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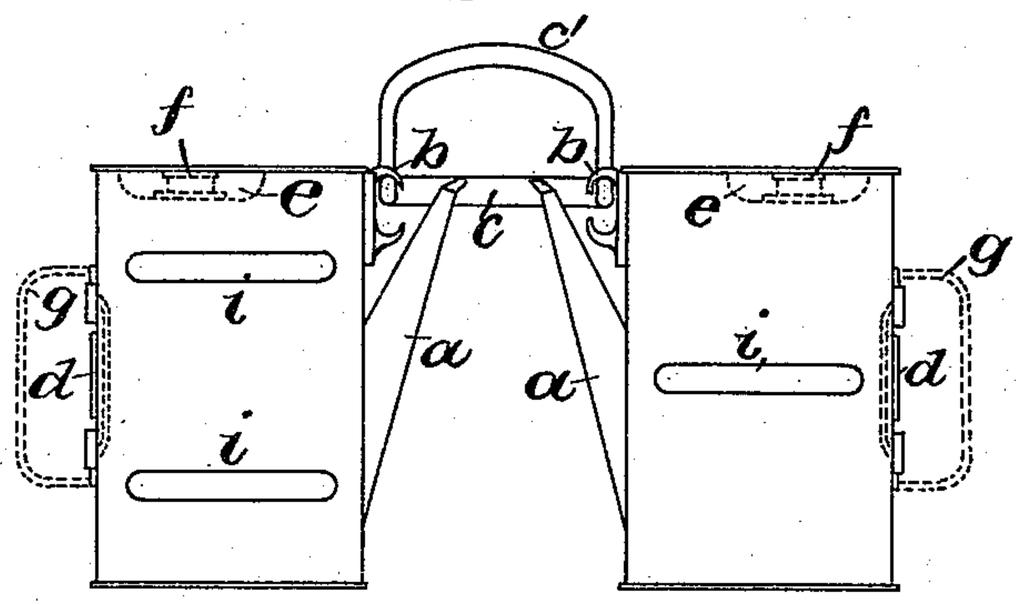
Fig. 1.



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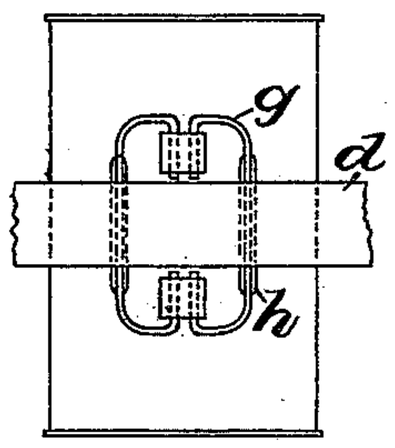

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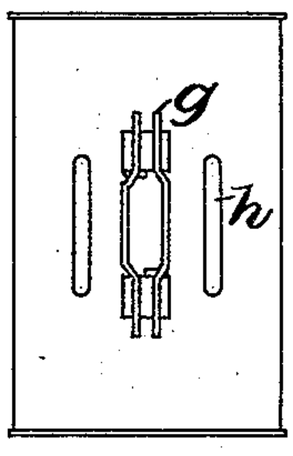

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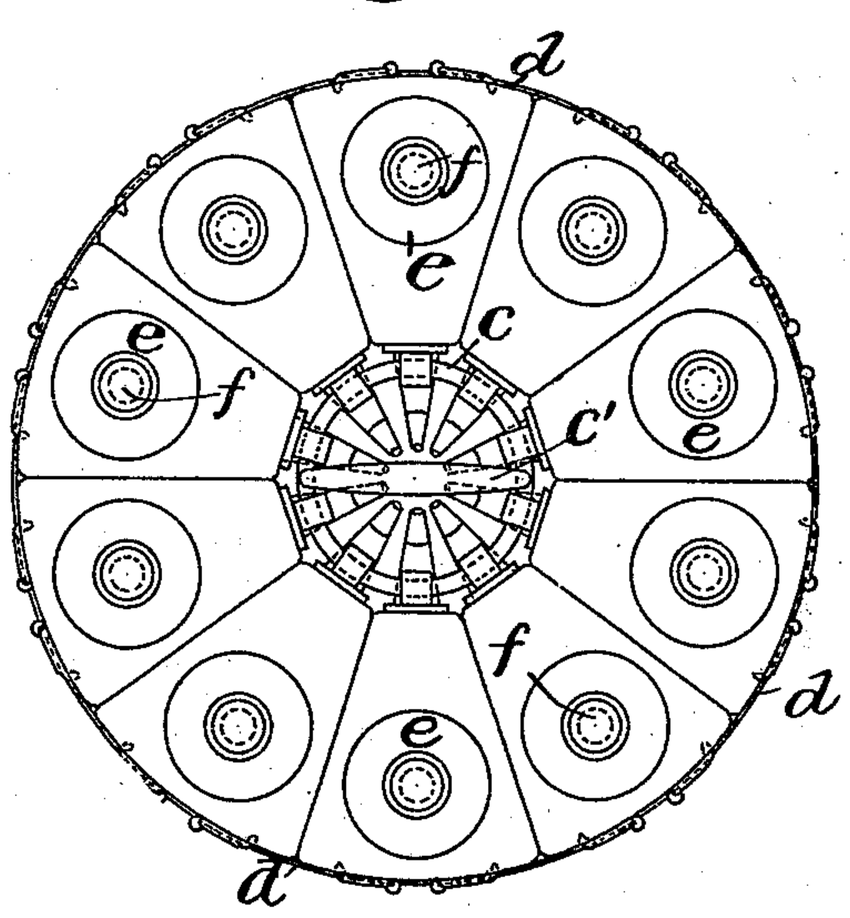

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, WILHELM UHLENHOFF, a subject of the Emperor of Germany, residing at Bremerhaven, in the Empire of Germany, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cans; 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 contemplates the provision of cans, designed to contain liquids, especially coal-oil, which will be more handy in general use, and which admit of a placing together in series forming a compact body which occupies comparatively small space and can easily be transported.

In the accompanying drawings, I have illustrated the new form of cans embodying my improvement, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of two cans as placed opposite each other in a body. Fig. 2 is a plan view of a number of cans placed together in said body. Fig. 3 is a rear elevation of an individual can with a part of the surrounding hoop and handles turned inside under said hoop. Fig. 4 is a rear view of a can, showing the handles turned out, ready for use.

I give to the cans such a shape that they form in cross-section part of a polygon, so that they can be placed together to a polygon or cylinder with their nozzles turned inside toward the center and their handles outside.

Above the nozzles *a* the cans are provided with hooks *b* adapted to grasp over a ring *c*, which by means of a strap or handle *c'* can be lifted up whereby the whole series of cans can be carried in a body.

For transportation of such a body of cans on cars or in vessels a hoop *d* may be placed around, as shown in Figs. 1 and 3. This hoop may be of any material, preferably of metal, and hooks or pins may be riveted in the same to which straps can be attached for the purpose of transportation.

The upper surfaces or tops of the cans are provided with depressions *e* adapted to receive the screw-caps *f* of ordinary construction, closing the openings for filling the cans. This arrangement offers the advantage that the bodies of cans can safely be placed above each other.

The handles *g* are made of wire in the ordinary way, and the middle part of the same is bent outside to the left and to the right, as shown in Fig. 4, so as to offer more body to the hand. When these handles are turned against the rear face of the can the said bent parts lie in depressions *h*, provided for that purpose, so that the hoops *d* cover the handles and bind them in without touching them. The hoops are in full contact with the rear face of the cans, thus giving to the same a good support.

The lateral surfaces of the cans may be provided with depressions *i*, as shown in Fig. 1, in order to give them more stiffness.

Having thus described my invention, I claim—

1. A can having a cross section which forms a part of a polygon or cylinder provided at the smaller or inner side with a nozzle and with a hook above said nozzle adapted to receive a ring for transportation when the cans are placed together into a body.

2. A can having a cross section which forms a part of a polygon or cylinder, provided at its outer side with wire handles hinged to the cans, and with depressions adapted to receive parts of the handles when turned against the sides, so as to leave the surface flush for a binding hoop surrounding the cans, when placed together into a body.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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