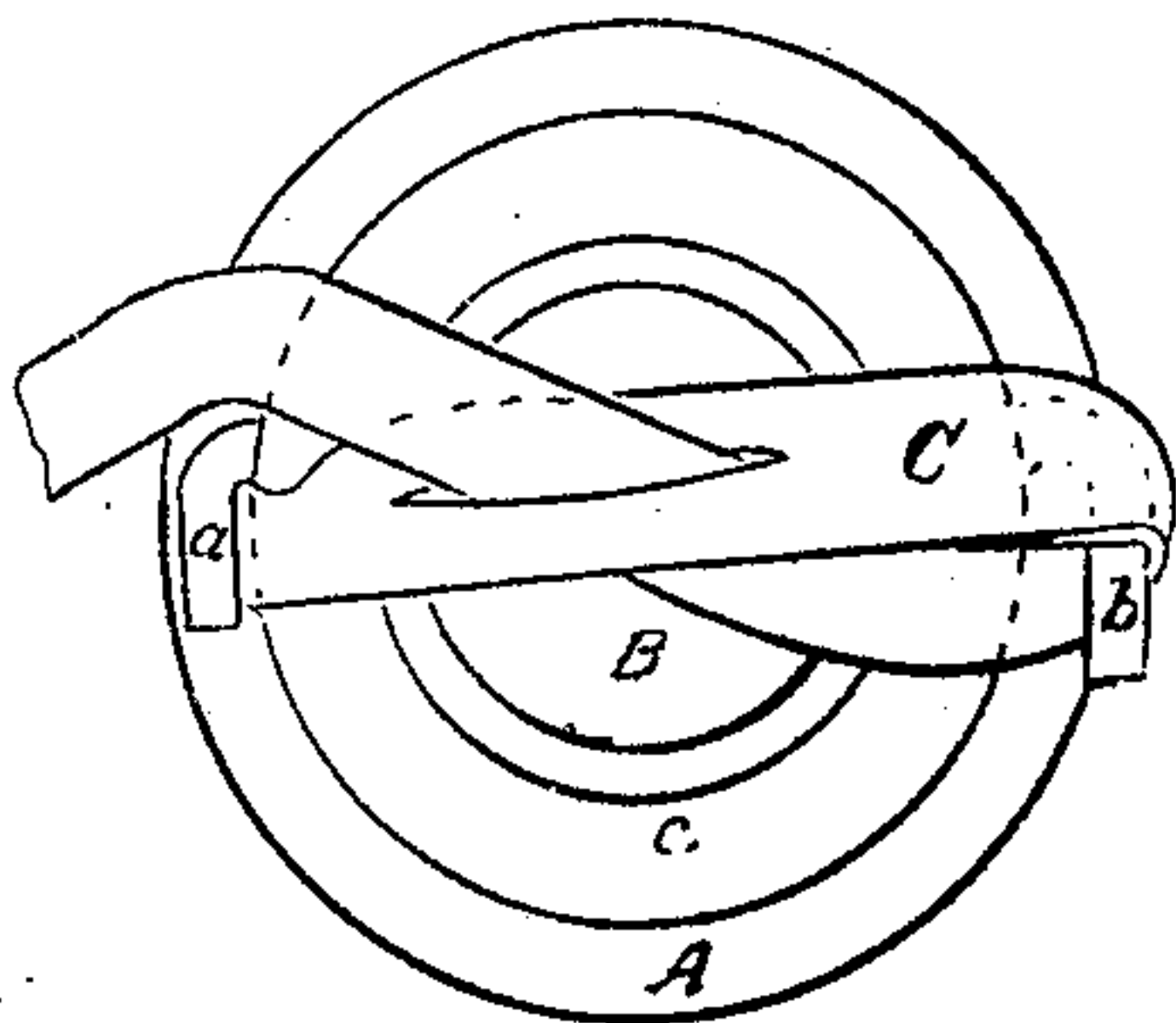


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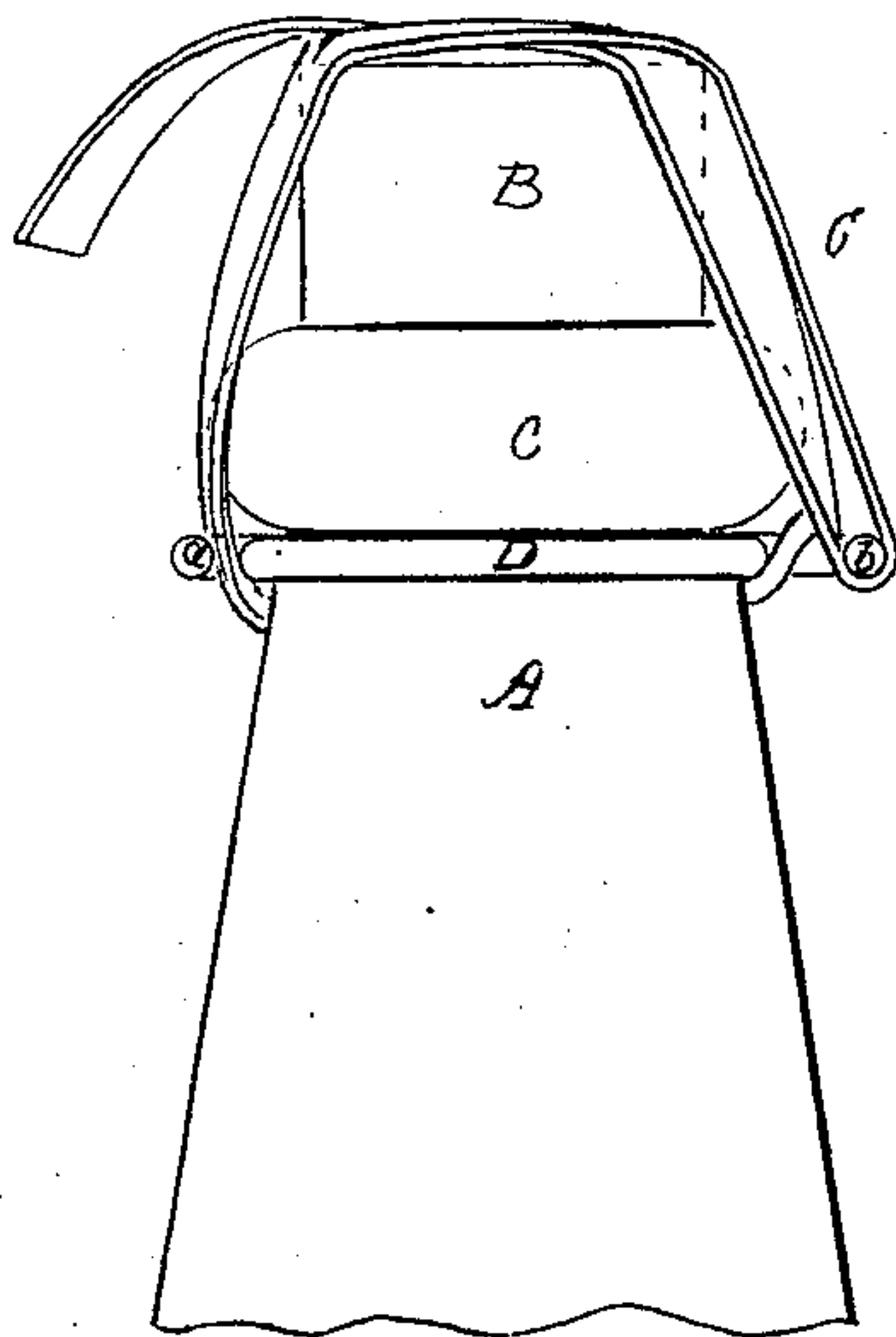
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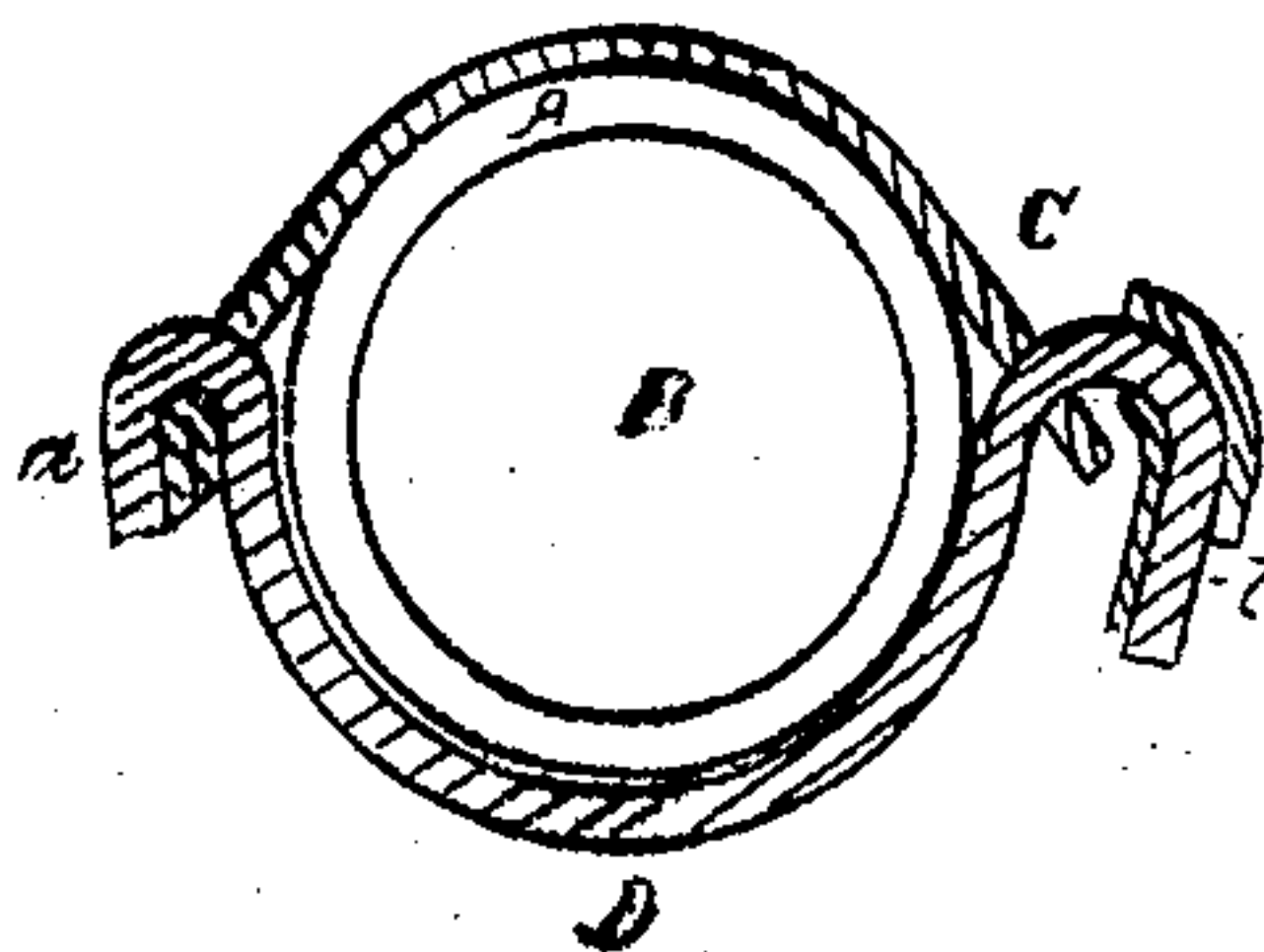


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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



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## IMPROVED FASTENINGS FOR BOTTLE-STOPPERS.

*The Schedule referred to in these Letters Patent and making part of the same.*

### TO ALL PERSONS TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME:

Be it known that I, ROBERT S. STUBBS, of Dover, in the county of Strafford, and State of New Hampshire, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Stopper-Fastenings for Bottles; and I do hereby declare the same to be fully described in the following specification, and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

Figure 1 is a top view,

Figure 2 a side elevation, and

Figure 3 a horizontal section of such fastening, as applied to the neck and stopper or cork of a bottle.

In such drawings, A denotes the neck and B the stopper of a bottle, the latter being inserted in the mouth of the former. The fastening is composed not only of a strap, C, but of a metallic yoke, D. This yoke is a wire, bent in a semicircular or arched form, and with arms or hooks, *a b*, at its ends, or with one hook at one end and an eye at the other.

In using the fastening, the yoke is to be applied to the bottle-neck, so as to extend partially around it, just below the swell, *c*, thereof. The strap is to be fastened to one of the links, (or either the hook or the eye, when the yoke has a hook and eye, as set forth,) and after being carried around the neck, or that side of it opposite to that against which the yoke is placed, is to be passed through the other hook, and thence carried up, over, across, and down upon the stopper or cork, and hooked upon the first hook. When an eye is used, the strap may be run through the eye, and next be passed up and drawn between the top of the cork and that part of the strap which may go across such top, or it may go through a slot made in the strap over the cork. This makes a very secure fastener, and one which may be easily detached or applied, as circumstances may require.

The strap may be wholly of leather or some proper equivalent, or it may be partially of leather and partially of wire or metal. The strap, by its arrangement with the yoke, serves, when tightened, to draw the yoke into close contact with the bottle-neck. The strap may have holes in it to receive the end of the yoke, as the tongue of a buckle goes into its strap.

I claim the said bottle-stopper fastener, as composed of the curved yoke and the strap, constructed and applied together in manner and so as to operate substantially as specified.

I also claim the arrangement of the yoke and the strap with the neck and cork of a bottle, in manner substantially as specified.

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