

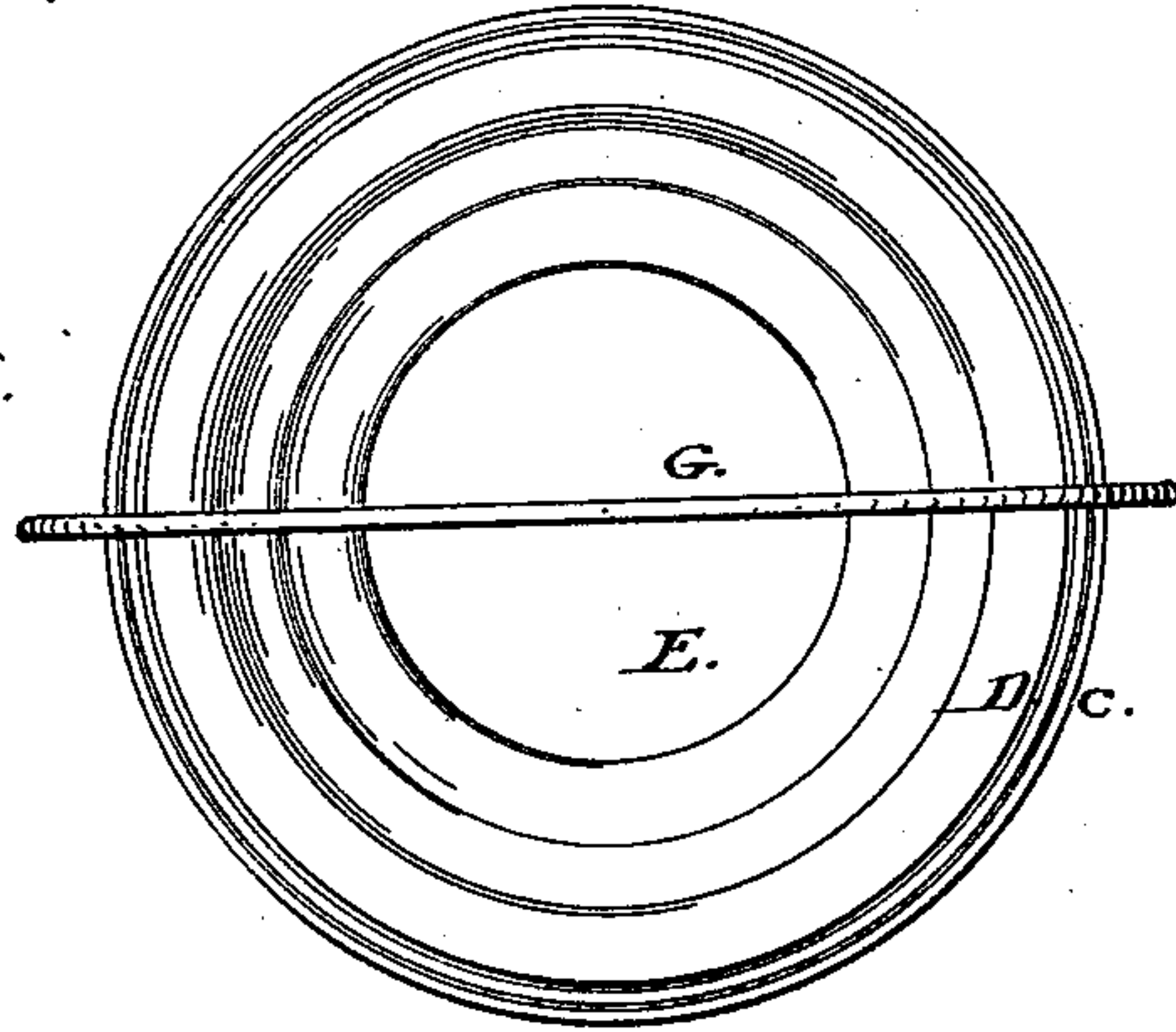
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*Fruit Can.*

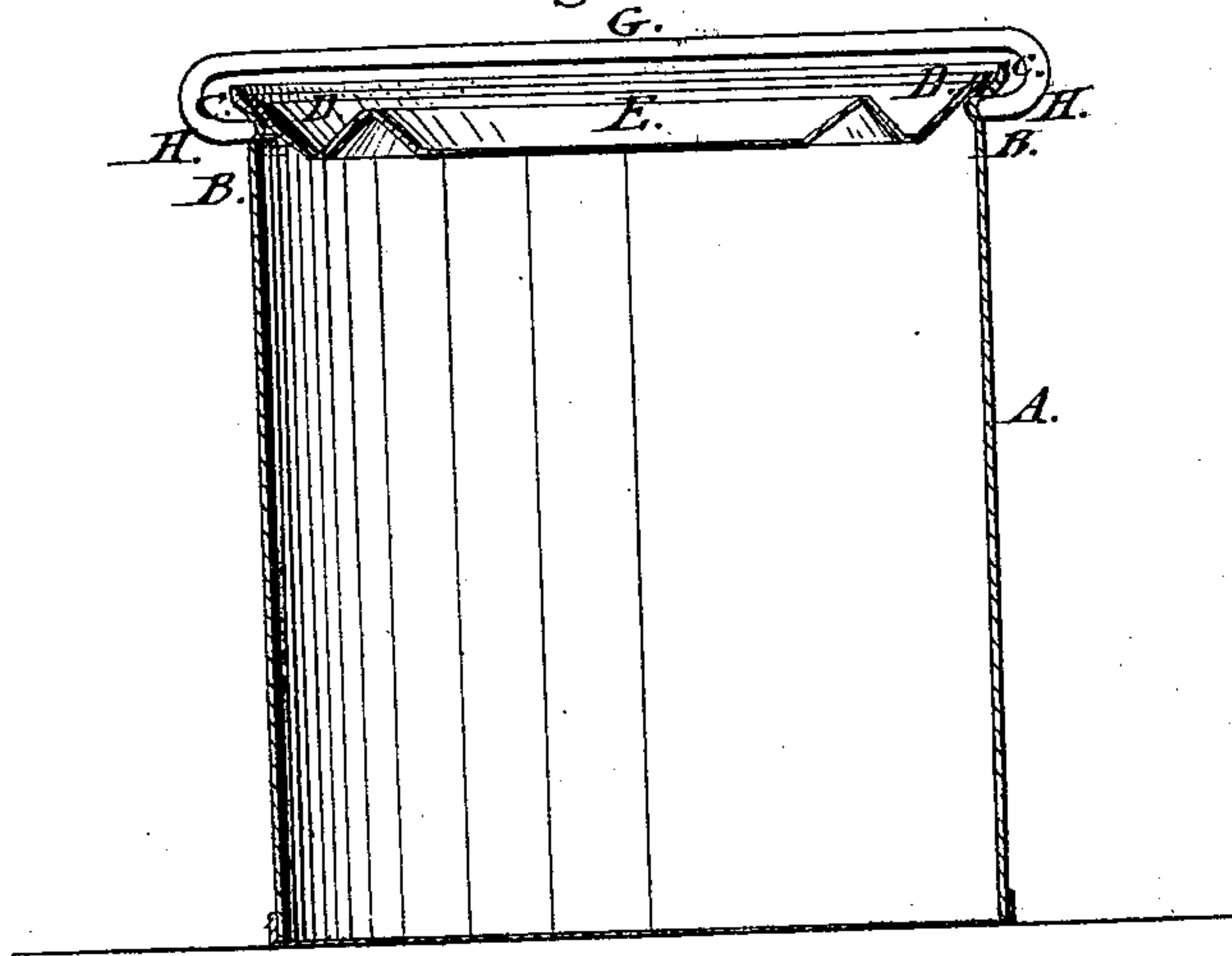
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-CANS.

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

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, HENRY MITCHELL, of Osborne, Greene county, State of Ohio, have invented an "Improved Fruit-Can;" and I do hereby declare the following to be an exact description thereof, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon, making a part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 represents a top view of the fruit-can.

Figure 2, a vertical section of the same.

The nature of my invention consists in the construction of, in combination with the groove at the top of the fruit-can, (forming a ledge for the edge of the lid to rest upon, and also for the crooked ends of a wire on the outside, to secure the lid,) of a lid, the edge of which is turned up as a flange, and closely fits on the ledge of the can, and having a broad bearing-surface, inclining inward and downward, so that the atmospheric pressure will tend to close the lid tight, and by the addition of a small quantity of melted or soft wax, the can is sealed perfectly air-tight, while the wire across the top holds the lid permanently to its place; and when the can is to be emptied of its contents, the wire is withdrawn, sideways, and the lid is easily lifted off with a knife, and thus the can is easily filled and cleaned out, by the whole top being removed, and can

be used for years, as the most durable and cheapest of fruit-cans.

A represents the can, that can be made of Britannia-ware, tin, or any suitable metal, or porcelain, having a groove, B, at the top, with a straight edge, C. The top side of the groove B forming a ledge on the inside of the can, for the raised rim or edge D of the lid E to rest upon, and make a close joint.

The centre of the lid E is dished, so as to compress the air from the centre to the edge, and force it out around the edge of the lid as the lid is being pressed down to its place.

The cross-wire G, with its turned ends H H, fitting on the outside of the groove B, is then drawn to the centre, which tightens the lid E, and holds it permanently to its place.

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

The combination of the groove B, at the top of the fruit-can, with the flanged lid E, resting upon the groove B, in the full size of the can, with a wire lever, G, to hold the lid firmly to its place, substantially as described, and for the purposes set forth.

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