

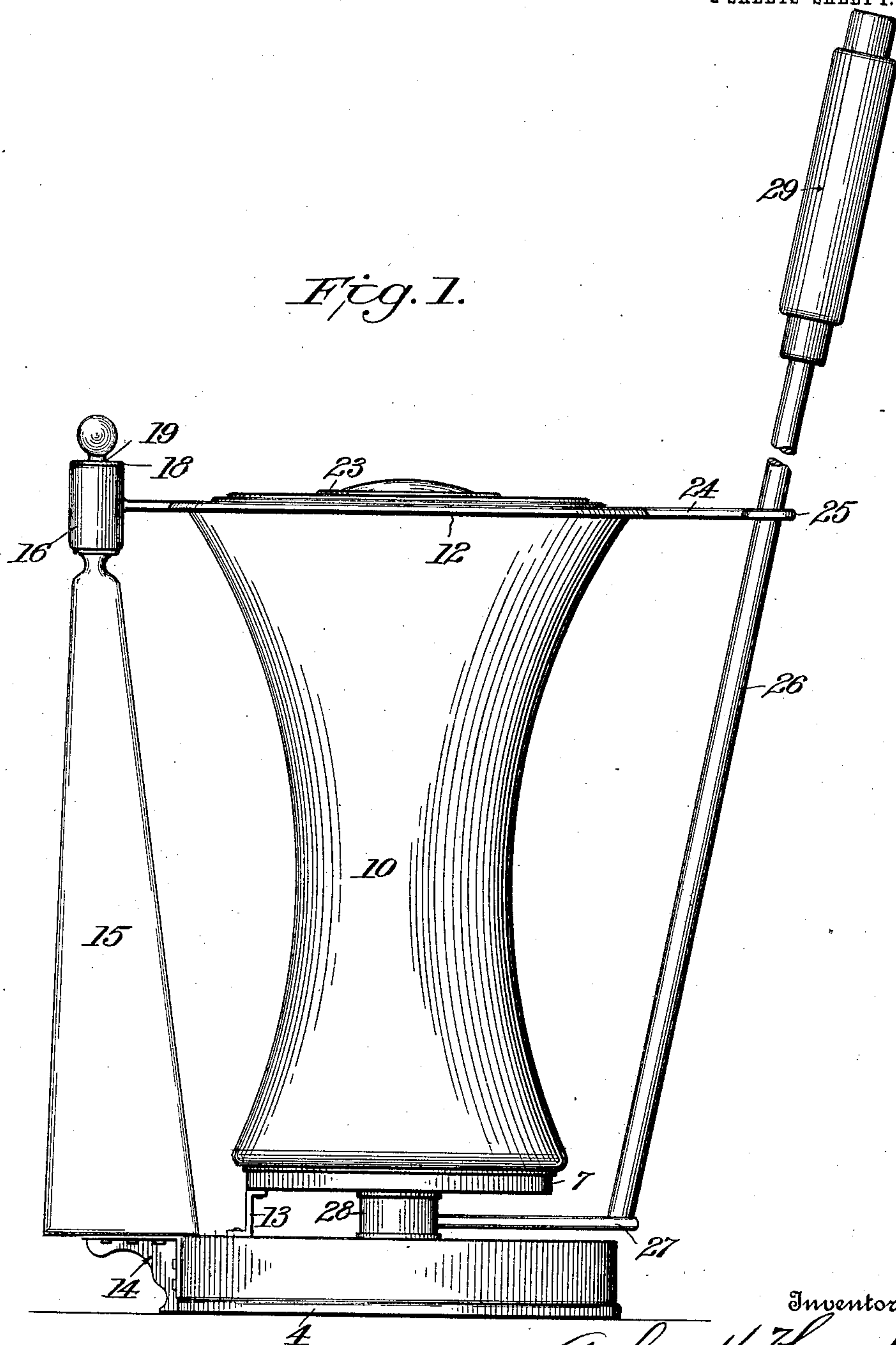
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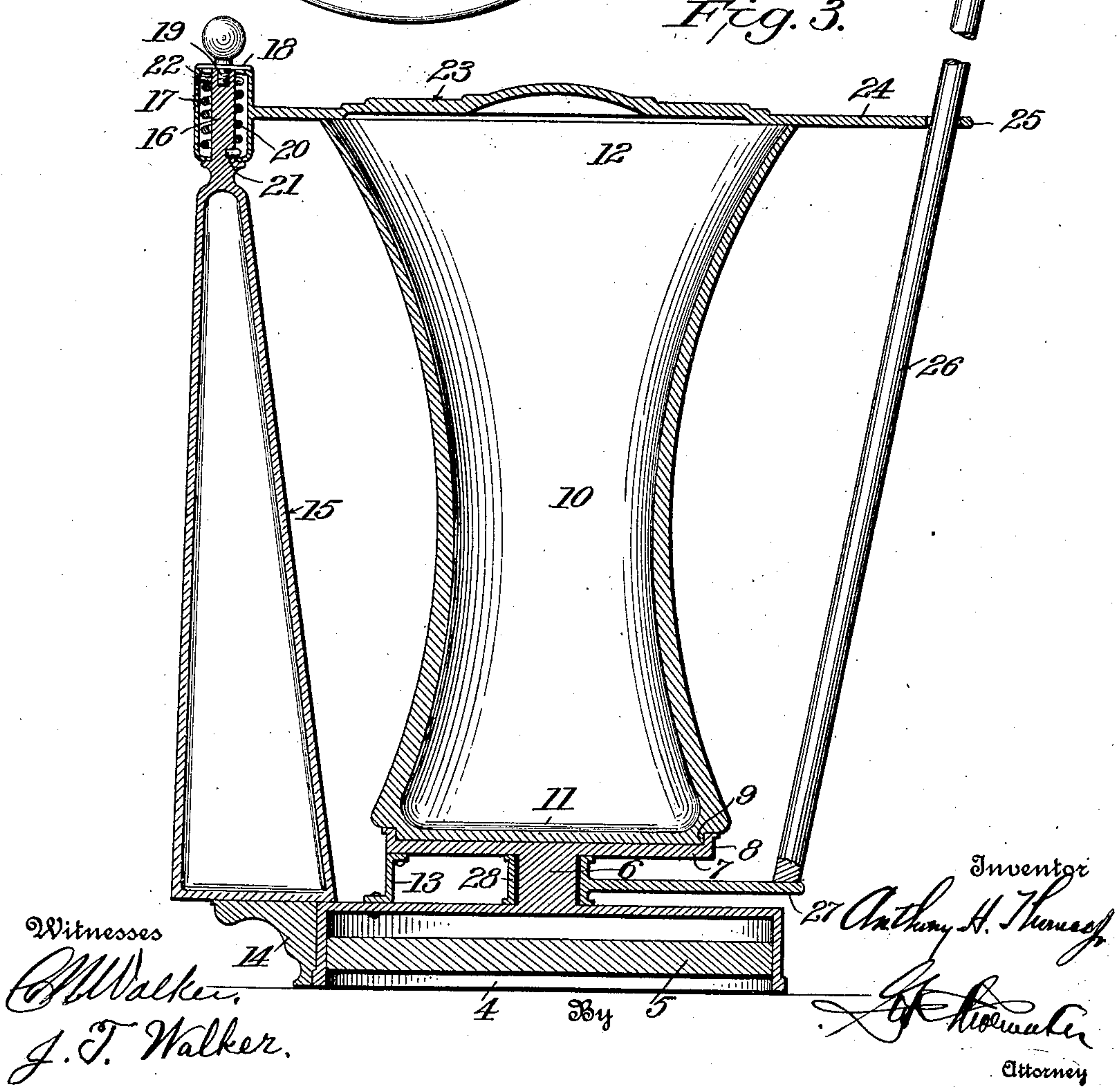
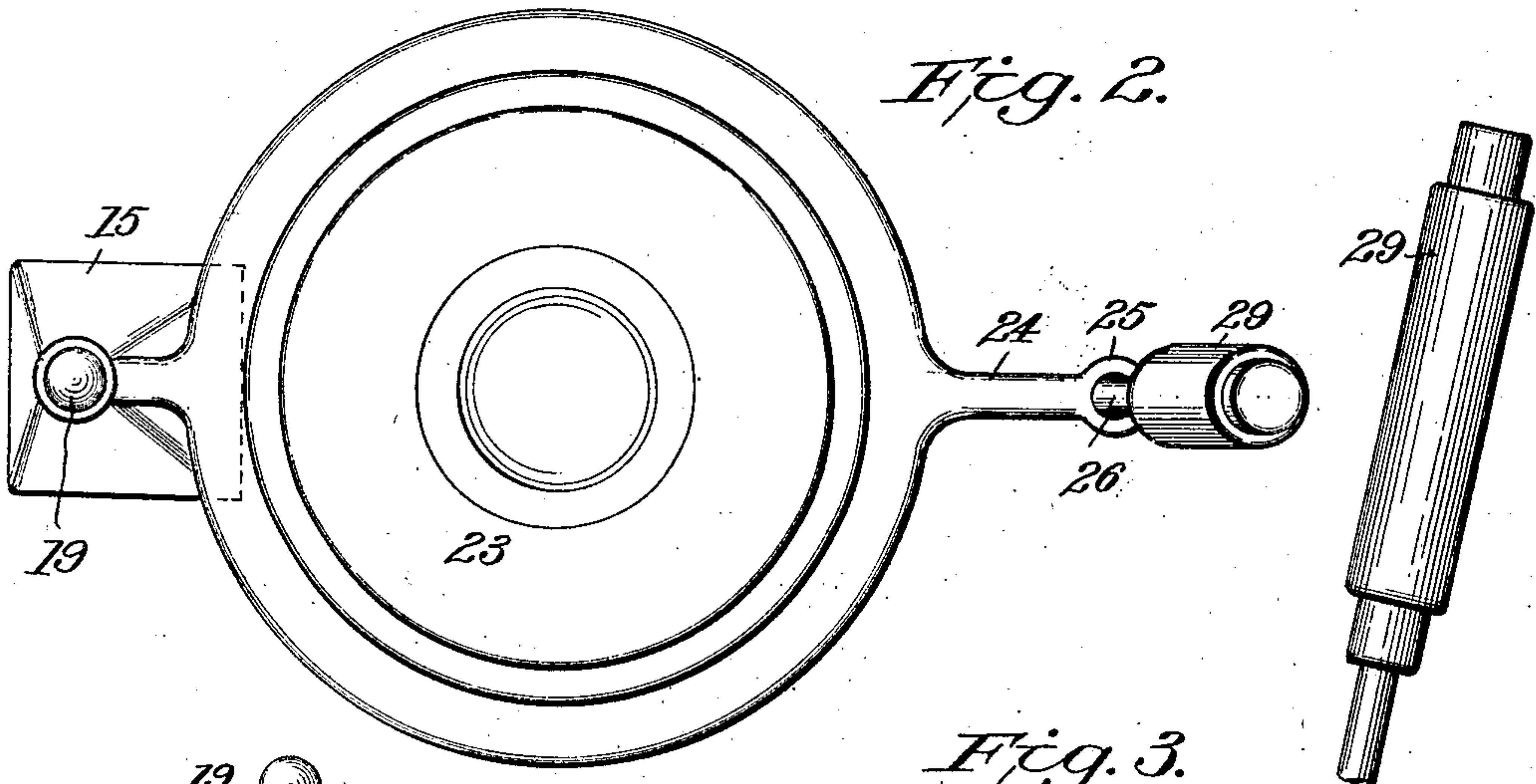
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ANTHONY H. THOMAS, Jr., a citizen of the United States, residing at 226 West Mitchel street, Atlanta, in the county of Fulton and State of Georgia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Cuspidors, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to cuspidors or spittoons, and especially to articles of this class which are portable, or readily removable from place.

Ordinarily, portable cuspidors or spittoons have been made in the form of bowls or bodies with removable lids which were extremely objectionable on account of the necessity due to their construction, of handling the soiled cover, as well as the bodies, with the hands. Spittoons for use in a single place and non-portable, have been made in which this serious objection has been obviated by providing means for handling the covers without the necessity of touching them with the hands.

The object of the present invention is to provide a portable spittoon which will be free from the objectionable features enumerated and with this object in view the invention consists in the improved construction, arrangement and combination of parts of a spittoon hereinafter fully described and afterward specifically pointed out in the appended claims.

In order that others may be enabled to construct and use my invention I have illustrated a preferred embodiment thereof in the accompanying drawings, and I will now proceed to fully describe my invention in connection with said drawings, in which—

Figure 1 represents a view in elevation of my improved spittoon, a portion of the handle being broken out to shorten the figure. Fig. 2 represents a view of the same in plan, and Fig. 3 represents a view of the same in section on a vertical plane passing transversely through the device, the handle being shown in elevation and partly broken out.

Like reference characters mark the same parts in all the figures of the drawing.

Referring specifically to the drawings, 4 indicates the base which is made of any suitable material of suitable weight and strength in the form of an inverted pan and in order that sufficient weight may be given to the base to firmly support and hold upright the whole structure, I have secured

within the hollow base 4 a weight 5 which may be made of any suitable material, such as lead or cast iron and which may be made as heavy as desirable under different circumstances. Mounted upon and preferably rigidly secured to the base is an upright or central standard 6 upon the top of which is mounted, and preferably made integral therewith, the base plate 7, which forms a dish for supporting the bowl of the spittoon, said dish being provided with a peripheral upright flange 8 to embrace a shoulder 9 formed on the base of the bowl 10, said bowl being made of any suitable material and of any preferred form, in the present instance being of the well known hour-glass form with extended base 11 and wide open mouth 12. To additionally support and give firmness of the dish or base plate 7, suitable brackets 13 are mounted between the top of the base or support 4 and the dish or bowl support 7, said brackets being rigidly secured to these two parts in any usual or preferred manner.

At one side of the base or support 4 is secured a bracket 14, the top of which is flush with the top of the base 4 and serves to support a hollow standard 15 which terminates in a cylindrical upper end or shaft 16 around which is mounted, with freedom to turn thereon, a hub 17, secured against displacement by a cover 18, having a threaded end 19 which engages in the upper end of the shaft 16 of the standard 15. A spring 20 is coiled around the shaft 16 and secured at its lower end, as at 21, to the shaft and at its upper end, as at 22, to the hub 17, whereby the hub is normally and yieldingly held in position as hereinafter described.

Attached to and projecting radially from the hub 17 is a cover 23 which fits closely upon the upper edge of the bowl 10, normally closing the bowl. Diametrically opposite to the hub 17 is an extension 24 which is provided at its outer end with a ring 25 in which is loosely seated a handle rod 26 which is preferably made hollow for sake of lightness, but of a material which will afford sufficient strength for its purposes. This handle rod, at its lower end, is rigidly secured to a radial stem 27 which, at its inner end, is rigidly secured to a sleeve 28 fitted to turn loosely upon the standard 6, so that it may readily turn upon said standard. The handle rod 26 is of sufficient length to extend from the floor to within

easy reach of a person sitting or standing, and a suitable ornamental head or handhold 29 is provided at its upper end.

The spring 20 normally holds the lid 23 in position to cover up the top 12 of the bowl and when it is desired to use the spittoon, the lid may be turned aside to uncover the bowl by grasping the handle 29 and turning the handle to the right or left as may be desired or convenient. In this action the sleeve 28 turns readily upon the standard 6 and the handle rod 26 acting upon the ring 25 at the outer end of the radial stem 24 pushes aside the lid so that the bowl is uncovered when it may be used and by simply releasing the hold upon the handle rod through the hand hold 29, the spring 20 will return the lid and the handle rod to their normal positions in which the bowl is securely covered.

The spittoon constructed as described, may be readily carried from place to place and in such transportation it will not be necessary to handle the bowl itself. Neither will it be necessary to handle the lid, although in this construction the lid is not soiled in using the spittoon. The danger of upsetting the spittoon is obviated by the weighted base as described, and the necessity of fastening or unfastening the spittoon to the floor is obviated. The bowl may be readily removed and all the parts readily cleaned. The whole device is slightly and ornamental and by reason of its construction, is held normally closed so as to avoid the disagreeable odors.

While I have specifically described the construction, form and material of the various parts of my improved spittoon, I do not desire to be limited thereto, it being obvious that variations may be made therein, within reasonable limits, without departing from the spirit and scope of my invention.

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

1. A portable spittoon comprising a bowl,

a cover normally held in closed position thereon, and a handle pivotally supported at the base of the bowl and passing upward and engaging the cover, whereby the latter may be moved from its normal position.

2. A spittoon comprising a base, a vertical standard supported at one side thereof, a bowl supported upon the base, a lid for the bowl, a spring coiled about the vertical standard, and normally holding the lid in its closed position and a handle engaging the lid for removing the same from its normal position.

3. A spittoon comprising a base, a vertical standard supported at one side thereof, a hollow hub swiveled on top of the standard, a spring within the hub secured at one end to the standard and at the other end to the hub, a bowl supported from the base, a lid for the bowl secured to the standard and normally held closed by said spring, and a handle rod engaging the lid for moving the same from its normal closed position.

4. A spittoon comprising a base, a vertical standard supported at one side thereof, a hollow hub swiveled on top of the standard, a spring within the hub secured at one end to the standard and at the other end to the hub, a central vertical standard mounted on the base, a dish mounted upon said central standard, a bowl supported from the base, a lid for the bowl secured to the standard and normally held closed by said spring, a radial stem projecting from the lid and provided with an open ring at its end, a handle rod passing through said open ring, a sleeve loosely mounted on the central vertical standard which supports the dish, and a radial stem connecting said sleeve with the lower end of the handle rod.

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

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