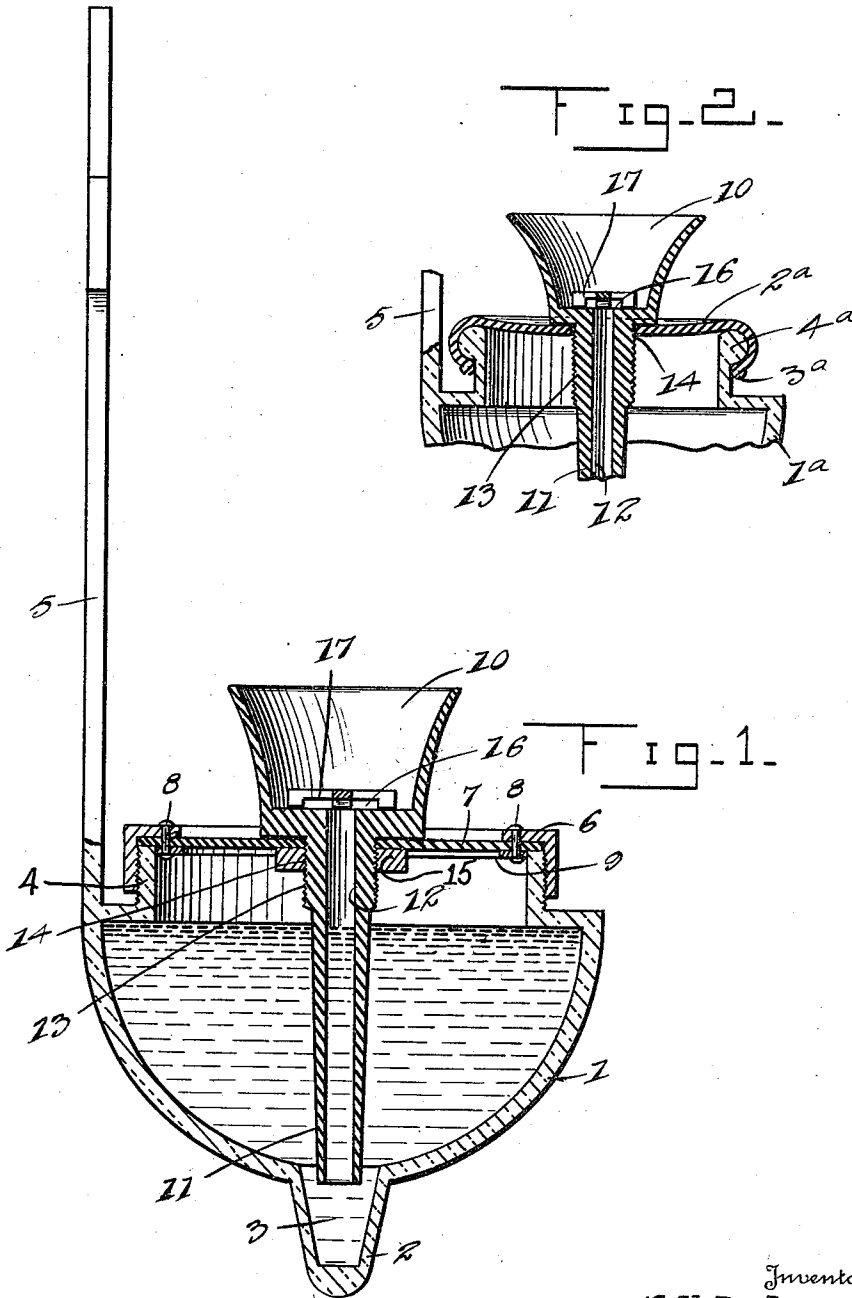


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ARTHUR H. DE LAGE, a citizen of the United States, residing at Alpena, in the county of Alpena and State of Michigan, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Holy-Water Fonts, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to holy water fonts, and one of the principal objects of the invention is to provide a font which will not waste the holy water and which is convenient to use and which will apply the water directly to the fingers used.

Another object of the invention is to provide a holy water font, which can be quickly operated to wet the finger and in which the unused water will pass back into the font ready for use again and in which the holy water will be protected against evaporation.

These and other objects may be attained by means of the construction illustrated in the accompanying drawing, in which,

Figure 1 is a vertical sectional view through a holy water font made in accordance with this invention, and Fig. 2 is a fragmentary section taken through a modified form of the invention.

Referring to the drawing, the numeral 1 designates a holy water font or receptacle which may be of semi-spherical or other contour and provided with a projection 2 on its lower side forming a well 3 on the interior of the font. Projecting from the upper edge of the font 1 is a screw threaded annular flange 4, and from the rear wall of the font is a cross or crucifix 5.

Connected to a threaded collar or cap 6 is a rubber or other flexible diaphragm 7, said diaphragm being secured to the collar 6 by means of rivets or other suitable fastenings 8 which extend through the horizontal flange of the collar, through the diaphragm 7, and through a flat metal ring 9 underneath the diaphragm. The collar 6 is connected by the interior screw threads thereon with the exterior screw threads on the flange 4.

A flaring finger dip 10 is provided with an integral tube 11 having a central bore 12 which extends from end to end of said tube. An enlarged portion 13 near the upper end

of the tube is screw threaded as at 14, and is held in a central perforation in the diaphragm 7 by means of a suitable nut 15. The lower end of the tube 11 is disposed in the well 3 while the upper end of the bore 12 is disposed within the dip or bowl 10, and a finger rest, preferably of cruciform shape when viewed in plan, is disposed immediately above the tube 11 in the dip 10, said finger rest being cut away as at 16 and provided with the cross arm 17 so that when the finger is placed upon the upper side thereof, the diaphragm 7 will be depressed and the lower end of the tube 11 will be inserted within the well 3 and water will be forced up through the bore 12 and out into the dip 10 in sufficient quantities to moisten the finger.

As shown in Fig. 2 in which a somewhat simplified form of the font is shown, the numeral 1^a designates the font or water receiver and 2^a is a rubber diaphragm having an elastic ring or enlargement 3^a at its outer edge which is adapted to fit over a bead or enlargement 4^a at the top of the font. The finger dip 10, the tube 11 and the finger rest are of the same structure as the similar parts referred to and shown in Fig. 1. This structure simplifies the parts and renders it less expensive to manufacture.

From the foregoing it will be obvious that a holy water font made in accordance with this invention is comparatively simple in construction, that when the finger is placed upon the finger rest and the diaphragm is slightly depressed water will be forced up into the finger dip or bowl 10 and the quantity not used will pass back into the font. Any suitable material may be used for the manufacture of the font and the relative proportions may be changed at will without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention as defined in the claim.

What is claimed is:—

A holy water font comprising a water receptacle having a projecting well at the lower end thereof, a threaded flange extending from the upper edge of said receptacle, a collar connected to said flange and having an elastic diaphragm attached thereto, an

outwardly flaring finger dip having an integral tube connected thereto and extending through the center of the diaphragm, means for holding the tube and finger dip in connection with the diaphragm, and a finger rest disposed within the finger dip over the upper end of the tube and provided with cross arms cut away underneath to permit

the water to flow into the finger dip when the diaphragm is depressed.

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

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