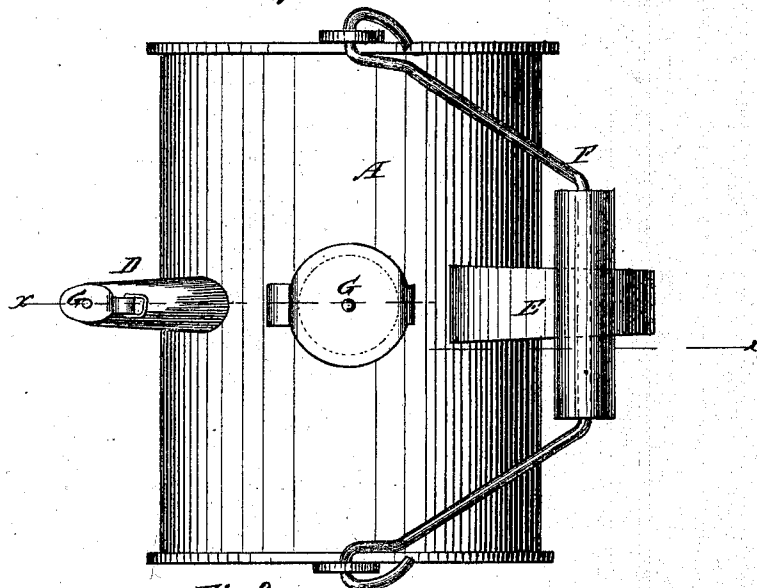


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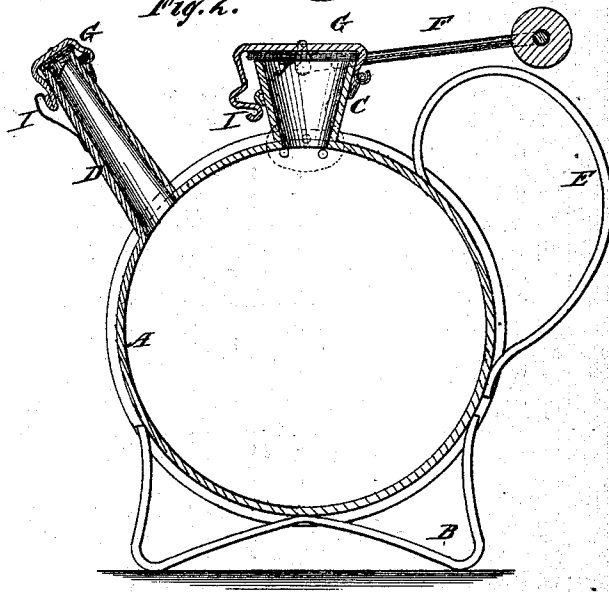
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN OIL-CANS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY KELLER, of Sauk Centre, in the county of Stearns and State of Minnesota, have invented a new and Improved Oil-Can, of which the following is a specification:

My invention consists of a cylindrical body with flat ends, arranged horizontally on legs, with a filling-tube on the top, the spout on one side and a stationary handle on the other, and a swing handle on the top side of the cylinder, the object being to have a can which will not be subject to the wear that the ordinary cans are on the bottom, and will be less liable to turn over when full in consequence of being top-heavy, and it will not cause its contents to spurt out on the ground when a filled can is set down as the common cans do, owing to the springing of the flat bottoms.

Figure 1 is a plan view of my improved can, and Fig. 2 is a transverse section taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

A is the cylindrical body of the can, which I provide with legs B at each end on one side; also, with the filling-tube C at the center of the side opposite the legs; also, with the spout

D on one side and the fixed handle E on the other side between the legs and the filling-tube; and, also, the bail or swing handle F on the top side. I also propose to provide hinged covers G for the filling-tube and the spout with spring-catches I and packing J to secure them, so that the contents will not run out in case the can is overturned.

I prefer to make the two legs for each end of a single bar or strip of metal, so attached to the cylinder at each end, bent upward at the middle, and secured thereat to the can, as shown in Fig. 2; but they may be constructed otherwise, if desired.

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

A sheet-metal can, consisting of a horizontal cylinder, A, with legs B, filling-tube C, spout D, and handles arranged thereon, substantially as specified.

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