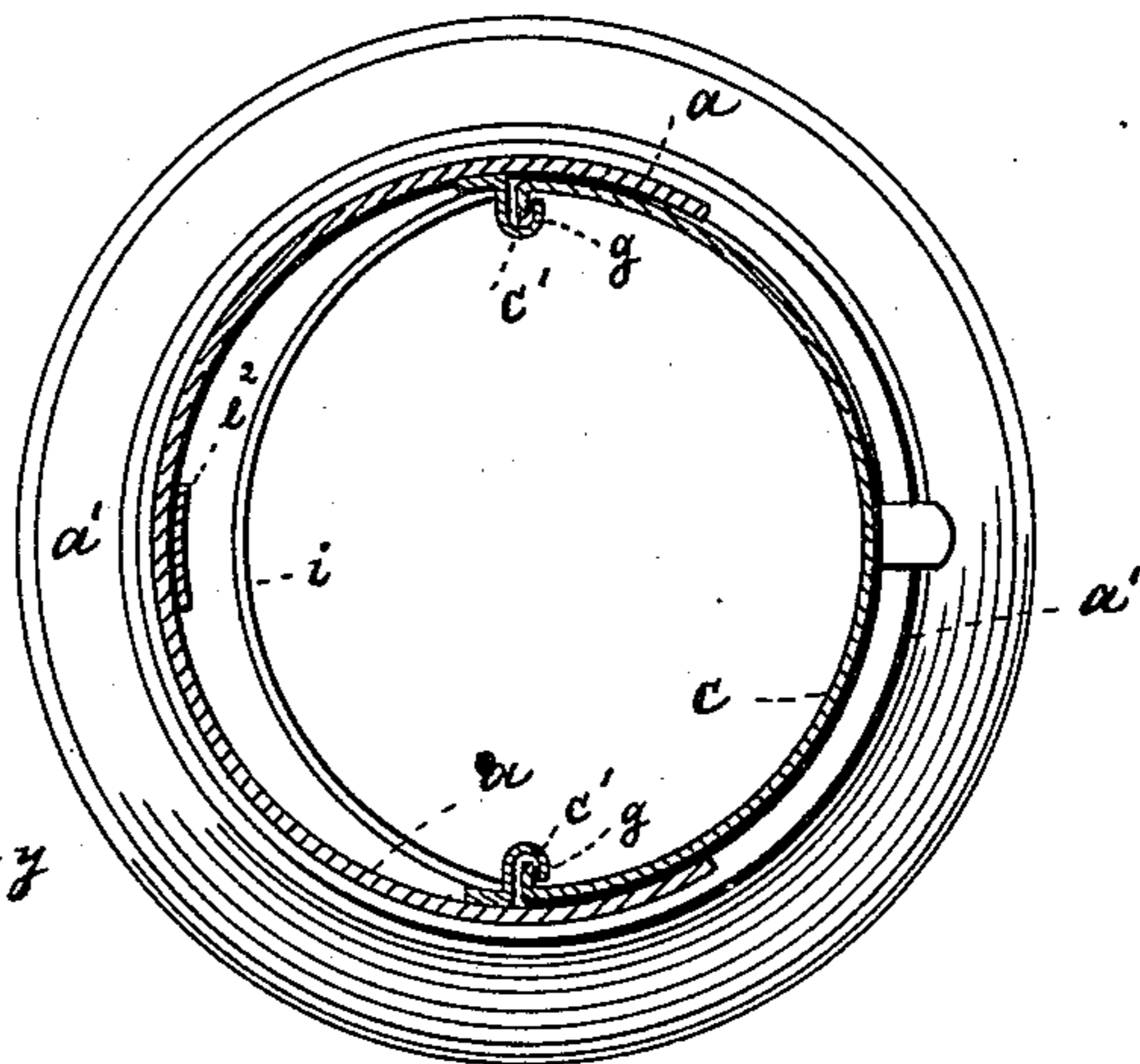


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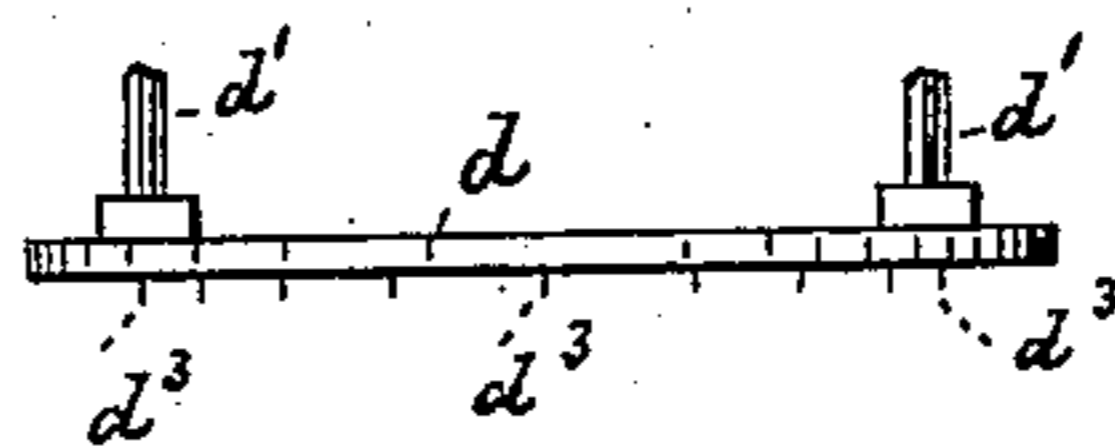


FIG. 4

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## COMMODE.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 426,963, dated April 29, 1890.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MARIA CAROLINE SCHERER, of New York city, New York, have invented an Improved Commode, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a commode or night-closet adapted for the reception of a chamber-vessel, which may be tightly closed to prevent the exhalation of odors.

The invention consists in the various features of improvement more fully pointed out in the claims.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a vertical central section of my improved commode. Fig. 2 is a horizontal section on the line  $x x$ , Fig. 1; Fig. 3, a horizontal section on the line  $y y$ , Fig. 1; and Fig. 4, an end view of the cover  $d$ .

The letter  $a$  represents a night-closet, being a receptacle adapted for the reception of a chamber-vessel  $b$ . The receptacle may be made of suitable form and design, the preferred form being that of a column having a base  $a'$  and an upper removable section  $a^2$ , so that the height of the column may be changed to suit the taste. One side of the column  $a$  is provided with an opening for the reception of vessel  $b$ , which opening is adapted to be closed by a slide  $c$ . To this slide a yielding and adjustable cover  $d$  is secured in the following manner: From the cover  $d$  there project upwardly two screw-rods  $d'$ , passing through a perforated cross-arm  $e$ , above which they are provided with the winged nuts  $d^2$ . The arm  $e$  is bent downwardly at both ends, one end  $e'$  being soldered or otherwise secured to the slide  $c$ , while the other end  $e^2$  extends down as far as the slide, so as to take any undue pressure from the vessel  $b$ .

Between the cover  $d$  and the arm  $e$  a coiled spring  $f$  is placed.

In order to properly guide the slide  $c$  in a vertical direction, its upright edges  $c'$  are bent inward, and are received by rails  $g g$ , secured to the inner side of the column  $a$ .

In use the slide  $c$  is raised, and a piece of

disinfecting-paper  $h$  is placed upon vessel  $b$ . As the slide is released, it will fall down, so as to bring the cover  $d$  to bear tightly upon the vessel  $b$  by its spring  $f$ . The lower face of the cover is provided with pins  $d^3$ , Fig. 4, which will engage the paper  $h$ , and thus hold it within the apparatus until replaced.

By means of the screw-rods  $d'$  and winged nuts  $d^2$  the distance between the base  $a'$  of the column  $a$  and the cover  $d$  can be changed. Thus the device is adapted for the reception of vessels  $b$  of different heights, and furthermore the tension of the spring  $f$  can thus be adjusted.

In order to properly center the vessel  $b$  a guard  $i$  is secured to the base  $a'$ , as shown.

What I claim is—

1. The combination of a receptacle with a door, a vertically-movable cover within the receptacle connected to the door, and a spring bearing upon the cover, substantially as specified.

2. The combination of a receptacle with a horizontal cross-arm within the receptacle, a cover beneath such cross-arm, nuts and bolts for adjustably securing the cover to the cross-arm, and a door to which the cross-arm is connected, substantially as specified.

3. The combination of a receptacle with a cross-arm within the receptacle, a cover beneath the cross-arm and connected therewith, a spring between cover and cross-arm, and a door connected to the cross-arm, substantially as specified.

4. The combination of receptacle  $a$  with a door, a vertically-movable cover within the receptacle connected to the door and having pins  $d^3$  on its lower face, and a packing  $h$ , adapted to be engaged by said pins, substantially as specified.

In witness whereof I have signed the above specification this 3d day of January, 1890.

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