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Water-Cooler.

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Fig. 1.

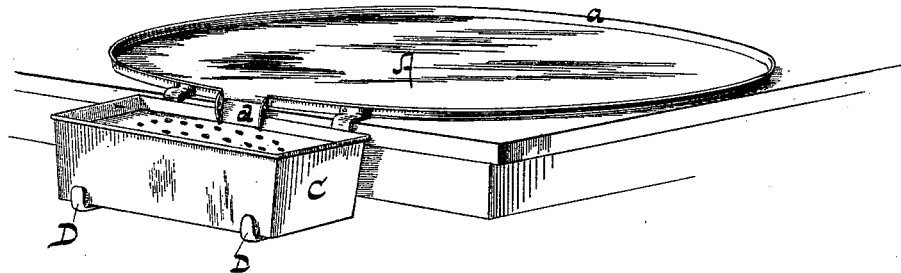
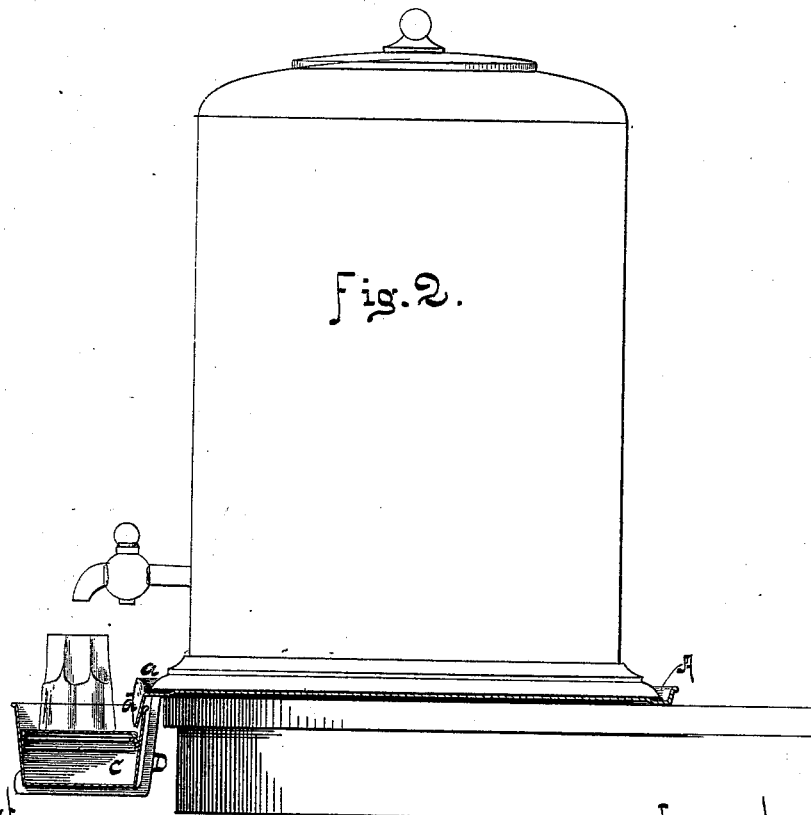


Fig. 2.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN WATER-COOLERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, GEO. H. METTEE, of Baltimore, in the county of Baltimore and State of Maryland, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Water-Coolers, which improvement is fully set forth in the following specification.

It is well known that the outer surface of water-coolers condense great quantities of moisture from the atmosphere, and that the same trickles down and spreads upon the surface of the table or other support upon which the cooler stands. This nuisance is so great that it is almost a universal custom to provide a water-cooler with a supporting-table adapted to receive this drip-water and conduct it to a receptacle. This necessity for a separate stand or table for the cooler incurs the inconvenience of extra expense and appropriation of room especially for it, both of which are in many instances formidable objections.

I propose to obviate this objection to the drip entirely, and to the expense of the stand almost entirely, while enabling the cooler to be placed upon any convenient table or other support, by a properly-constructed pan, provided on side with an overflow and a suspended tray or pan, to catch the drip, so arranged that said pan may be placed upon any table and hold the water-cooler without permitting drip to reach said table or surrounding objects.

That others may fully understand my device I will more particularly describe it, having reference to the accompanying drawings, wherein—

Figure 1 shows my invention in perspective. Fig. 2 shows the same in central section, with a cooler in outline.

A is a pan with a shallow side rim, and sufficient in diameter to receive the base of a water-cooler within said rim. This may be made of any outline form or of any proper material to adapt it to the cooler which it is designed to support.

Coolers are generally circular at base, and therefore these pans will usually be of that form also; and as coolers are made approximately in standard sizes, these pans may be also made in standard sizes to fit.

Whatever moisture condenses on the outer surface of the cooler and drips down will be received in the pan.

At one side an overflow is provided, which may consist of a short tube, but which I prefer to make by depressing the rim *a* to the level of the bottom, and at the depressed point an apron, *d*, is attached, and two side pieces to conduct the drip from the pan A to the tray C, which is supported in a bracket, D, attached to the rim *a*, and suspended therefrom.

The tray C may also hold the drinking-cup when not in use. When water accumulates in it, it may be lifted from the bracket and emptied.

The bracket D may be made in any suitable way, of cast or wrought metal, as this is in no way material to the issue.

In some localities it may be convenient to attach a drain-pipe to the tray C, to carry away the water as fast as it accumulates.

Having described my invention, what I claim as new is—

1. A drip-pan to be placed upon an ordinary table to hold a water-cooler or other similar object, provided with an overflow, and a bracket beneath the edge of, and attached to, said pan, substantially as set forth.

2. The drip-pan A, to be placed upon an ordinary table to hold a water-cooler or other similar object, provided with an overflow, and apron *d*, and a bracket, D, attached to the rim *a* of said pan, combined with the tray C, substantially as set forth.

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