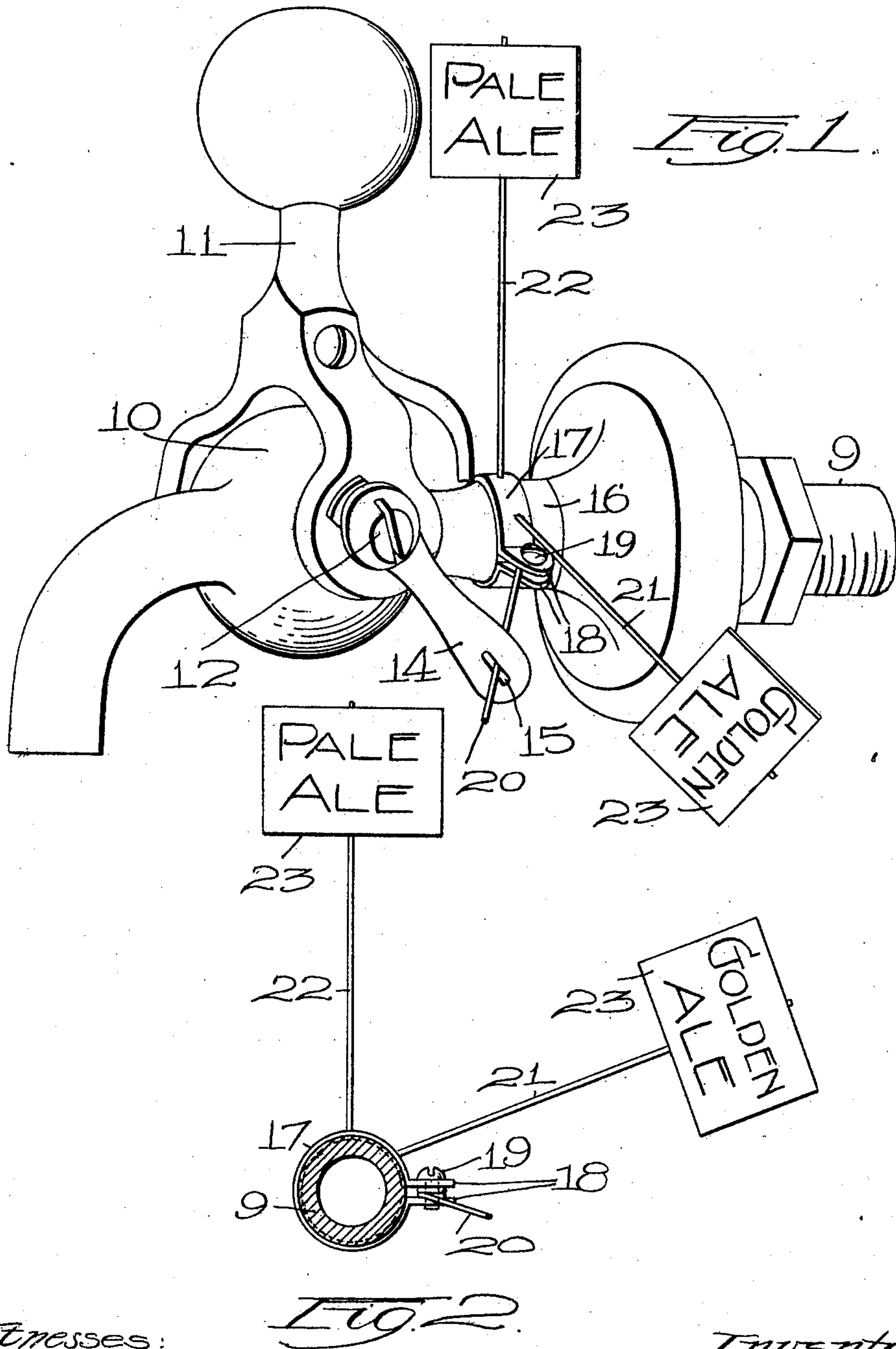


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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, PATRICK H. KIRBY, a citizen of the United States, residing at Clinton, in the county of Worcester and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Sign-Exhibit Attachment for Faucets, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to a sign exhibiting device for beer faucets or the like.

The principal objects of the invention are to provide a simple, convenient, and inexpensive device for attachment to a beer faucet or the like and adapted to exhibit a sign when the faucet is closed and to automatically exhibit a different sign when the faucet is opened.

The invention also involves certain details of construction as will appear herein-after.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a perspective view of a beer faucet of a well-known type showing a preferred form of the invention applied thereto; and Fig. 2 is a transverse sectional view taken through the beer faucet in front of the sign exhibiting device and showing the latter in front elevation.

The invention is shown as applied to a beer faucet 10 having an inlet pipe 9 and an operating handle 11 swinging with a horizontal shaft 12, perpendicular to the pipe 9 and at about the same elevation. This type of beer faucet is provided with means, not shown in this drawing, for normally holding the parts in the position shown in Fig. 1, in which the faucet is closed. The faucet is opened by pulling the handle 11 forward.

Fixed to the shaft 12 is an arm 14 having a slot 15 therein. Oscillatably mounted on a cylindrical portion 16 of pipe 9 of the faucet behind the shaft 12 is a ring 17. This is shown in the form of a split ring having a pair of ears 18 held together by a screw 19. Clamped between the ears by the screw is an arm 20 which extends into the slot 15. It will be seen therefore that the oscillation of the shaft 12 will oscillate the ring 17. On this ring are a pair of sign supports 21 and 22 at an angle to each other

and supporting signs 23. One of these supports is in position to be vertical when the parts are in the position shown in Fig. 1, and the other to come to vertical position when the handle 11 is pulled forward to open the faucet. In this way it will be seen that one of the signs is in position to be seen when the faucet is closed, and that the other is automatically brought into that position when the faucet is opened.

By mounting the ring 17 in the manner shown an exceedingly simple oscillatory support for the sign is provided without materially increasing the cost of the faucet itself.

While I have illustrated and described a preferred embodiment of the invention, I am aware that many modifications can be made therein by any person skilled in the art without departing from the scope of the invention as expressed in the claims. Therefore I do not wish to be limited to all the details of construction herein shown and described, but

What I do claim is:—

1. The combination with a beer faucet having a circular portion or neck thereon and provided with an operating handle, of an arm projecting from said handle and movable therewith, a ring mounted to turn on said circular portion of the faucet, means connected with the ring and arm for turning the ring when the arm moves, and a sign supported by said ring.

2. The combination with a beer faucet having a circular portion, and an operating handle for opening the faucet, of an arm connected with said operating handle and projecting therefrom and having a slot therein, a split ring oscillatably mounted on said circular portion and having ears thereon, an arm clamped between said ears and extending through the slot in the first named arm, and a plurality of sign supports projecting radially from said ring.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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