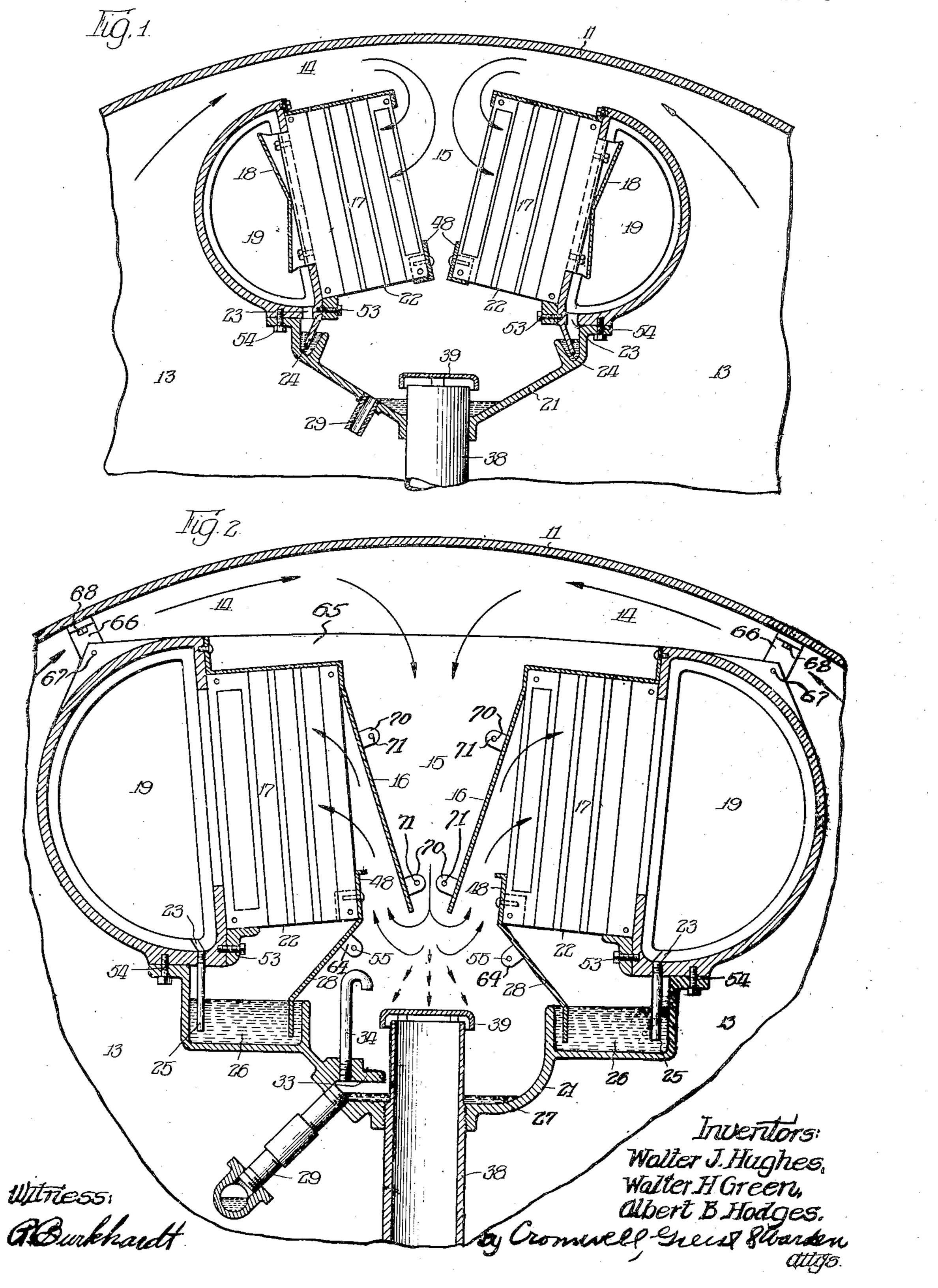
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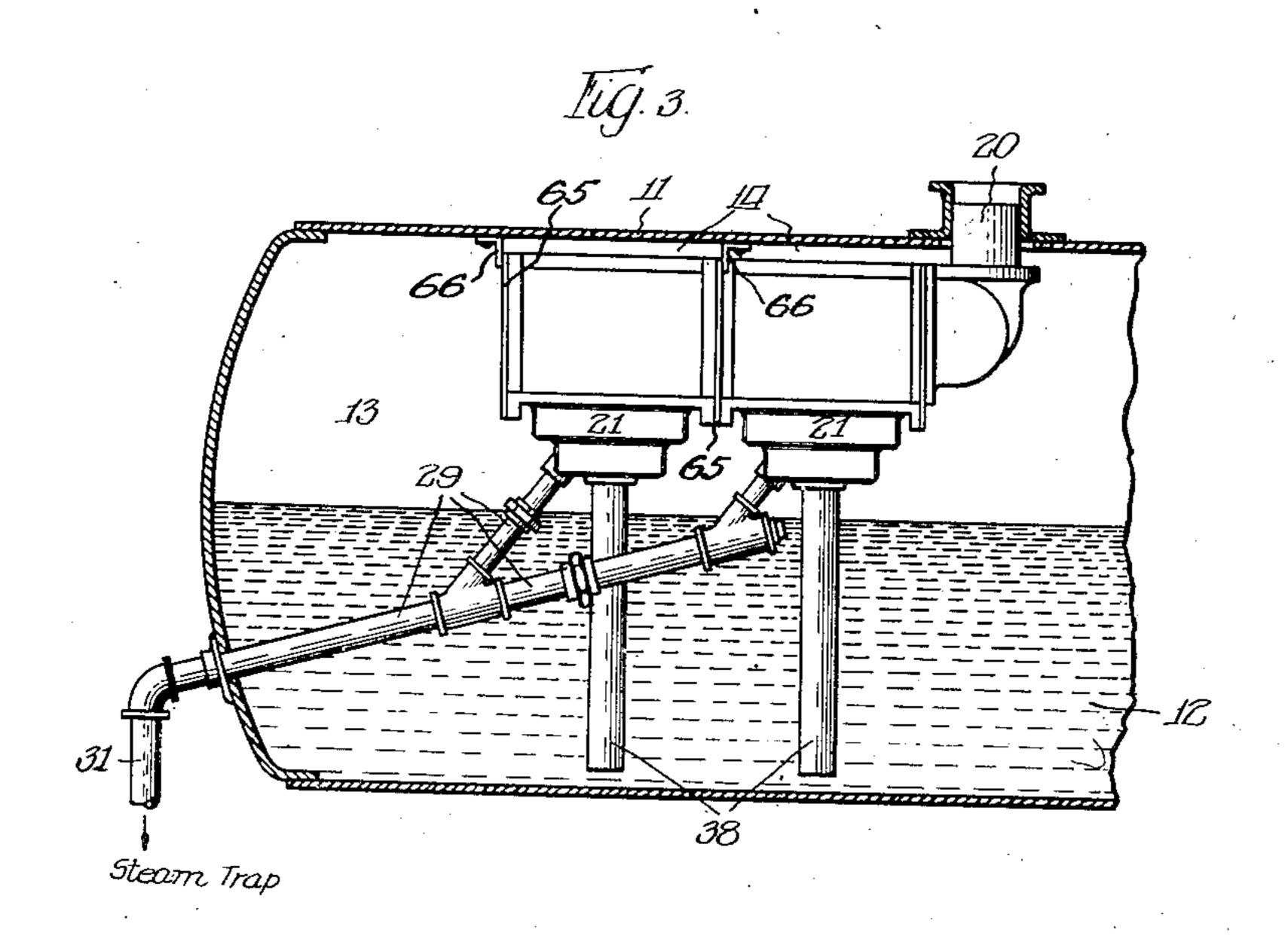
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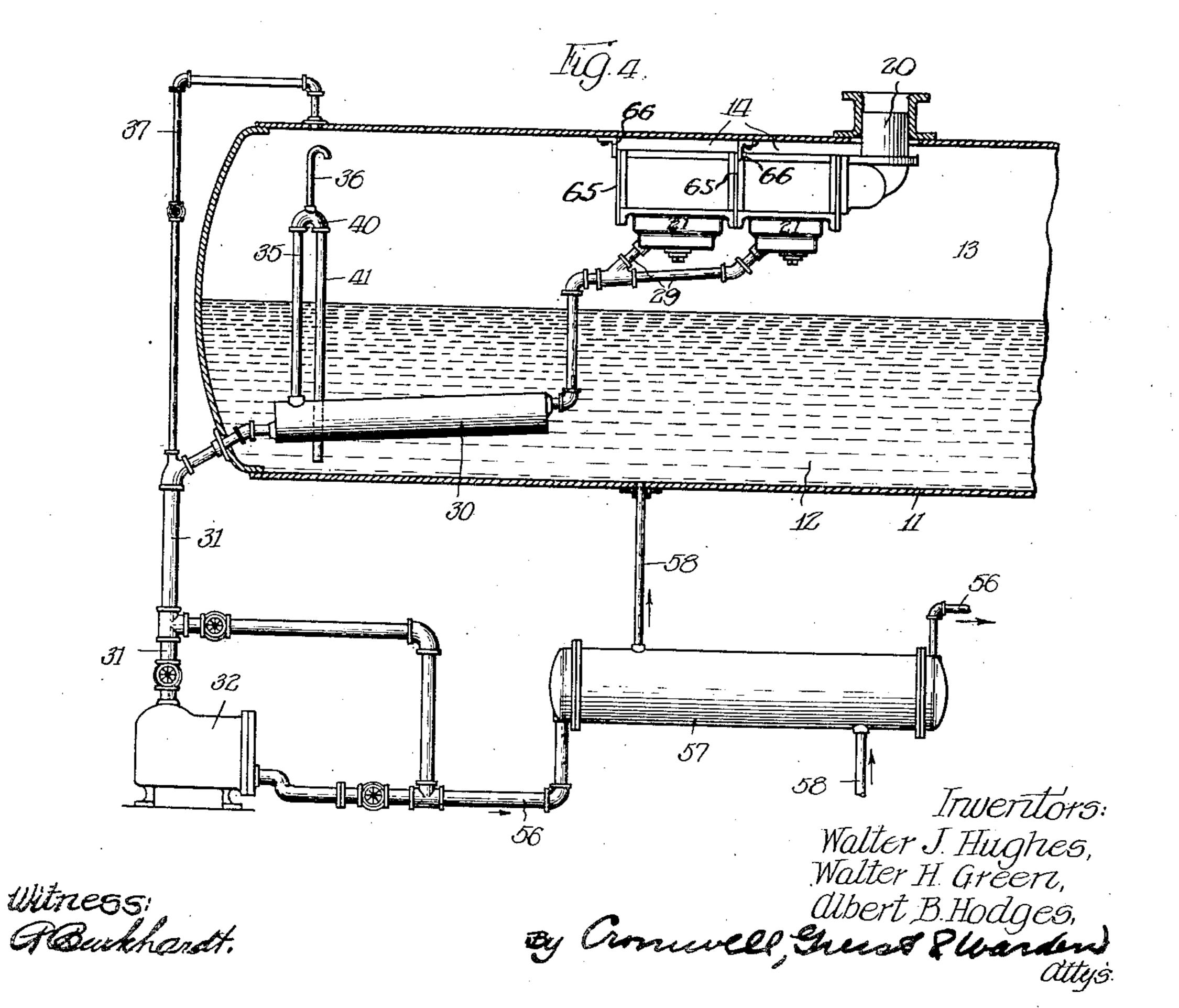


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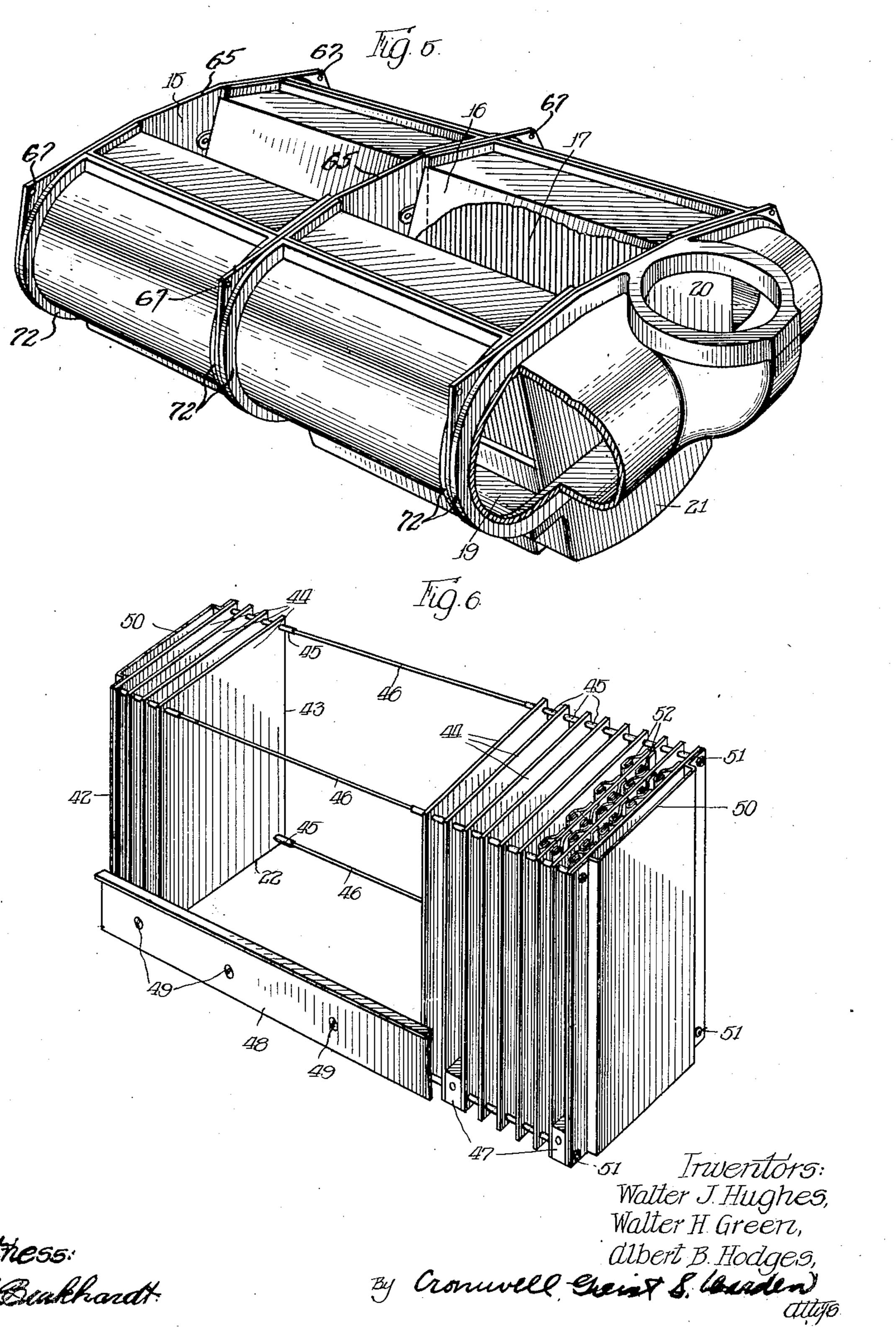
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## VAPOR PURIFIER

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This invention relates to means for the a bearing on the turbulence of the water

greater heating surfaces than steam liber- tions are otherwise favorable. ating surfaces. Usually the steam is liber- In view of the above factors, the moisture outlet connection is considerably restricted. the drum with the steam. The heating surface of such boilers is prin- It obviously is necessary to remove such cipally in the tubes and other drums which large quantities of boiler water from the

to the steam outlet.

35 varies and other favorable steaming condi-containing only one half of a percent of 85 40 for steam, each change will be accompanied power generates over 400,000 pounds per 90 45 certain portions of the heating surface may matter. be subjected to a very intense heat causing To remove such entrained moisture and very violent turbulence in the upper drum impurities and to secure steam of supadjacent to the connections from the over- posedly unobjectionable moisture content, heated tubes.

purification of vapors and especially relates in the boiler. Even when the feed water to menas for the purification of steam gener- contains only a few grains per gallon of ated by boilers and evaporators. soluble or suspended impurities, these re-Although many features of the present in- main in the boiler water due to evaporation 55 vention may be utilized in vapor purifiers and concentrate therein until the water in broadly, the preferred embodiment of the the boiler may contain several hundred invention, in which the puritier is used to grains of solids per gallon depending upon purify steam and is positioned within a the amount and frequency of blowdown. boiler shell, will be particularly described. Concentration of said impurities may reach 60 Boilers of present design, especially water an amount that will cause an over turbulent tube types, have proportionately much condition even though the steaming condi-

15 ated from the water in a comparatively content of the steam which normally may 65 small drum which is kept about half full be as low as a fraction of a percent may of water, the top half of the drum providing suddenly increase to several percent or the steam space. Because of the horizontal actual surging of the water in the boiler position of the cylindrical drum, the dis- may take place, such as when priming oc-<sup>20</sup> tance from the water surface to the steam curs, during which slugs of water may leave 70

are so arranged that when steam is gener- steam, but it also is very important to reated, a violent circulation results. move the normally low moisture content.

At the normally high steaming rates in Since the moisture content of the steam practice there is considerable turbulence of is actual boiler water in more or less finely the water in the steam outlet drum due to divided form, this moisture is highly imthe circulation and steam liberation. Even pure and contains the same solid content as 30 under steady load and other favorable steam- does the boiler water. The surprising fact 80 ing conditions some boiler water is entrained is the enormous weight of dry foreign matby the steam as fine droplets and is carried ter that can be carried by steam of normally high quality and with very usual boiler The load on a boiler, however, usually water concentrations. For instance, steam tions are difficult to maintain with the re- moisture from a boiler water at but 200 sult that very considerable quantities of en- grains per gallon concentration, carries 120 trained boiler water are carried to the out- grains of foreign matter per 1000 pounds let. If there are sudden changes in demand of steam. A boiler developing 500 horse by a greater turbulence in the upper drum twenty four hours of steam carrying 48,000 due to the lag in adjustment of boiler steam- grains of foreign matter. This is equal to ing to the changed demand for steam. 6.8 pounds per day or in the short space of Again if the firing of the boiler is improper, ninety days amounts to 612 pounds of solid

the steam is usually taken from the drum at The condition of the feed water also has a point where there is the least commotion 100

due to circulation. The steam generally is delivered to the nozzle or steam outlet by a so-called "dry pipe", the duty of which is to collect the steam from the upper space in 5 the drum over a larger area or throughout a greater length of the drum. Since, as has been pointed out previously, modern boiler design permits of but relatively small steam space above the water line, the fine particles 10 of water sprayed upward into this space do not always have a chance to fall back, but of a purifying element which can be used. are whisked along with the steam currents which must necessarily approach the "dry" or collecting pipe with considerable velocity. (see Figures 3 and 4). The steam leaving 15 As a result, the steam leaving the boiler the steam space 13 (see Figures 1 and 2) 80 nozzle after passing the dry pipe often car- moves through the passage 14 and enters ries more or less actual boiler water.

violent impingements also cause a very con-fying elements 17. 35 vision is made for preventing the expelled ing chamber 21. This collecting chamber 100 40 surface merely by adhesion, due to its scour- fying elements 17 drains into the collecting 105

quantities of water are carried to such puri-45 fiers, no means are provided to prevent such water from entering and overloading the purifying elements. Furthermore adequate drainage for the water reaching the purifying elements is not provided.

The object of this invention is to prevent overloading of the purifier elements under

any boiler conditions.

large quantities of water from the steam be-55 fore it enters the purifying elements.

Another object is to provide adequate and efficient drainage from each steam passage.

A still further object is to prevent bypassing of the steam around the purifying elements.

Other objects will appear during the course of the following description.

A preferred form of apparatus embodying the invention is illustrated in the ac-65 companying drawings.

In the drawings:

Figures 1 and 2 are sectional end views of

purifiers within the boiler drum;

Figures 3 and 4 are side views of the boiler with the purifiers arranged therein 70 showing the means of draining the collecting chambers under said purifiers;

Figure 5 is a top view of two purifier sec-

tions; and

Figure 6 is a detail view showing one type 75

The boiler shell 11 is about equally divided into a water space 12 and a steam space 13 the steam purifier through the central ad-Steam purifiers also are used, through mission space 15. It then passes through which the steam is passed, before it leaves the vertically sloping purifying elements 17 20 the boiler drum. In many of these purifiers and then into the steam conduits 19 from 85 the steam is caused to impinge violently whence it is taken to the steam nozzle 20 upon deflecting surfaces a number of times (see Figures 3 and 4). A sloped distributin its passage therethrough and as the steam ing plate 18 (in Figure 1) causes the steam is so treated, its contained moisture is to pass from the purifying elements 17 25 thrown into gutters. In most of these con-tangentially into the outer edges of the 90 structions the steam current with its en- main current in conduit 19 with a minimum trained moisture is deflected by surfaces sub- of disturbance and eddying. In Figure 2 stantially at right angles to its direction of a baffle 16 causes the steam to pass down flow with a result that the particles of through the purifier casing until it reaches 30 boiler water are broken up into a fine mist the lower part of the central admission space 95 and made very difficult to remove. These 15 from whence it then passes into the puri-

siderable eddying and frictional loss with an Below the purifying elements 17 there appreciable pressure drop. No adequate pro- is attached to the purifier casing a collectwater and dirt particles from getting back empties into the continuously slanting drain into the vapor stream. The steam moving line 29 which conducts the collected impuriat a considerable velocity tends to tear loose ties to the exterior of the boiler. Any moisand carry along anything held to an exposed ture separated from the steam in the puriing action, and therefore frequently en- chamber 21 through their open bottoms 22. trains again the separated water particles. Any moisture which may collect in the When due to priming abnormally large steam conduit 19 drains down through the openings 23 in the bottom of the steam conduit passage 19, past the seals 24 (Figure 1) 110 or 25 (Figure 2) into the collecting chamber

Figure 2 shows a collecting chamber 21 which is divided into several compartments 26 and 27. The compartments 26 collect the 115 moisture from the purifying elements 17 and from the purified steam conduit 19 and are A further object is to remove abnormally sealed from the compartment 27 by the depending plate 28 which prevents any bypassing of the steam from the central ad- 120 mission chamber 15.

The water collected in the bottom of compartment 27 flows out through the continuously downwardly sloping pipes 29 (see Figures 3 and 4) to the pipe 31 which con- 125 ducts it to a steam trap 32 or any other discharge means. This continuously downwardly sloping pipe may have an enlarged section 30 (see Figure 4) which is of sufficient capacity to hold any large quantities 130

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of water which might be carried into the or gutters for the drainage of the impuriing water from the collecting chamber, is of horizontal partitions so that any liquid 70 of venting the drainage system are shown. ing members or baffles and gutters or pockets 75 the pipe 35 and the vent 36 to the steam 6 and described above. space 13 or the steam can be caused to pass The purifying elements are held within from the trap 32 through the pipe 37 which the casing by means of the bolted lugs 53. leads to the steam space of the boiler ex- Upon removal of the collecting chamber 80

shown in Figure 1, the overflow pipe 38 the vertically sloping elements 17 through which is covered by the plate 39 is provided. the bottom of the casing. In the modified Any flooding of the enlarged portion 30 in construction shown in Figure 2 it is also 85 Figure 4 is prevented by the overflow sys- necessary to remove the retaining screws 55 tem, 35, 40 and 41 which will carry off any which assist in holding the purifying seclarge quantities of water from 30 when they tions in place through the sealing plate 28.

water expeditiously.

from the purifier amounts to a substantial 67 are attached to the boiler shell by means quantity it is economical to recover the heat of the bolts 68. The casings for the puritherein by passing it through a heat inter- fied steam conduits are attached to these 95 changer. In Figure 4 the discharge from plates by means of the flanges 72 (prefthe steam trap passes through the line 56 erably by bolts not shown). In the embodithrough a closed type heater 57 where it ment of the invention shown in Figures 2 transfers its heat to the incoming feed water and 5 the baffle plates 16 and the sealing in the line 58.

ferred purifying element. These elements bolts or screws 71 and 55 respectively. consist of a series of parallel rectangular In Figure 1 the steam entering the puriplates 44 which are spaced apart by collars fying sections through the passages 14 and 45 which ride upon the tie-rods 46. The the space 15 makes substantially a 180° turn. 105 element has an open bottom 22, an inlet side It then passes through the purifying ele-42 and an exit side 43. On the lower inside ments 17 and, after being purified, is adcorner of the purifying elements at regu- mitted to the current of steam passing lar intervals the spacing collars are replaced through the conduits 19 at the outer edges by blocks 47 to which the plate 48 is at- of the steam current with a minimum of edtached by the retaining screws 49. It will dying and frictional loss. The initial turn be noted that the plate 48 cooperates with of substantially 180° before admission to the lower residual portion of the internal the elements 17 causes the current of steam wall of the purified steam conduit to prevent direct passage of the steam through the be thrown into the collecting chamber 21 lower part of the purifying element so that and will pass off through the continuously the separated liquid will drain smoothly and easily therefrom into the collecting 55 chamber. The steam being purified will be directed into the upper part of the purifying element. The ends of the purifier sections are provided with the spacing plates 50, which may be slightly bulged, which 60 make a tight fit against the ends of the purifier casing, and which also provide a space for the nuts 51 which hold the tie-rods 46 in position. The plates 44 are provided on either side with staggered semi-tubular 65 lipped deflecting vanes 52 or other deflect-

purifier casing. The steam which flows ties. It will be noted that both the pockets back from the trap 32 and connecting lines and sinuous passageways formed by the as it is displaced by the downwardly flow- semi-tubular members are altogether free vented into the steam purifying chamber separated in the pocket or in the sinuous 21 (see Figure 2) by means of the baffle 33 passageway may flow directly downwardly. and the vent 34. In the case of the enlarged Other forms of purifying elements containsection 30 (see Figure 4) two other methods ing suitably shaped and positioned deflect-The steam can be caused to pass up through can be used in place of those shown in Figure

casing after taking out bolts 54 it is very To prevent any flooding of the purifier easy to remove the lugs 53, and then remove

collect in such great amounts that the steam trap 32 is unable to receive the excess of steam space of the boiler shell by means of 90 the plates 65 which are suspended from the When the collected moisture discharged brackets 66 by the bolts 67. The brackets plates 28 are also attached to the plate 65 100 Figure 6 is a detailed showing of a pre- by means of the ears 70 and 64 and the

to discharge the excess moisture which will sloping drain 29. This excess moisture may fall or pass into the collecting chamber 21 either through the central steam admission 120 space or through the inner edges of the steam purifying elements, which as stated above are altogether free of horizontal partitions. Any moisture which might collect in the purified steam conduits 19 is readily 125 drained into the chamber 21 through the seals 24. In case excessive quantities of water are carried into the purifier due to priming, such quantities are readily coning members which will provide pockets ducted into the chamber 21 without over- 130

from this chamber they are drained back collected moisture readily drains out through into the boiler through the overflow 38.

5 through a turn of substantially 180° at a point near the bottom of the central admis- be as smooth as possible with very little loss sion space 15 by the baffles 16. This will due to friction or eddying. The deflecting cause the excess moisture and impurities to members offer impinging surfaces at small be expelled. The moisture collected in the angles to the direction of the vapor current, 10 purifying elements 17 will drip down which reduces the eddying and frictional 75 through the open bottoms 22 into the com- loss to a minimum. It will also be noted partment 26 which is sealed from the admission space 15 by the plates 28 so that no by-passing of the steam will take place. 15 The seals 24 (Figure 1) and 25 (Figure 2) will prevent any by-passing of steam from the collecting chamber 21 to the conduits 19.

The collected water in the bottom of the chamber 21 will flow out through the slop-20 ing drain pipes 29 along the lower part of said sloping pipes while the displaced steam will flow up along the upper portion of the sloping drain pipe under the baffle plate 33 and up through the vent 34 (see Figure 2). 25 This will prevent any stoppage or clogging of the pipe due to the inlet end thereof being covered by water. The drain pipe system 29 is made continuously sloping so that there will be no vertical or horizontal por-30 tions which might fill up with the descending water and retard the return flow of steam.

In Figure 4 any excessive amounts of water which may be carried into the steam 35 purifier casing are collected in the enlarged portion 30 of the sloping pipe 29 and will be held there until they are discharged through the steam trap 32. In case very large quantities of water beyond the capacity of the 40 trap should collect in the enlarged portion 30 as soon as the level of such water reaches the return bend 40, the water will overflow through pipe 41 back to the water space of the boiler. In Figure 4 the steam from the trap may be vented directly back into the steam space by the exterior pipe 37 or it may be conducted into the enlarged portion 30 and vented by the pipe 36 which also will vent the enlargement 30. The steam can be 50 vented back into the steam space only when there is no material drop in pressure through the steam purifier.

In Figure 6, the steam is forced through a wavy, undulating motion past the deflecting 55 vanes 52 and in so doing expels the finely divided moisture, the larger particles having already been separated, into the pockets or gutters formed by said vanes, which pockets or gutters conduct the moisture down into 60 the collecting chamber 21. The pockets or gutters are sloped at an angle of more than 45° to the horizontal so that they will drain very readily and so that there will be very 65 steam enters through the inlet side 42 of the to a steam trap, a vent to the drain conduit 130

loading any of the purifying elements and element and passes out through 43 and the the open bottom 22. It will be noticed that In Figure 2 the steam is caused to pass the purifier elements 17 are so arranged that the flow of vapor through the purifier will 70 that a means is provided for first separating excessive quantities or slugs of water from the steam before it is admitted to the purifying elements 17, which carry on the finer 80 separation, by causing it to change its direction abruptly in the central admission space

> By changing the width of the opening between the baffles 16 at the bottom of the cen- 85 tral admission spaces 15, it is possible to equalize or distribute the flow of steam through the different purifier sections, which may be more or less removed from the steam nozzle.

In Figures 1 and 2 the upper part of the boiler shell 11 forms with the upper part of the purifier casing, a steam passage 14 which will cause the steam to enter the central admission space 15 at a point farthest removed 95 from the water line.

By the expression "vertically slanting" used in the claims it is meant that the purifying elements slant more to the horizontal than to the vertical, the angle to the hori- 100 zontal being preferably more than 45°. This positioning of the purifying elements prevents flooding and provides a ready drainage of the elements, and this arrangement also enables a relatively horizontal pas- 105 sage of the steam through such purifier.

Furthermore, this relatively vertical position of the purifying elements facilitates their removal as previously described.

What is claimed is: 1. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, purifiying elements within said purifier, means for admitting steam to said elements from the steam space of the boiler, a conduit for the purified steam from the said 115 elements, a drain conduit from said purified to a point exterior to the boiler and a vent to the drain conduit extending upwardly into the vapor spaces within the boiler until it is substantially above the 120 highest liquid levels to permit of ready liberation of the displaced vapor from said drain conduit.

2. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, purifying elements within said purifier, 125 means for admitting steam to said elements from the steam space of the boiler, a conduit for the purified steam from the said little possibility of their flooding. The elements, a drain conduit from said purifier

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extending upwardly into the casing a substantial distance above the bottom thereof until its opening will be above the highest

liquid level therein.

3. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, purifying elements within said purifier, means for admitting steam to said elements from the steam space of the boiler, a conduit for the purified steam from the said 10 elements, a drain conduit from said purifier to a steam trap, said conduit having an enlarged portion within the boiler shell and being vented to the steam spaces of the boiler and being of sufficient capacity to hold 15 abnormal quantities of water separated by said purifier.

4. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, purifying elements within said purifier, means for admitting steam to said elements 20 from the steam space of the boiler, a conduit for the purified steam from the said elements, a steam trap, a drain conduit from said purifier to said steam trap, and a vent for said drain conduit being vented to the 25 steam space of the boiler, said vent being connected to an enlarged portion of the drain conduit where the vapors and gases will

collect.

5. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, <sup>30</sup> purifying elements within said purifier, purifier comprising opposed purifying ele- <sup>95</sup> from the steam space of the boiler, a conduit for the purified steam from the said elements, a drain conduit from said purifier 35 to the exterior of the boiler having an enlarged portion within the boiler shell, an overflow means for returning abnormal quantities of water to the boiler from said enlarged portion and a vent from said en-40 larged portion to the steam space of the boiler.

6. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, opposed purifying elements within said purifier, a central steam admission space communicating with the steam space of the boiler, a conduit for the purified steam from the said elements, a collecting chamber for the separated impurities, the steam admission space, the purifying elements and to distribute the steam evenly through the the purified steam conduit all draining elements.

7. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, purifier comprising purifying elements, a opposed purifying elements within said means for admitting impure steam from the purifier, a central admission space for adsteam space of the boiler to such elements, mitting steam to said elements from the a conduit for removing the purified steam 120 steam space of the boiler, a conduit for the from the elements, and a sloping distributpurified steam from the said elements, a ing plate at the exit side of said elements collecting chamber for the separated im- positioned over the central portion of the purities, said collecting chamber being outlet side of the purifying elements so as placed at a lower level than said purified to prevent direct passage of steam from said 125 steam conduit and means for drainage of central portion into said conduit and un-

opposed purifying elements within said passage of steam from said upper and lower purifier, a central admission space between portions into the purified steam conduit.

said elements communicating with the steam space of the boiler, a conduit for the purified steam from the said elements, the central steam admission chamber, the purifying elements and the purified steam conduit 70 being substantially on the same level so as to cause a substantially horizontal passage of

the steam therethrough.

9. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, purifying elements within said purifier, a 75 steam admission space communicating with the steam space of the boiler, a conduit for the purified steam from the said elements, a collecting chamber for the separated impurities, rapid drainage means into said collecting chamber from the steam admission space, purifying elements and purified steam conduit, and means for preventing bypassing of steam in said collecting chamber around said purifying elements.

10. In a steam purifier, a pair of oppositely vertically sloping purifying elements with a central steam admission space therebetween, and means for causing the entering steam to change its direction through 90 substantially 180° upon passing through said admission space before admission to

said purifying elements.

11. In combination with a boiler, a steam means for admitting steam to said elements ments, a central space between said elements for admitting impure steam from the steam space of the boiler to such elements, a conduit for removing the purified steam from the elements, and downwardly extend- 100 ing baffles in said admission space over the entrance of said elements.

12. In combination with a boiler, a steam purifier comprising opposed purifying elements, a central steam admission space com- 105 municating with the steam space of the boiler between such elements, a conduit for removing the purified steam from the elements, downwardly extending baffles in said steam admission space so as to cause the 110 steam to pass through abrupt changes of direction before admission to said purifying elements, said baffles being arranged so as

directly into said collecting chamber.

13. In combination with a boiler, a steam said conduit into said collecting chamber. covering the upper and lower portions of 8. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, said outlet side so as to permit the direct

14. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, free of all horizontal baffles and partitions. a steam purifier, opposite purifying elements 19. In a horizontal flow vapor purifier, within said purifier, a central space between said elements for admitting steam to said duit, a collecting chamber, and a purifying elements from the steam space of the boiler, element comprising a series of parallel and 70 a conduit for the purified steam from the said elements, a collecting chamber for re-

less than an angle of 90° to each other so as the sides of the admission space, the exit to permit of ready removal downwardly for cleaning.

15. In a horizontal flow purifier adapted to fit in the steam space of a boiler, purified fluid conduits, an admission space, a collecting chamber, and purifying elements comprising a series of parallel vertical rectangu-20 lar plates positioned in the purifier so that the plates will be perpendicular to the center line of the boiler shell, the top edges of the plates being enclosed, the inside edges of the plates being in the sides of the admission 25 space, the outside edges of the plates fitting in an opening in the purified fluid conduits and the lower edges being unenclosed and in the top wall of the collecting chamber.

16. A fluid purifier comprising symmetri-30 cally positioned purified fluid conduits, purifying elements attached to the inner sides of said conduits and an admission space between the adjacent faces of said purifying elements and a collecting chamber below said 35 purifying elements, admission space and purified fluid conduits adapted to receive

separated moisture therefrom.

17. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, purifying elements within said puri-40 fier, means for admitting steam to said elements from the steam space of the boiler, a conduit for the purified steam from the said elements, a drain conduit from said purifier to a steam trap, said conduit hav-45 ing enlarged portions both within and without the boiler, a trap mechanism placed within the enlarged portion without the boiler and a vent from the enlarged portion within the boiler to the steam space of the 50 boiler.

18. In a horizontal flow vapor purifier, an admission space, a purified vapor conduit, a collecting chamber, and a purifying element comprising a series of parallel, ver- zontal flow of vapor through the lower por-55 tical, rectangular plates positioned in the tion of said narrow passageways. purifying element so that the plates will be parallel to the direction of vapor pas- rality of parallel partitions adapted to form sage and perpendicular to the horizontal, a series of narrow passageways, a plurality the top edges of the plates being enclosed, of vertical semi-tubular members attached 60 the entrance edges of the plates being in the to said partitions forming vertical pockets 125 sides of the admission space, the exit edges adapted to entrap the moisture contained in of the plates fitting over an opening in the said vapor, a chamber adjacent and below purified vapor conduit and the drainage the ends of said pockets for receiving the edges being unenclosed in the top wall of moisture collected and discharged thereby, 65 the collecting chamber, the element being and plates over the lower portions of the 130

an admission space, a purified vapor convertical partitions positioned in the purifying element so that the partitions will be ceiving the separating moisture, said collect- parallel to the direction of vapor passage ing chamber being removable and said ele- and perpendicular to the horizontal, the top 10 ments being at an angle of more than 45° edges of the partitions being enclosed, the 75 to the horizontal and the inlet sides being entrance edges of the partitions being in edges of the partitions fitting over an opening in the purified vapor conduit and the drainage edges being unenclosed in the top 80 wall of a collecting chamber, the elements being free of all horizontal baffles and partitions, and the admission space, the purified vapor conduit and the purifying element being all positioned so as to cause a 85

substantially horizontal passage of vapor

therethrough.

20. In a horizontal flow vapor purifier, an admission space, a purified vapor conduit, a collecting chamber and a purifying ele- 90 ment comprising a series of rows of deflecting elements positioned in the purifying element so that the rows will be parallel to the direction of steam passage and perpendicular to the horizontal, the top edges of 95 the series of rows being enclosed, the entrance edges of the series being in the sides of the admission space, the exit edges of the plates fitting over an opening in the purified vapor conduit and the drainage 100 edges being unenclosed in the collecting chamber, the elements being free of all horizontal baffles and partitions, and said admission space, purifying element and purified vapor conduit being positioned above 105 said collecting chamber and being adapted to drain into said collecting chamber.

21. In a vapor purifying element, a plurality of parallel partitions adapted to form a series of narrow passageways, a plurality 110 of vertical semi-tubular members attached to said partitions forming vertical pockets adapted to entrap the moisture contained in said vapor, a chamber adjacent to and below the ends of said pockets for receiving 115 the moisture collected and discharged thereby, and means comprising a vertically disposed baffle for preventing the direct hori-

22. In a vapor purifying element, a plu-

entrance and exit sides of said purifying element for preventing the direct flow of vapor through the lower portion of said

narrow passageways.

5 23. In a vapor purifying element, the combination of a conduit for a flowing vapor, a plurality of parallel partitions vertically arranged within said element, members mounted on said partitions forming

10 sinuous passageways and pockets adapted to entrap moisture, said pockets and sinuous passageways being closed at their upper ends and open at their lower ends to permit liquids to be discharged freely downwardly,

and a collecting chamber below the discharge ends of said pockets and sinuous passageways for collecting the separated liquids directly from and below the sinuous passage-

ways and pockets.

24. In a vapor purifying element construction, a series of parallel, rectangular plates, tie rods passing through the corners of said plates, spacers upon said tie rods for separating said plates, and a series of tubular elements attached to the opposite sides of said plates in staggered relationship so as to form a series of moisture collecting pockets and sinuous passageways therebetween.

25. In a steam purifier-boiler combination, purifying elements within said purifier, means for admitting steam to said elements from the steam space of the boiler, a conduit for the purified steam from said elements, a trap exterior of said boiler, a drain conduit between the purifier and the trap, and a vent opening at one end into the drain conduit intermediate the purifier and trap and at the other end into the steam space of the boiler.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto

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