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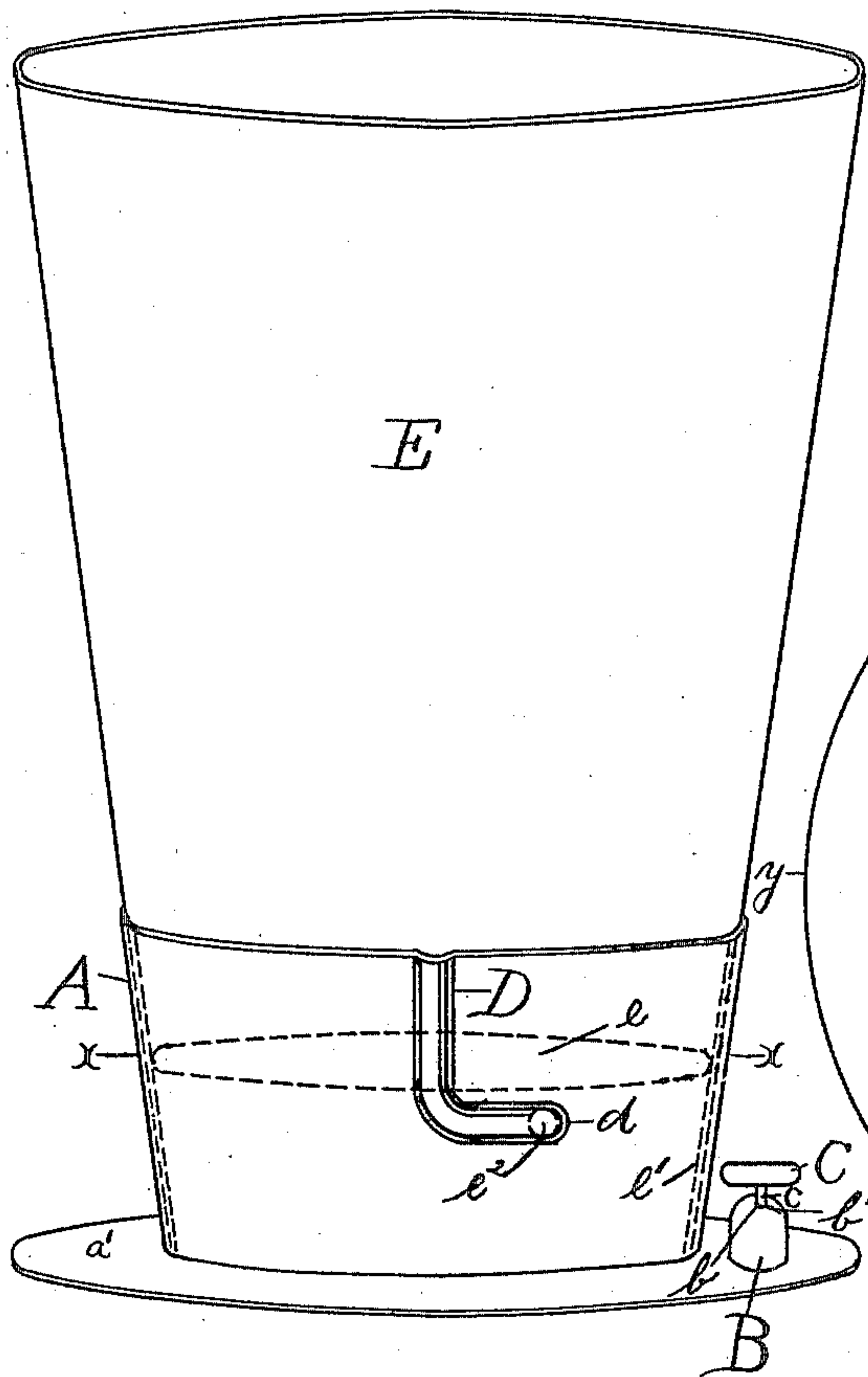


Fig. 1.

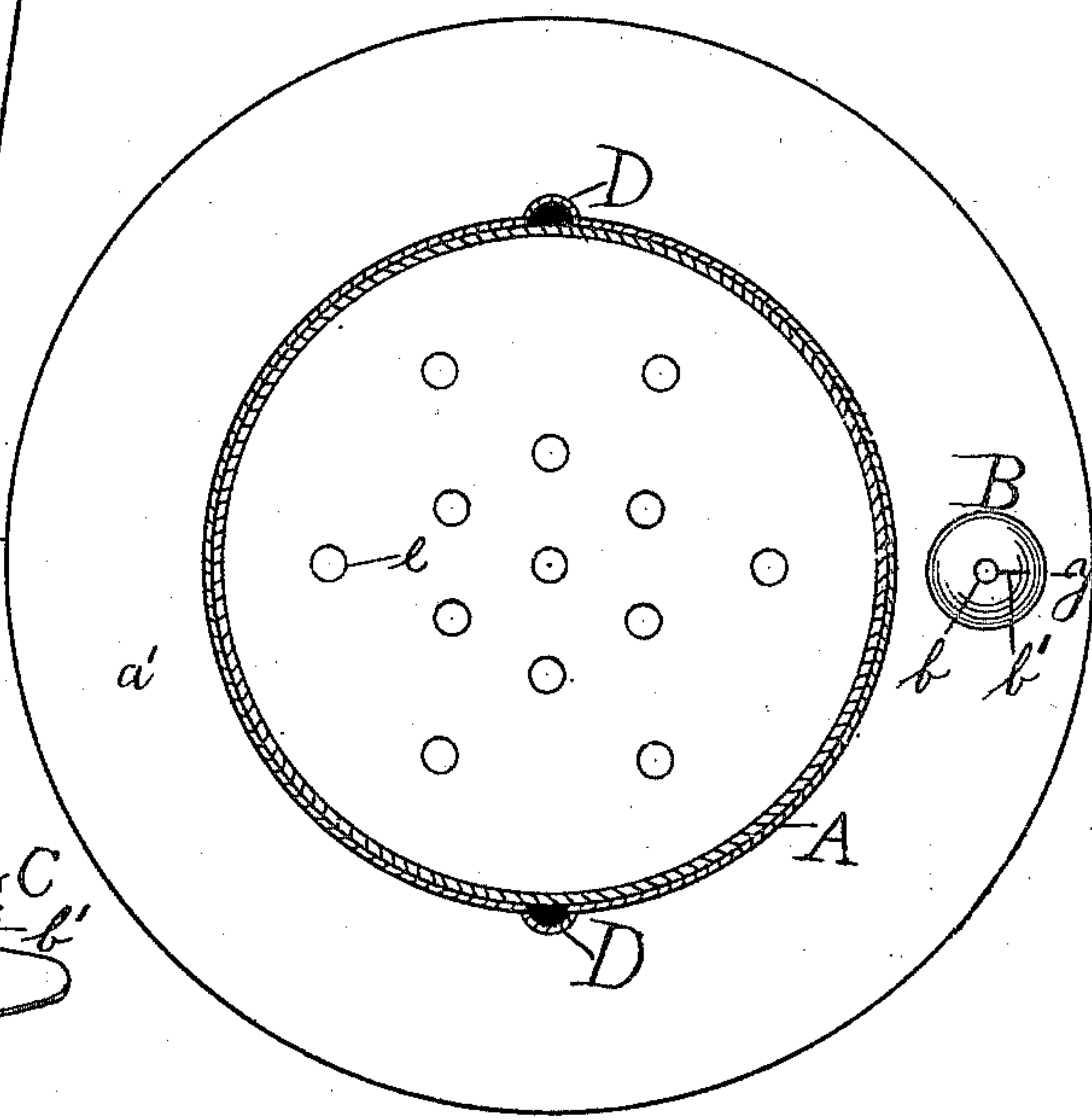


Fig. 2.

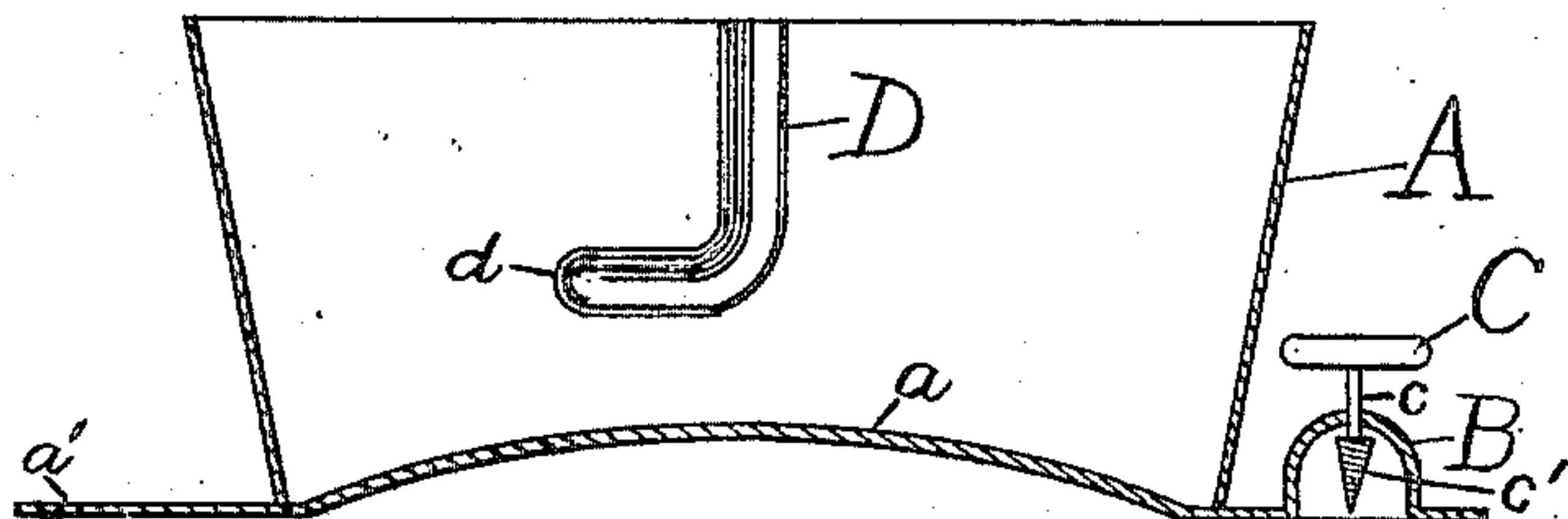


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HARRISON H. McELHINEY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Nebraska City, in the county of Otoe and State of Nebraska, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Flower-Pots; and I do 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, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, which form a part of this specification.

My invention has relation to flower-pots; and it consists in the novel construction and arrangement of its parts.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is an elevation of my invention. Fig. 2 is a horizontal sectional view cut through on the line  $x x$  of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a vertical sectional view cut through on the line  $y y$  of Fig. 2.

My invention is described as follows: I make a base-dish A, having a water-tight bottom  $a$  and a flange  $a'$ . In one or more places of the said flange I stamp up an elevation B, in the top and center of which I make a perforation  $b$ , and extending from said perforation a slot  $b'$ . I make a thumb-screw C, having a neck  $c$ , just the size of the perforation  $b$ , and to the lower end of said neck is a screw  $c'$ , which is larger than the said perforation  $b$ , and nearly as long as the said stamped-up place is high. Said screw can be turned in through said perforation  $b$ , because of the flexibility of the material and the slot  $b'$ , and as soon as the threaded part passes through the said perforation the parts spring back and the said thumb-screw will not drop out, and by this arrangement the said base can be set on a marble-top table or a stone sill, and the said thumb-screw will not be in the way; but if I wish to screw it to any penetrable material I twist the said screw into the said material. Said base is further provided with two grooves D, which run straight down the sides of said base for a short distance and then turn at right angles, terminating in L-shaped slot or groove  $d$ . The cup E is made

in the ordinary shape of a flower-pot, having a perforated bottom  $e$ ; but in addition to this it has stamped out on its lower flange  $e'$  two elevations  $e^2$ , which correspond with and work in the grooves D. The lower flange  $e'$  extends down and rests against the bottom  $a$  of the base A, to give the pot E a solid foundation and to keep the elevation  $e^2$  from pressing out of the grooves D.

Some of the advantages claimed for my flower-pot are that I can secure it to any penetrable material and thus keep it from being knocked or blown over, and even where the material is not penetrable the pot E is secured by means of the elevations  $e^2$  into the base A, thus securing for the pot a broad bottom to stand on. I take the pot E out of the base by turning it around until the elevations  $e^2$  come to the vertical parts of the slots D and then lift it out. This can be done as often as the base gets full or nearly full of water that percolates through the bottom  $e$ .

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

1. The combination of the base A, having the bottom  $a$  and broad flange  $a'$ , elevation B, stamped up in said flange, provided with a perforation  $b$  and slot  $b'$ , thumb-screw C, having the neck  $c$  and enlarged threaded end  $c'$ , and cup E, fitting into said base, substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes set forth.

2. A flower-pot consisting of the base A, having the flanges  $a'$ , L-shaped side grooves D, cup E, having the side points  $e^2$  working in the side grooves, perforated bottom  $e$  and lower flange  $e'$ , resting on the bottom of said base, elevation B, stamped up in said flange  $a'$ , having the perforation and slot  $b$  and  $b'$ , and thumb-screw having the neck  $c$  and enlarged threaded end  $c'$ , substantially as shown and described, and for the purposes set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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