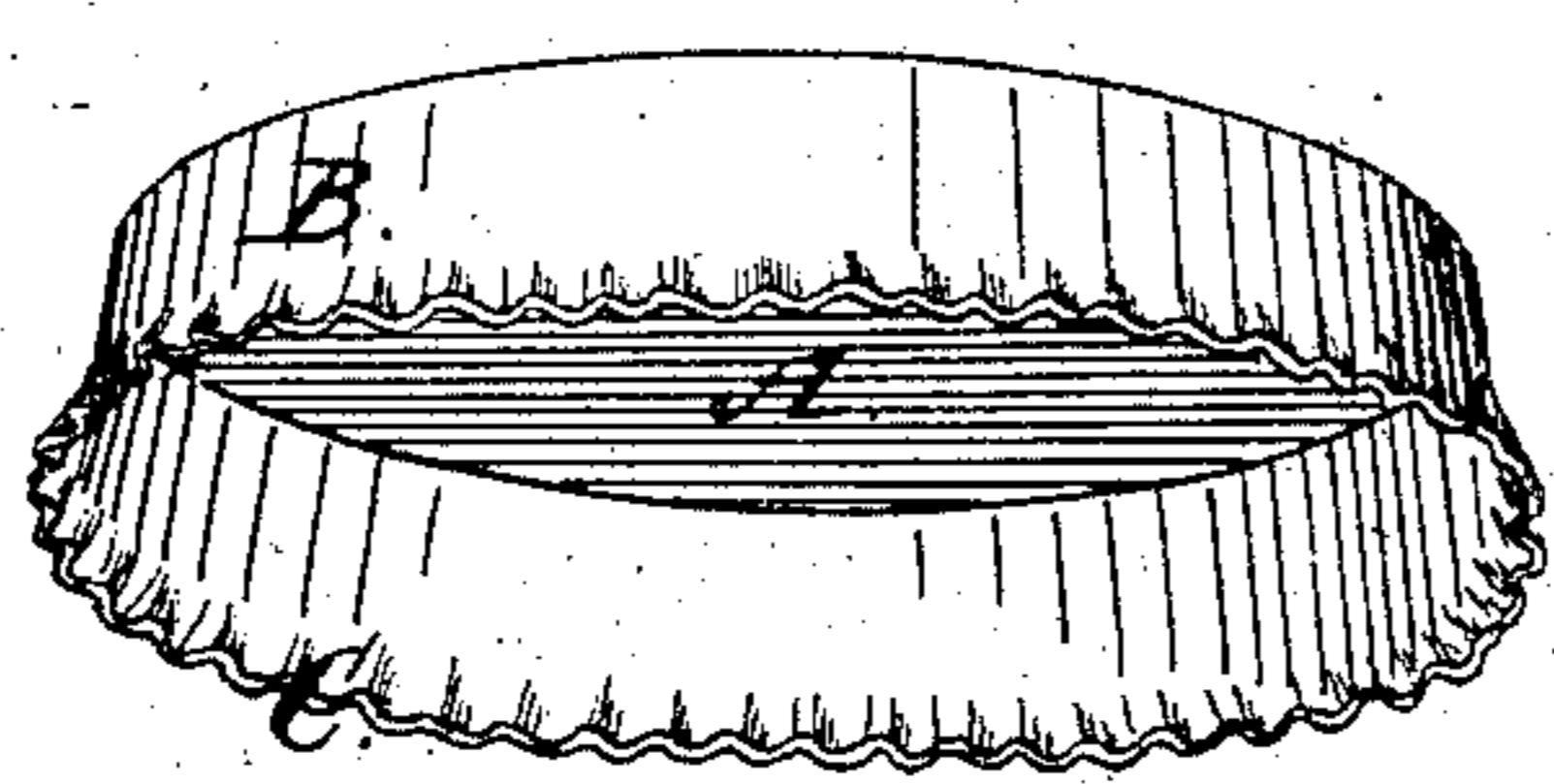


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CAP FOR FRUIT JARS, &c.



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IMPROVED CAP FOR FRUIT-JARS, &c.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. 38,617, dated May 19, 1863.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, N. P. WHITTELSEY, of West Meriden, county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Caps for Fruit-Cans, &c.; and I do hereby declare that the same is described and represented in the following specification and drawing, and to enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same I will proceed to describe its construction, referring to the drawing, in which the same letters indicate like parts.

The nature of this improvement consists in striking up a flat piece of metal into a cap having a flat top, slightly-tapering sides, and corrugated flange edge, the object of which is to produce a cheaper, more durable, useful, and ornamental article for sealing cans, jars, &c., air tight.

In the accompanying drawing, A is a flat top or end of the cap. B is the slightly-taper-

ing side of the cap. C is the corrugated flange edge.

The great and rapidly growing demand for cans for preserving fruit suggests the importance of simplifying, cheapening, and rendering them more ornamental—both the cans and the caps used for sealing them—hence this improvement is brought forth. It being so perfectly simple, a further description is deemed unnecessary, in order to enable a person skilled to make and use the same.

What I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

'A cap for sealing fruit-cans, &c., having a flat top, slightly-tapering sides, and corrugated flange edge, substantially as described.'

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