

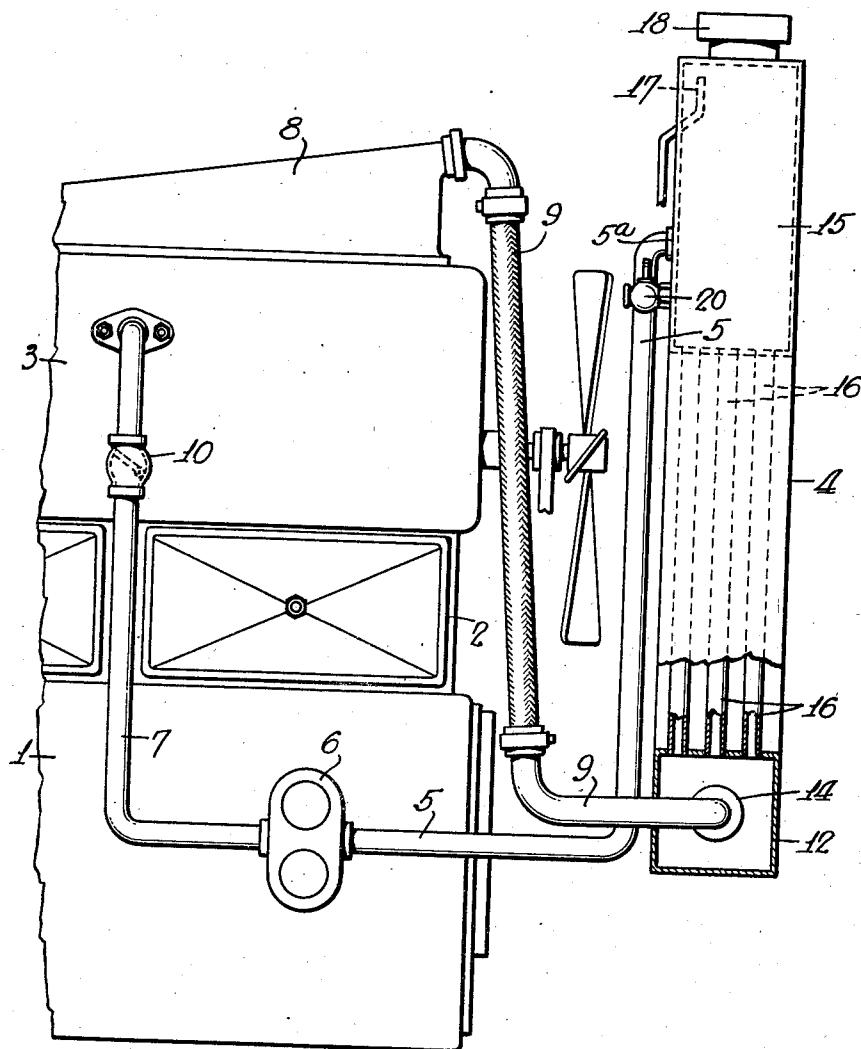
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My present invention relates to cooling systems adapted for use with internal combustion engines and particularly to those adapted to operate by the boiling and condensing cycle. In some aspects it may be considered as an improvement or rather as a different and improved solution of some of the problems involved in practical operation of the apparatus shown in my prior Patent 1,378,724, granted May 17, 1921.

In the above and many of my subsequent patents, a characteristic feature is that boiling water or steam from the water jacket of the engine is discharged into the base of the radiator so that in full operation the cooling is by upflow of steam, with more or less of the boiling water into the core or honeycomb of the radiator. One of the difficulties is that whenever the cooling system is operated under full load conditions, which may result from idling with an insufficient fan, long continued high speed operation or heavy load operation or operation in very hot weather or in high altitudes, the steam and boiling water discharged in the base of the radiator causes bubbling and foaming to such an extent that too much of the water is driven upward through the core or honeycomb, thereby leaving insufficient water for circulation through the water jacket.

In my later Patent 1,501,065, granted July 15, 1924, this situation was recognized and the improvement of that patent consists in arranging to trap the water thus blown up through the honeycomb, in a relatively large chamber in the top of the radiator and providing a shunt return pipe whereby such water automatically flows back to the intake of the pump, the down-comer pipe thus affording a shunt circuit whereby this part of the water passes serially from the bottom of the radiator up through the top thereof and back to the pump intake. In this case, there is a check valve in the main pump intake from the bottom of the radiator so that all the water thus blown into the top of the radiator must go back to the intake of the pump and cannot return to the bottom of the radiator except by way of the water jacket.

As in my Patent 1,694,397, granted De-

cember 11, 1928, I have tried, with some success, the extra down-comer pipe or pipes to bring the water blown into the top of the radiator back to the bottom tank thereof, but under excessive load the steam pressure in the bottom tank, due to the flow resistance of the core passages, will sometimes be high enough to blow the water up through the down-comer pipe as well as the normal up-flow pipe, thereby making matters worse.

My present invention relates to the same problems, but affords a different solution. The water and steam from the top of the water jacket are discharged into the base of the radiator as before, but the only return path for the water is from the top tank of the radiator, preferably from a point substantially above the bottom of said tank and preferably about the level of the top of the water jacket of the engine so that a very substantial depth of water must be stored in the top tank before it submerges the intake of the pump. In the present case, the horizontal section of the top tank is great enough so that the amount as well as the depth of the water in the tank, is very substantial, but as will be explained, it is the high and resulting water level in the upper tank that is important. This is in contrast to my said Patent 1,501,065, in which latter the water is trapped in the upper tank and the shunt path for water therefrom drains from the bottom thereof.

Thus, the present invention involves connecting the pump intake to the upper tank of the radiator at above the normal or cold level of the water in the system, so that while the engine is heating up there will be no water sent to the jacket by the pump and heating up will therefore be more rapid than in any of the systems of my prior patents. When the boiling begins and long before there can be any danger of over-heating, the water level in the top tank will rise and thereafter the pump will receive water, so long as conditions cause the water to remain above the level of the intake.

The intake of water will begin only after the boiling is well under way and any tendency to chill the jacket below the boiling point

will be instantly checked by the falling of the water level below the pump intake.

The above and other features of my invention will be more evident from the following description in connection with the accompanying drawing, in which:

The figure is a side elevation, partly in section, showing my system as applied to an automobile engine and radiator.

10 In this drawing, the motor is conventionally indicated as including the usual crank case 1 and cylinder block 2, the upper parts of which are enclosed by water jacket 3. The water cooling system is conventionally indicated as including the radiator 4, located as usual on the same level with the motor and directly in front of it, so that the lower part of the radiator is below the level of the water jacket of the motor. The circulation of the 20 water from the top tank 15 of the radiator is through a pipe 5 to pump 6, the latter being preferably driven from the engine at directly proportional speed. The pump is indicated as being a gear pump, but this is merely to illustrate that the pump is one adapted to receive the water and force it into the water jacket against friction and any back pressure that may be caused by steaming. The pump 25 discharges through a pipe 7, preferably into the top of the water jacket 3, whence the path of flow is through a riser outlet 8, and downwardly extending return pipe 9 which discharges into the bottom tank 12 of the radiator.

30 The pipe 7 contains a check valve 10 to insure against back flow of water or steam such as might otherwise occur under operating conditions when the engine and pump are stopped. This valve is located a substantial 35 distance above the level of the pump 6, so that the output side of the pump will always be submerged in a substantial amount of water, even when the intake of the pump is above the water level for considerable periods of 40 time. This keeps the pump primed and lubricated.

The return pipe 9 discharges through a horizontal portion which may extend lengthwise of the lower tank 12 of the radiator and may 45 terminate in a discharge device 14, which may consist of many layers of gauze, as described in said Patent 1,694,397.

As shown, the core or honeycomb 16 is of less height than customary in present-day automobile radiators, and the upper tank 15 is very much higher, the proportions of core and upper tank being more nearly such as indicated in my said Patent 1,501,065.

In general, the bottom of the upper tank 50 15 is substantially below the desired initial level of water in the engine jacket 3, when the latter is full; the intake level 5a is substantially above said level and the height of the tank above the intake is designed with reference to the space available on the automobile,

the object being to have a very substantial storage space into which a substantial part of the total water of the system may rise above intake 5a under extreme conditions of high-temperature, hard-boiling. The tank may be provided with the usual filler closure 18 and waste overflow pipe 17.

For convenience, I prefer to provide a cock 20 at the desired normal or cold water level in the system, which is ordinarily the top of the water jacket cavity of the engine. This cock may be open when the system is to be filled with water so that the operator may observe when the desired water level is reached and particularly may be able to drain off any excess incidentally introduced. Except during filling, the cock remains closed.

In a particular case, the tank 15 was about 10 inches high, the test cock 20 about 2 inches above the bottom thereof and the intake 5a about 2 inches above the test cock. As before explained, the only water to be heated when the engine is started is the water in the jacket 3, of the engine. This quickly comes to boiling and steam only is discharged into the bottom tank 12 until all the water in the core has been heated to boiling and the steam evolution has become great enough to create a lively bubbling upflow of steam in the narrow passages of the core, thereby lifting water upward and raising the level of the water above the intake 5a.

This warming up period involves no hazard and does not require that the normal level of water at starting be as high as the test cock 20. In practice, the range of water rise and fall is so wide that with the engine running idle, below the test cock, still so long as any water remains or appears in the top tank 15, the amount boiling off by the engine before there can be any danger of running dry will be sufficient to insure boiling in the radiator and rise of the level above pump intake, 5a, it being a fact that so long as any appreciable amount of water remains in the engine jacket, the engine will not overheat.

I claim:

1. An internal combustion engine having a water jacket and a water cooling system therefor, including a radiator comprising a low level distributor tank of relatively small volume, an intermediate air cooled core having relative thin passages for upflow of fluid to be cooled and an upper tank of substantially greater vertical height and greater volume than said lower tank, extending below and a substantial distance above the normal level of the water in the engine jacket; conduit means leading from the top of the engine jacket and discharging substantially all the steam and water from said jacket into said low level distributor in upflow relation to the bottom of said core and a water pump discharging into said jacket and having its intake connected to the upper tank at a point

a sufficient distance above the normal water level therein so that it will not take water except when and while active bubbling and steam production in the water jacket is forcing water upward through the core into the upper tank and holding it at or above the level of said intake; the upper part of said upper tank having relatively large storage capacity.

2. An internal combustion engine having a water jacket and a water cooling system therefor, including a radiator comprising a low level distributor tank of relatively small volume, an intermediate air cooled core having relatively thin passages for upflow of fluid to be cooled and an upper tank of substantially greater vertical height and greater volume than said lower tank, extending below and a substantial distance above the normal level of the water in the engine jacket; conduit means leading from the top of the engine jacket and discharging substantially all the steam and water from said jacket into said low level distributor in upflow relation to the bottom of said core and a water pump discharging into said jacket and having its intake connected to the upper tank at a point a sufficient distance above the normal water level therein so that it will not take water except when and while active bubbling and steam production in the water jacket is forcing water upward through the core into the upper tank and holding it at or above the level of said intake; the upper part of said upper tank having relatively large storage capacity and an overflow drainage cock located a substantial distance below the level of said pump intake, to prevent filling of the system to the level of said intake.

3. An internal combustion engine having a water jacket and a water cooling system therefor, including a radiator comprising a low level distributor tank of relatively small volume, an intermediate air cooled core having relatively thin passages for upflow of fluid to be cooled and an upper tank of substantially greater vertical height and greater volume than said lower tank, extending below and a substantial distance above the normal level of the water in the engine jacket; conduit means leading from the top of the engine jacket and discharging substantially all the steam and water from said jacket into said low level distributor in upflow relation to the bottom of said core and a water pump discharging into said jacket and having its intake connected to the upper tank at a point a sufficient distance above the normal water level therein so that it will not take water except when and while active bubbling and steam production in the water jacket is forcing water upward through the core into the upper tank and holding it at or above the level of said intake, and an overflow drainage cock located a substantial distance below the level of said pump

intake, to prevent filling of the system to the level of said intake.

4. An internal combustion engine having a water jacket and a water cooling system therefor, including a radiator comprising a low level distributor tank of relatively small volume, an intermediate air cooled core having relatively thin passages for upflow of fluid to be cooled and an upper tank of substantially greater vertical height than said lower tank extending a relatively great distance above the normal level of the water in the engine jacket; and auxiliary water circulating means including conduit means leading from the top of the engine jacket and discharging substantially all the steam and water from said jacket into said low level distributor in upflow relation to the bottom of said core and a water pump discharging into said jacket and having intake means for drawing water from the upper tank, said means being designed and arranged to prevent intake of water by the pump except when and while active bubbling and steam production in the water jacket is forcing water upward through the core into the upper tank and is holding it at a predetermined high level in said tank.

5. An internal combustion engine having a water jacket and a water cooling system therefor, including a radiator comprising a low level distributor tank of relatively small volume, an intermediate air cooled core having relatively thin passages for upflow of fluid to be cooled and an upper tank of substantially greater vertical height than said lower tank extending a relatively great distance above the normal level of the water in the engine jacket; and auxiliary water circulating means including conduit means leading from the top of the engine jacket and discharging substantially all the steam and water from said jacket into said low level distributor in upflow relation to the bottom of said core and a water pump discharging into said jacket and having intake means for drawing water from the upper tank, said means being designed and arranged to prevent intake of water by the pump except when and while active bubbling and steam production in the water jacket is forcing water upward through the core into the upper tank and is holding it at a predetermined high level in said tank; the upper part of said upper tank having relatively large storage capacity.

6. An internal combustion engine having a water jacket and a water cooling system therefor, including a radiator comprising a low level distributor tank of relatively small volume, an intermediate air cooled core having relatively thin passages for upflow of fluid to be cooled and an upper tank of substantially greater vertical height and greater volume than said lower tank, extending below and a

substantial distance above the normal level of the water in the engine jacket; conduit means leading from the top of the engine jacket and discharging substantially all the steam and water from said jacket into said low level distributor in upflow relation to the bottom of said core and a water pump discharging into said jacket and having its intake connected to the upper tank at a point a sufficient distance above the normal water level therein so that it will not take water except when and while active bubbling and steam production in the water jacket is forcing water upward through the core into the upper tank and holding it at or above the level of said intake.

Signed at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, this 4th day of June, A. D. 1930.

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