

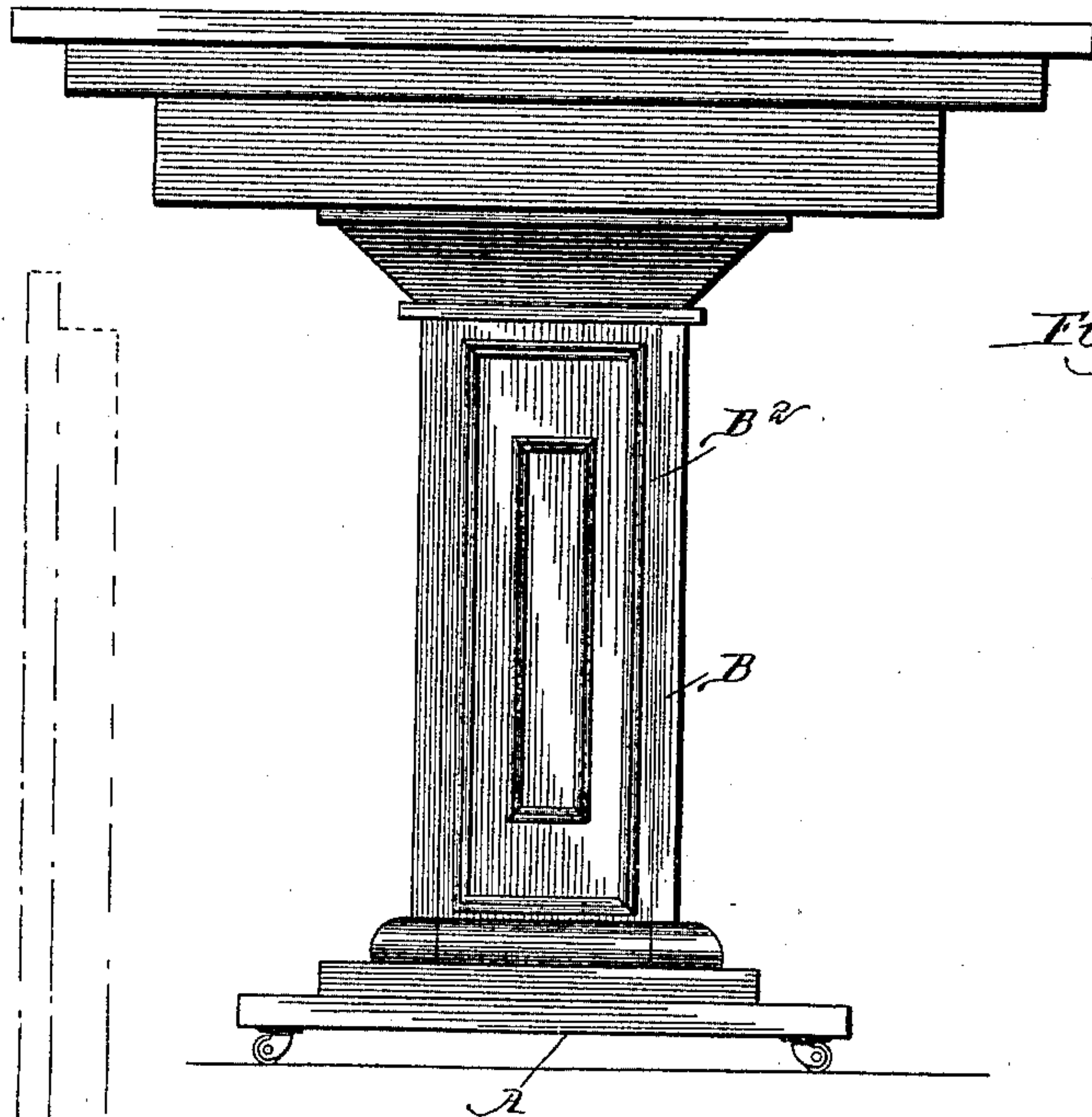
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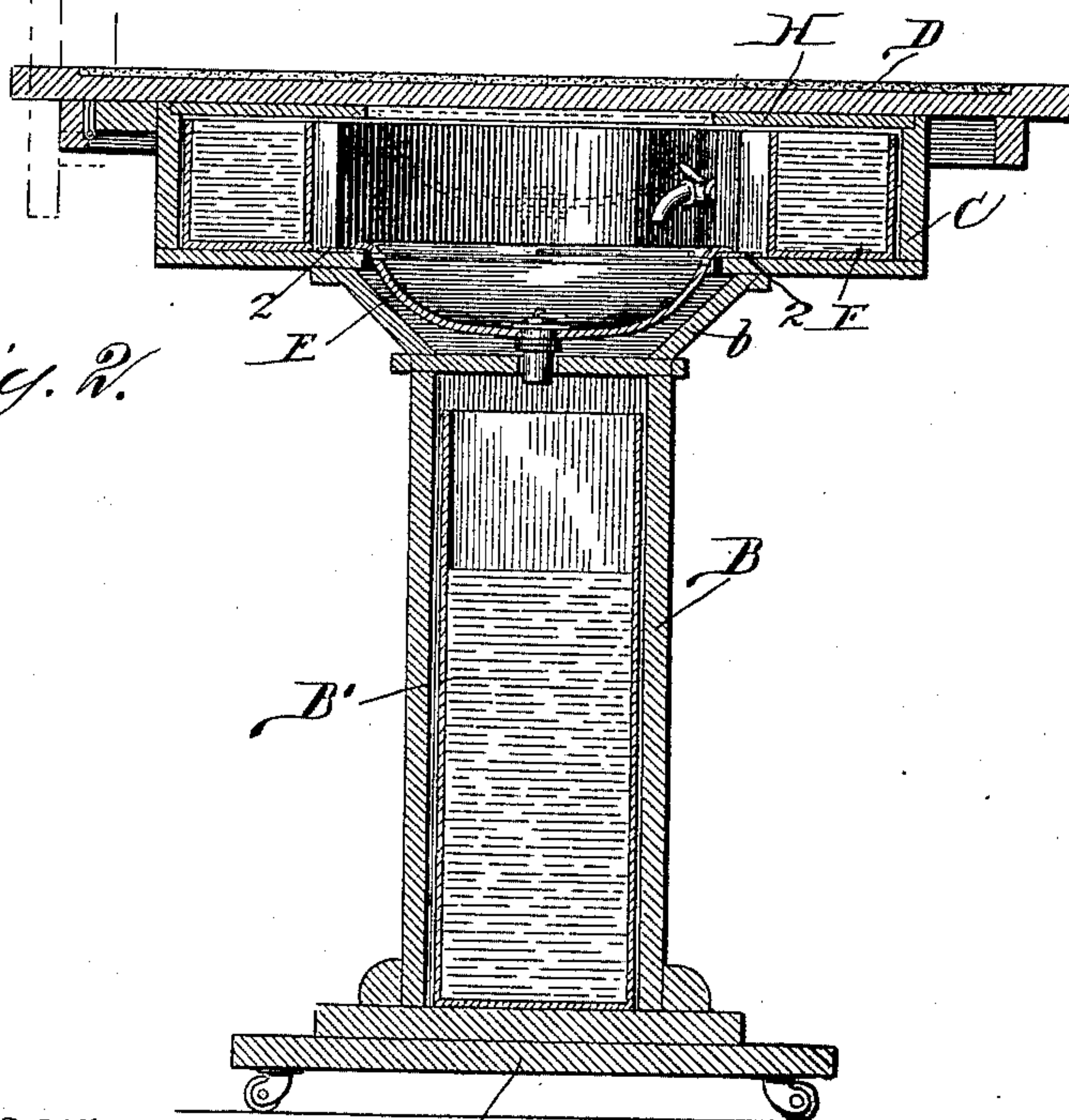
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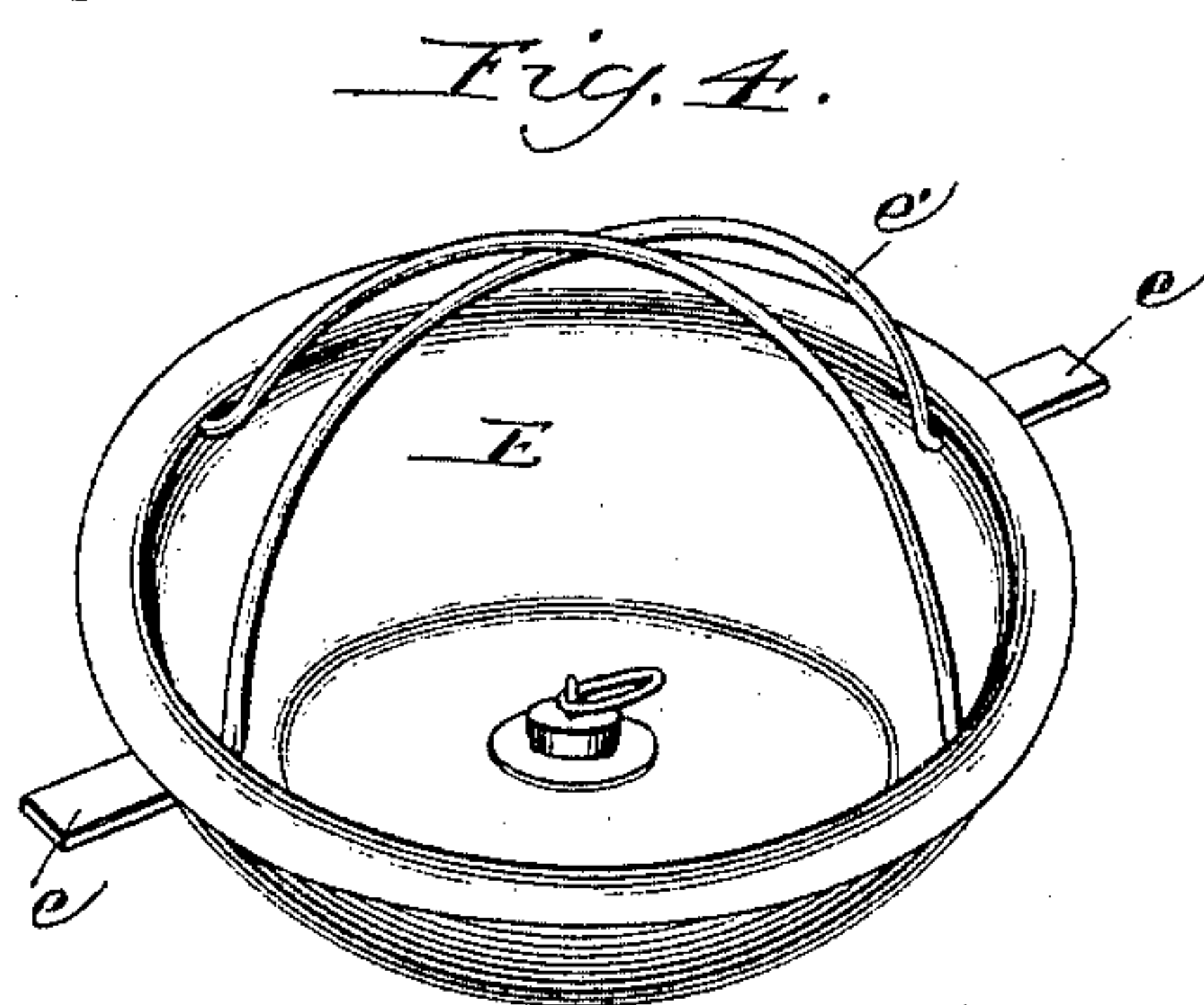
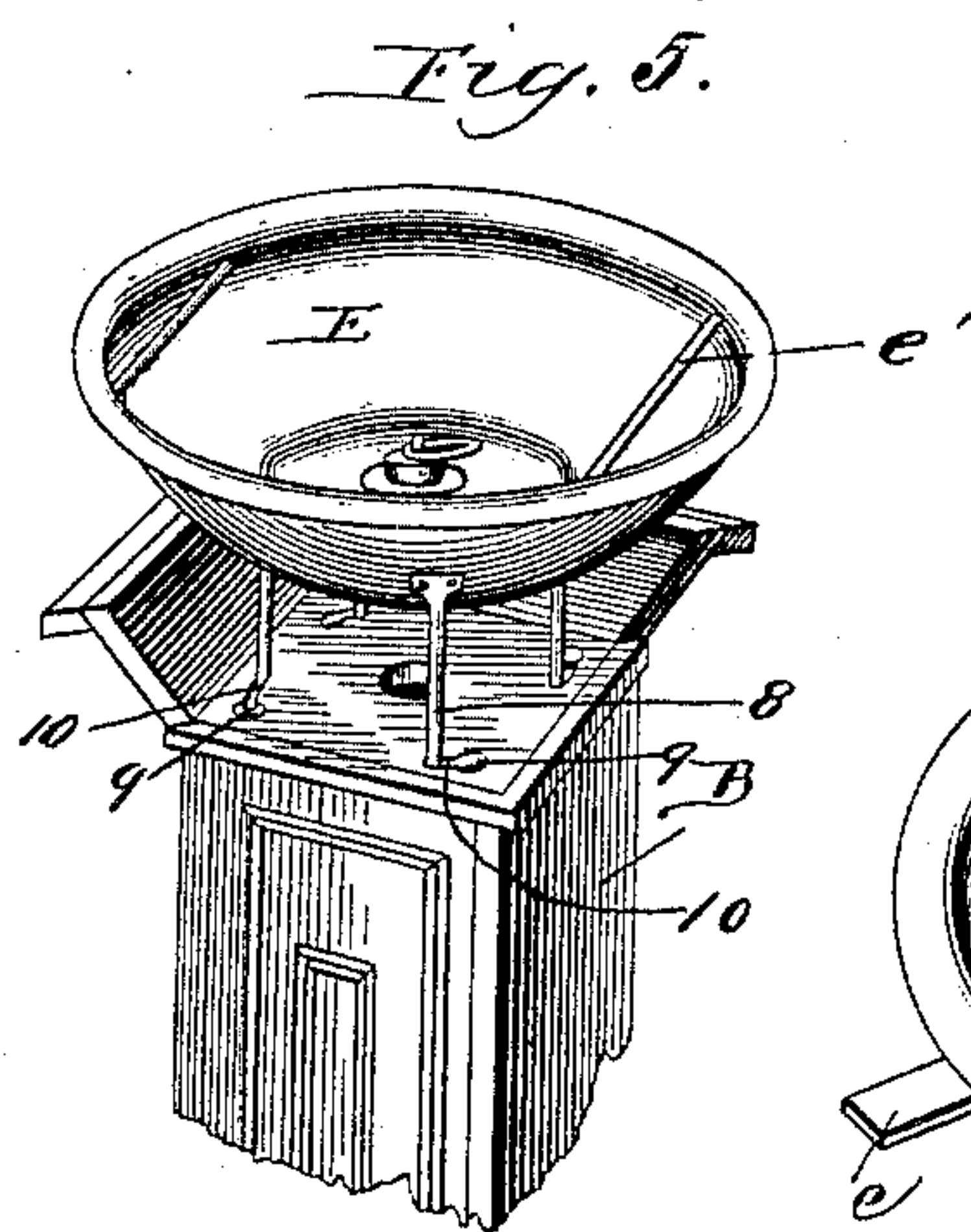
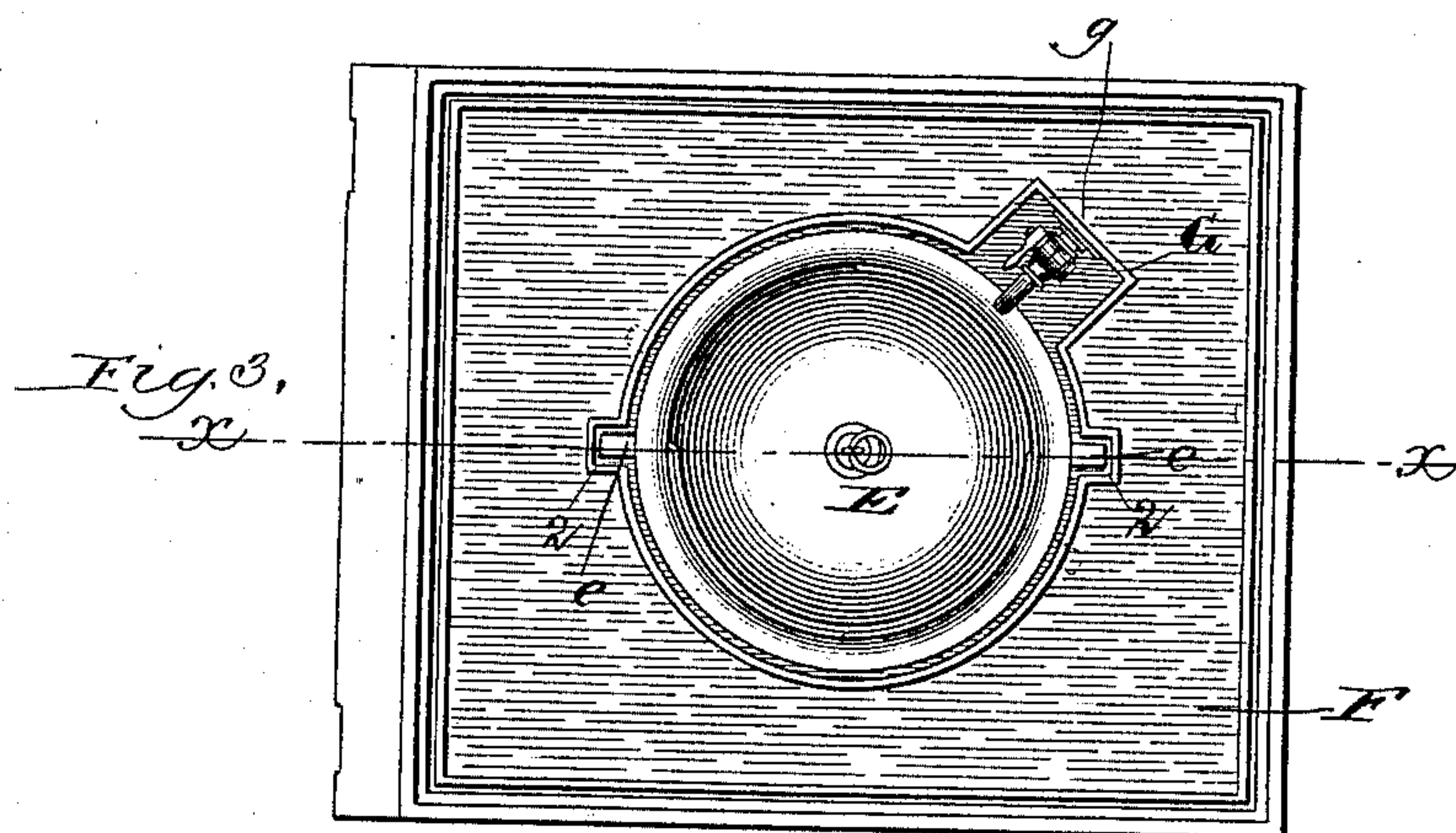
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## WASH-STAND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, SANFORD S. BURR, a citizen of the United States, residing at Winnetka, in the county of Cook and State of Illinois, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Wash-Stands, of which I do declare the following to be a full, clear, and exact description, sufficient to enable others skilled in the art to which said invention appertains to make and use the same.

My present invention has relation more particularly to that class of wash-stands that are made to represent in appearance some other article of furniture—such, for example, as a center table, writing-desk, dressing-case, or the like—and has for its object to simplify and improve the construction, more especially with a view to enabling the water to be readily run into the bowl from an adjacent tank. In this class of devices as heretofore constructed it has been the common practice to sustain the wash-bowl permanently upon a level with the central or lower portion of the water-supply tank, the water being drawn from the tank by a suitable pump or siphon-tube. With my present construction I avoid the necessity for employing the pump or siphon by movably sustaining the wash-bowl so that it can be brought to approximately the base of the tank when the bowl is to be filled, and when so filled can be lifted and sustained at approximately the top of the tank in convenient position for use.

My invention consists in the novel features of construction hereinafter described, illustrated in the accompanying drawings, and particularly pointed out in the claims at the end of this specification.

Figure 1 is a view in side elevation of an article of furniture in the shape of a center table embodying my invention. Fig. 2 is a view in central vertical section on line *x x* of Fig. 3. Fig. 3 is a plan view with the table-lid and supplemental cover removed. Fig. 4 is an enlarged detail perspective view of the bowl. Fig. 5 is a detail perspective view of a portion of the stand, showing modified means for sustaining the wash-bowl.

My invention is shown in the accompanying drawings as applied to an article of furniture designed to be used as a center table

when in the closed position shown in Figs. 1 and 2 of the drawings; but it will be readily understood that the invention may be applied to other articles of furniture—such, for example, as a writing-desk, a dressing-case, or the like.

A designates the base of the stand, from which rises the hollow central column B, within which is held the waste-water receptacle B', one side of the column B being preferably provided with a hinged or movable door or side B<sup>2</sup> to permit the ready removal of the waste-water receptacle. The upper portion of the column B is preferably expanded, as at *b*, and upon this column is sustained the casing C, to which is hinged the lid or cover D. The casing C has a central opening to receive the wash-bowl E, this bowl being preferably provided with projecting lugs or ears *e*, these lugs or ears, and as well also the rim of the bowl, resting upon the edge of the opening formed in the base of the casing C.

Within the casing C, at the side of and preferably extending around the space formed for the wash-bowl, is placed the fresh-water tank F, wherein will be contained the water from which the bowl is to be filled. To the lower portion of this tank F is connected a coupling *g*, that has attached thereto a hinged faucet G, that can be moved to the horizontal position seen in full lines, Fig. 2, or to an approximately vertical position, by turning the faucet upward and backward. If desired, the faucet G may be given a horizontal swinging movement, to enable it to be swung over and moved away from the bowl D'.

Over the top of the tank F is preferably extended a supplemental cover H, having a central opening therein corresponding in size with the wash-bowl. The tank F is preferably formed with the vertical channels 2, wherein will move the ears *e*, that project from the wash-bowl E. The wash-bowl E is provided with the usual discharge-spout and stopper at its bottom, and in order to enable this bowl to be lifted from the position shown in full lines, Fig. 2, to the position shown in dotted lines, I prefer to provide the bowl with suitable bales or handles *e'*, which may be readily grasped by the user. From this con-



struction it will be seen that when the wash-bowl is sustained at its lower position, as seen in Fig. 2, the discharge-spout of the faucet G may be turned to horizontal position in order to discharge the water from the tank F into the wash-bowl, and after the wash-bowl has been filled the faucet G may be returned to its vertical position, after which the user, by grasping the bales or handles *e'* of the bowl, can lift it to its upper position where it may be conveniently used. As the bowl is thus lifted, the ears or lugs *e* will move freely upward through the ways or channels 2 until they contact against the top of the supplemental lid or cover H, after which the bowl will be given a partial rotation, so as to cause the ears or lugs *e* to pass from above the ways or channels 2 and rest upon the edge of the tank F. After the wash-bowl D has been used the plug will be withdrawn therefrom, so as to permit the water to escape into the waste-water receptacle B', and by giving a reverse partial rotation to the bowl the ears or lugs *e* can be brought above the ways or channels 2 of the tank F, thereby permitting the bowl to descend until it rests upon the base of the casing C and in position to be again filled for use. By thus providing means whereby the wash-bowl can be moved in vertical direction and can be sustained either in a position at or below the base of the tank F and near the top of such tank, I am enabled not only to effect the withdrawal of all the water from the tank, but can do this without the necessity of employing any pumping apparatus such as heretofore proposed; and I am enabled also, by thus providing for the lifting of the wash-bowl to the top of the tank, to bring the bowl into a much more convenient position for use than would be the case if it were permanently held at the lower portion of the tank.

My purpose in providing the supplemental lid or cover H is not merely to cover the tank F, but to afford also a platform or support for toilet articles, such as soap, brushes, and the like.

If desired, the inner face of the lid or cover D may be provided with a mirror, and provision may be also made for toilet brushes, combs, and the like.

A further advantage of employing the supplemental lid or cover H is that it permits the tank F to be readily removed for cleaning purposes.

Any convenient means may be employed for sustaining the vertically-movable bowl E in either its higher or lower position. Thus, for example, in Fig. 5 of the drawings I have shown the modified construction, in which the under side of the wash-bowl is provided with legs 8, that ride through holes 9 in the cross-

plate *b'* at the top of the standard B, it being obvious that when this modified construction is employed the bowl can be sustained in its upper position by merely lifting the legs until they pass from out the cross-plate *b'*, and then giving a partial rotation to the bowl until the legs rest upon the plate *b*, suitable shallow grooves 10 being formed in the upper surface of the plate to guide the ends of the legs.

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

1. A wash-stand comprising the combination, with a tank sustained in the upper portion of said stand, of a vertically-movable wash-bowl, said stand being formed with a compartment to receive said bowl and of proper size to permit the bowl to be moved vertically therein from a position adjacent the bottom of said tank to a position adjacent the upper portion thereof, and means whereby the bowl may be sustained in horizontal position adjacent the bottom of the tank to receive water from the tank, and means whereby the bowl may be sustained in horizontal position adjacent the upper portion of the tank in position for use, substantially as described.

2. A wash-stand comprising the combination, with a tank sustained in the upper portion of said stand, of a vertically-movable wash-bowl, said stand being formed with a compartment to receive said bowl and of proper size to permit said bowl to be moved vertically therein from a position adjacent the bottom of said tank to a position adjacent the upper portion thereof, means whereby the bowl may be sustained in horizontal position adjacent the bottom of the tank and in horizontal position adjacent the upper portion thereof, and a movable faucet arranged to swing over and away from said bowl, substantially as described.

3. A wash-stand comprising the combination, with a tank sustained in the upper portion of said stand, of a vertically-movable wash-bowl, said stand being formed with a compartment to receive said bowl and of proper size to permit the bowl to be moved vertically therein from a position adjacent the bottom of said tank to a position adjacent the upper portion thereof, means whereby the bowl may be sustained in horizontal position adjacent the bottom of the tank and in horizontal position adjacent the upper portion of the tank, and a supplemental lid or cover H, extending over said tank and having an opening above said bowl, substantially as described.

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