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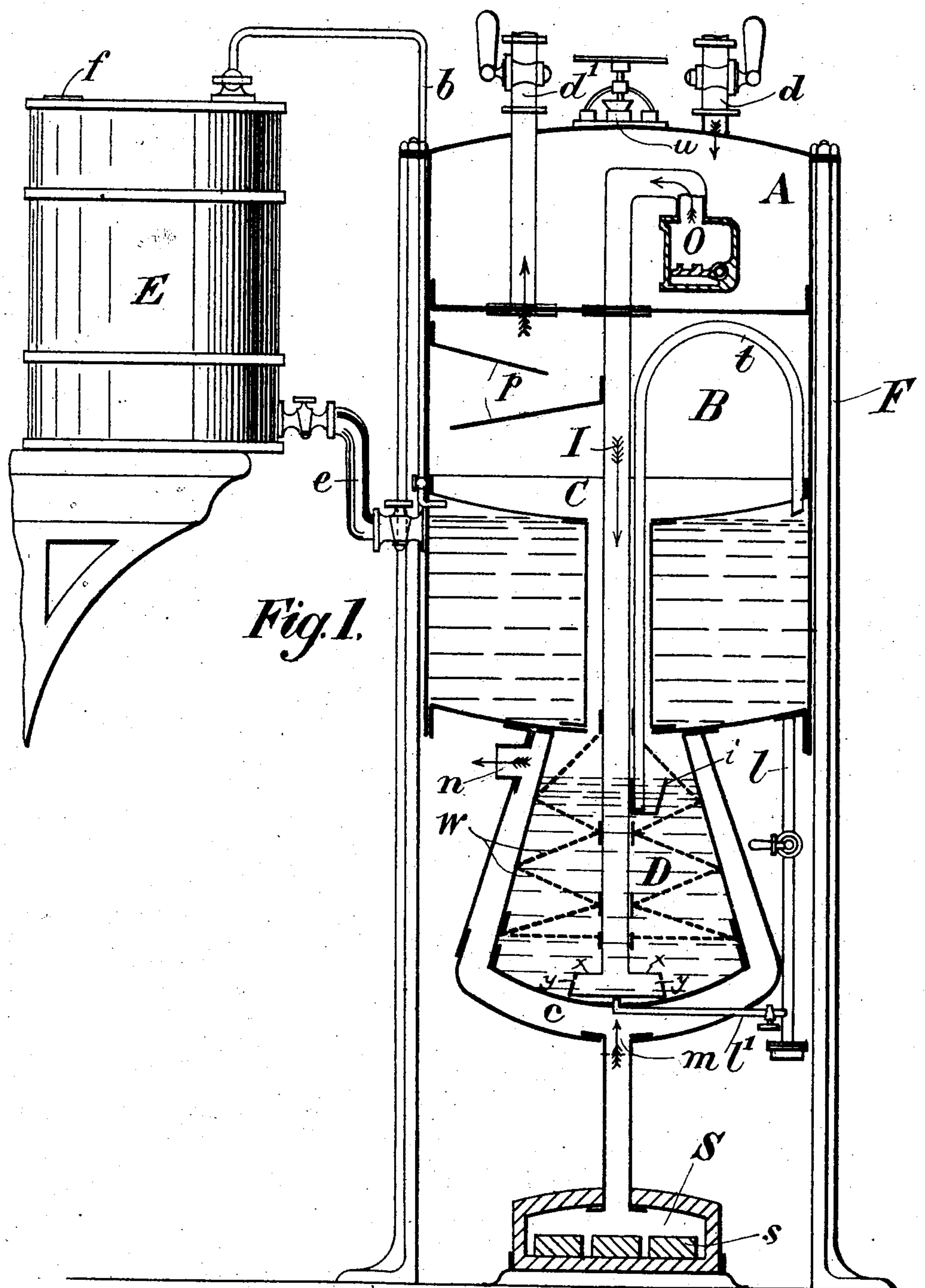


Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANÇOIS JOSUÉ LOTHAMMER, a citizen of the French Republic, residing at 9 Rue Chateaudun, in the city of Paris, France, have invented a new and useful Carbureter, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in apparatus for carbureting air by means of suitable hydrocarbons in such a manner as to form a homogeneous combustible gas.

In the apparatus shown in sectional elevation in the accompanying drawing and carried by the frame F, A is the compressed-air chamber, B is the carbureted-air chamber, and C is the hydrocarbon-receptacle. The air-chamber A is provided with a safety-valve *u* and a valve-chest *o*, containing a clack-valve leading to the central air-supply pipe I, and with an air-pipe *d* for the air which is compressed into A by any suitable means or mechanism. The chamber B is provided with an outlet-pipe *d'* for the carbureted air and with baffle-plates *p*, designed to stop any liquid particles which may have been carried away with the carbureted air. The hydrocarbon-receptacle C is furnished with hydrocarbon from the outside tank E, through the connecting-pipe *e*, *b* being an exhaust-air pipe acting as a vent. *f* is an inlet-stopper. The apparatus is terminated by a conical vessel or carbureter D, provided with wire-gauze pieces *w*, arranged after the manner of lazy-tongs and fitted in an upright direction to and around the central compressed-air-supply pipe I. The latter is provided at its lower end with a number of radial arms *x*, the lateral ends of which are likewise furnished with wire-gauze *y*.

The hydrocarbon is supplied to the carbureter through the pipes *l l'*, leading to the hydrocarbon-receiver from chamber C. *t* is a bent pipe having for its object to keep together with the pipe *b* a constant level of liquid in the chamber C and in the carbureter D in the following manner: When the cock of pipe *l* is closed and the cocks of the pipe *e* of the storage-tank E are opened, hydrocarbon runs from the storage-tank E to C. As the latter gets filled air is forced through the pipe

t into the conical chamber D. A water-gage fixed by the side of the reservoir or apparatus F indicates when C is full, whereupon the cocks of the pipe *e* are closed and that of the pipe *l* is opened, thus establishing a communication between C and D. The hydrocarbon descending in the latter receptacle forms a vacuum in C to be filled by aspiration of air in tube *t* until the level of hydrocarbon has been raised high enough in D to close the orifice of tube *t* in chamber D. As C is above D, such level will be maintained constant in D through the vacuum formed in C. The trough *z*, below the lower end of *t*, serves to prevent air-bubbles entering said lower end of *t*, as said bubbles would otherwise enter in C and cause hydrocarbon to drop in D and equal the level in C. As the hydrocarbon in D gets consumed the level in D sinks and discloses the lower end of *t*, whereupon air or gas enters in C, allowing oil to drop in D, receptacle C being subsequently refilled from tank E in the manner above set forth.

c is a hot-air jacket inclosing the carbureter D and provided with the inlet and outlet *m* and *n*, respectively.

Hot air is supplied to the chamber *c* by the stove S, heated by means of briquets *s*, and follows the direction indicated by the arrows. Atmospheric air being compressed into the chamber A, the same proceeds through the valve O and the central supply-pipe I to the carbureter D, whence it is forced through the quadrangular meshes of the various wire-gauze pieces and the various layers of hydrocarbon of graduated specific gravity, the heaviest of which are met with at the bottom or widest part of the carbureter in such a manner that the air becomes thoroughly impregnated with the hydrocarbon, the carbureted air thus formed ascending along the central opening of the apparatus into the carbureted-air chamber, whence it is conveyed wherever needed through the supply-pipe *d'*.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a device of the character described, a compressed-air chamber, a carbureted-air chamber, and a hydrocarbon-receptacle arranged

vertically in the order named, a carbureter
beneath the hydrocarbon-receptacle having
communication therewith through which hy-
drocarbon is maintained at a constant level in
5 the carbureter, a central air-supply pipe ex-
tending from the compressed air-chamber
down through the carbureted-air chamber,
through a passage-way in the hydrocarbon-
receptacle and discharging into the carbureter,

and a heating-jacket surrounding the carbu- 10
reter.

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