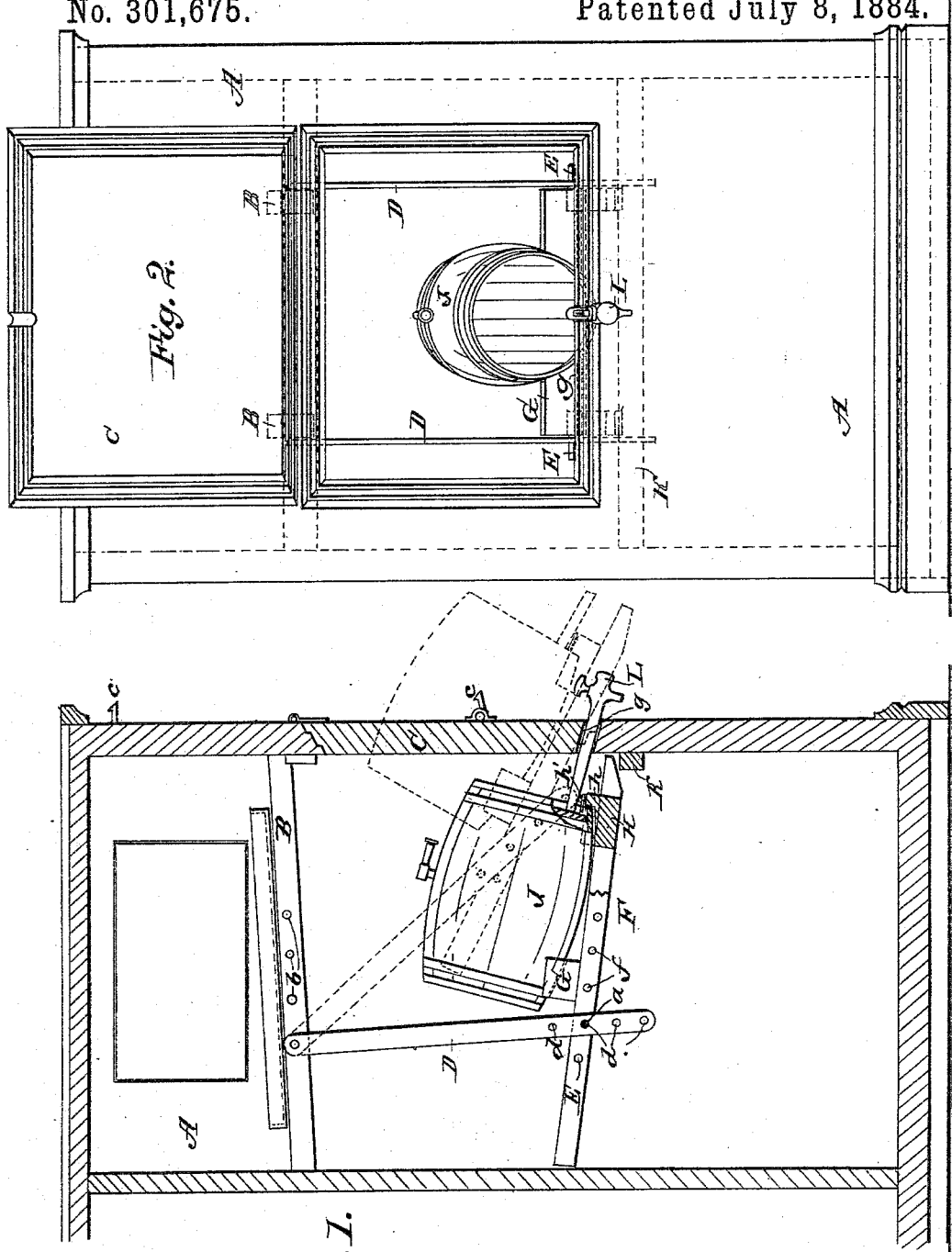


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Fig. 1.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK T. CLADEK, of Rahway, in the county of Union and State of New Jersey, have invented a new and Improved Beer-Buck, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention consists of an improved swing beer-buck for refrigerators used for holding beer on tap, the buck being adapted to be swung out of the refrigerator for facilitating the labor of placing the keg of beer in and removing the empty keg from the refrigerator.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a sectional side elevation of a refrigerator having my new and improved beer-buck applied thereto; and Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same, the door of the refrigerator being shown open.

The body of the refrigerator A is of the ordinary construction, except that it is provided with the cross-pieces B B, held just above the main door C of the refrigerator. To these cross-pieces B B are pivoted the depending bars D D, to which is pivoted upon the pivots *a* the rear end of the platform F, upon the rear cross-piece, G, and front cross-piece, H, on which the keg J is supported. The front cross-piece, H, is formed with the projection *h*, upon which is pivoted the button *h'*, which is adapted to be turned over the chine of the keg, as shown in Fig. 1, for locking the keg to the platform F. Below the lower edge of the main door-opening of the refrigerator is secured upon the inside of the refrigerator the bar K, which supports the forward end of the platform F when the platform and keg are swung back into the refrigerator, as shown clearly in full lines in Fig. 1. The cross-pieces B B have a series of holes, *b*, formed in them, to enable the upper ends of the supporting-bars D D to be moved forward or backward, as circumstances require, and the supporting-bars D D and platform F have the series of holes *d f* formed in them, so that the bars D and platform may be properly adjusted to each other to suit kegs of different sizes; and in the rear holes, *f*, of the platform F, back of the piv-

ots *a*, is placed the stop-rod E, which is longer than the width of the platform, and is adapted to come against the rear edges of the supporting-rods D D, when the platform F is drawn out of the refrigerator to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, to prevent the platform from tilting downward too far.

In use, a keg being in place upon the platform F in the refrigerator, to remove the keg the door C will be swung open to the position shown in Fig. 2, where it will be held by the catch *c* on the door engaging with the catch *c'*, secured to the refrigerator-body. The forward end of the keg J, and the forward end of the platform F will then be raised by grasping and lifting upward upon the faucet L until the forward end of the platform F is lifted above the edge *g* of the body of the refrigerator, then with a slight pull the keg and platform may be drawn out of the refrigerator to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, the bars D D swinging forward to permit this movement. The platform F, being pivoted to the bars D D, will tilt downward of its own accord at its forward end as far as the stop-rod E will permit, where the platform will hold the keg in inclined position outside of the refrigerator, so that by turning the button *h'* from over the chine of the keg, the keg may be very easily taken off from the platform F.

To place a keg of beer in the refrigerator, the platform F will be brought to the position shown in dotted lines in Fig. 1, where the keg may be easily placed upon the cross-pieces G H, where it will be locked by the button *h'*. Then by lifting upward upon the keg the keg and platform may be tilted to a horizontal position and easily swung back into the refrigerator until the forward end of the platform F drops behind the edge *g* and rests upon the bar K, as shown in full lines in Fig. 1, when the door C may be closed down so as to completely inclose the keg and all of the operative parts of the beer-buck.

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

1. The platform F, upon which the keg is placed, pivoted to the bars D D, which are pivoted at their upper ends to permit the plat-

form to be swung out of the refrigerator and tilted, substantially as and for the purposes described.

2. The platform F, pivoted to the arms D D, and provided with a stop-rod, E, for limiting the tilting movement of the platform F, substantially as described.

3. The cross-piece B, to which the arms D D are pivoted, in combination with the platform F, pivoted to the bars D, and the bar K, for supporting the forward end of the platform, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

4. The pivoted bars D, made adjustable along the bars B, in combination with the plat-

form F, formed with the holes *f*, and the bars D, formed with the holes *d*, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

5. The refrigerator A, provided with bars B K, in combination with the bars D, suspended from bars B, and the platform F, pivoted at the rear end to the bars D, the platform being provided back of the bars D with the stop-rod E, substantially as and for the purposes set forth.

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