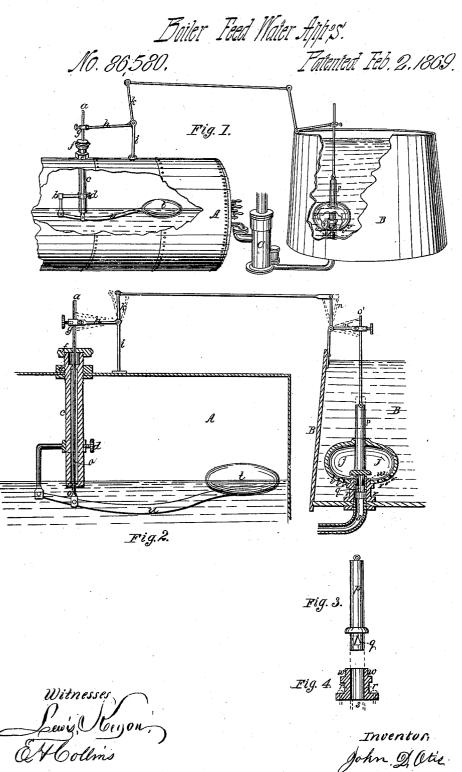
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IMPROVEMENT IN FEED-WATER DEVICES FOR BOILERS.

The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, John D. Otis, of the city of Peoria, in the county of Peoria, and State of Illinois, have invented a new and improved Mode of Regulating the Supply of Water in Steam-Boilers, to obviate the dangers of explosion, and all other difficulties that may arise by there being too much or too little water: (the principal object is to regulate the flow of water to a steady gauge;) and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1. Letter A represents a steam-boiler.

Letter B represents a water-tank. Letter C represents a force-pump, with pipes connected with valves in water-tank and boiler.

Figure 2. Letters P, w w, and r r, represent the valve and valve-seat.

q, the V-openings, of which there are three, that the water has to pass through to the heater or pump,

through pipe S.

J J is a cap, or bonnet, that covers the valve P, and protects it from all sticks or stones that might accidentally get in the tank B. It also forms a strainer, being perforated with three or four rows of small holes around the under side v v v, to admit the water to the

O is a rod, connected to the upper end of the valvestem, and leading to erank mn, where it is fastened by means of a set-screw, so as to raise or lower it, as occasion may require.

l is a rod that connects the two cranks together. a is a small brass rod connecting with rod h and

lever n.

Rod a passes down through pipe C, which is connected to boiler by means of two lock-nuts.

On upper end of pipe C there is a stuffing-box, f, to pack rod a.

The lower end of pipe C is long enough to reach into the water in the boiler, so as to carry a column of water up in pipe C, and around rod a, to the packing in stuffing-box f, so as to keep the packing free and moist, and clear off the hot steam.

b is an arm that is fastened to pipe C by means of set-screw, the lower end of arm supporting lever u.

t represents the float that is attached to the end of the lever, by means of which the valve P in the watertank is raised and lowered, to regulate the flow of water to the pump.

Figure 3 represents the valve taken out of the seat;

P, the stem of the valve; and the openings, there being three.

q, the openings, there bong of the valve; Figure 4 represents the body of the valve; w w, the valve-seat, which is square, and a ground joint, so that when the valve is closed it forms a perfectly-tight joint, and shuts the water entirely off.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure

by Letters Patent, is-

1. The regulating feed-valve P, in combination with the seat w w, guide r r, and cap J, substantially as set forth.

2. The lubricating water-pipe c, with the stuffing-

box f, constructed substantially as set forth. 3. The arrangement of the float t, arms n and b, the rod a, pipe c, and stuffing-box f, rods h and k, support i, rods l, m, n, and o, and valve P, substantially as herein specified.

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