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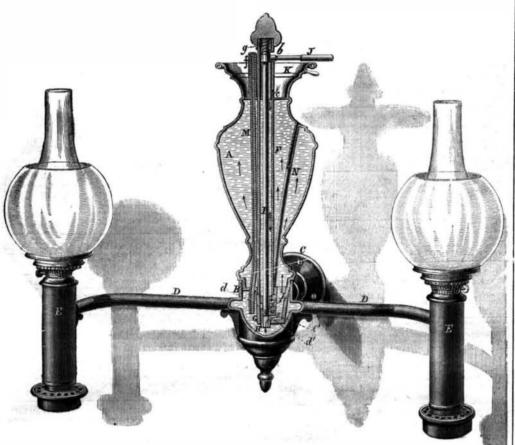
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atmosphere. On the upper part of the valve rod, I, there is a spring, G, which keeps the valve, H, in its place. These are the principal details of this apparatus; the operation is as follows :-

The fountain, A, is filled with oil by turning the valve, H, so that the hole, d, will be in line with the aperture, e, the other holes being of course out of line with each other. When the valve is in this position, a communication between the fountain, K, aud the tube, F; all communication between A and B is cut off. When the oil is poured into the funnel, K, it runs down the tube, F, through the opening, c, and the holes, d and e, into the valve and socket and up through the chamber, L, into the fountain, globes, or other appurtenances, and the flame need A, as indicated by the arrows. When the fountain is

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In Fig. 1, A represents the fountain of the lamp, screwed into the cup, B, attached to the bracket, C, and having a tube, D, communicating with it; this tube connects at its outer end with a small chamber, E, in the upper end of which the usual burners and globe are attached. It will be seen that the large fountain is elevated materially above the level of the burner, and that it has a tube, F, fastened securely in its center, in the lower end of which the conical socket, G, is fastened; in this socket the valve, H, is fitted and allowed to turn freely by means of the rod, I, and the handle, J, working through the slot, b, in the top of the tube. The valve has a partition, a, in which the rod is fastened. On the upper part of the fountain is the chamber, K. This chamber communicates at the bottom with the tube, F, through the opening, c; the valve, H, has also two holes, d d', one above and the other below the partition. These openings are on opposite sides of the valve, and the socket, G, has also two holes, e and e', one directly over the other and in line with the holes d and d'. The apertures, e e', form a communication with a small chamber, L, adjoining the socket, G, which communicates at the top with the main reservoir. The tube, M, is fitted into the fountain and extends down a certain distance into the cup, B; the upper part of the twbe rises above the top of the fountain, and is enclosed by a case, f the lower end of which opens into the fountain. The tube, N, passes quite through the fountain and opens a communication between the cup, B, and the Y., and further information can be had by address-

off by turning the handles, J; this act brings A and B into connection with each other, so that the oil will flow into the tube, D, and up to the burner in F. The oil will run down from A to B until it covers the lower end of the tube, M, the flow will then cease in consequence of the atmospheric pressure being removed from the upper end of the reservoir. When the lower end of the tube, M, is open, the air in B, above the oil, passes up through the tube, M, into the upper part of the chamber, A, while B is supplied with air through the tube, N. As the oil is consumed in E, the level of it falls in B, and when the lower end of the tube, M, is left free, the air will rush up through it and cause a flow from A to B. Thus it will be seen that the wicks in E are constantly supplied with oil so long as there is any in the fountain. There is no possibility of the oil overflowing; the whole apparatus being self-acting, except so far as filling the reservoir primarily. The oil in the chamber, A, cannot escape without a pressure of air on its upper surface, and this cannot occur when the lower end of the tube, M, is immersed; the tube, M, also permits the air to escape when the fountain is to be filled.

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