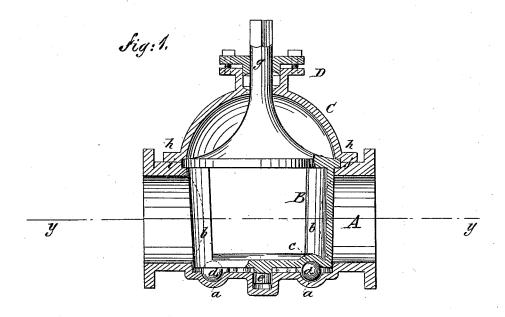
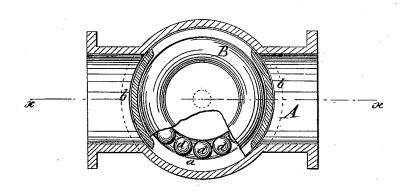
J. D. KEEGAN. STOP-VALVE.

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IMPROVEMENT IN STOP-VALVES.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, James D. Keegan, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and Improved Stop-Valve for Water-Works, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a vertical section on line x x in Fig. 2. Fig. 2 is a section on line y y in Fig. 1. Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The invention consists in rendering the stopvalve of water-works more easy and convenient in operation by providing the case and valve with a flange and balls, arranged as hereinafter

described.

A is a casing of a valve, in the bottom of which the annular groove a is formed. B is a valve, having the staves b connecting the upper and lower portions of the valve, the whole being fitted closely to the casing A, so that the staves b will stop the passage through the valve when turned so as to cover the openings in the casing. In the bottom of the valve B an annular groove, c, is formed, which corresponds with the groove a in the bottom of the casing. When balls are used to support the valve, the grooves a and c are nearly semicircular in section; but when rollers are used the grooves are made to conform to the rollers. d d are balls placed in the groove a to support the valve B. A gudgeon, e, projects from the

center of the lower end of the valve B, and has a suitable bearing in the casing A. At fthere is a flange which rests in a recess in the casing and assists in supporting the valve. The upper portion of the valve B is bell-shaped, and terminates in a cylindrical stem, g, which is squared at the outer end to receive a wrench or lever. C is a hemispherical cover provided with a flange, h, which is bolted to a flange, i, on the casing A. D is a stuffing-box formed on the cover C which surrounds the stem g. If a valve is so large as to require gearing to move it, the gearing may be placed at the bottom of the casing, so that a portion of the weight of the valve may be supported by it. In very heavy valves the flange f may be provided with teeth on its periphery, and a pinion may be placed in the casing on a suitable shaft, which projects through a stuffing-box in the casing, so that it may be turned with a wrench or lever.

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

The combination of the casing A, valve B, flange f, and balls d, as shown and described.

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