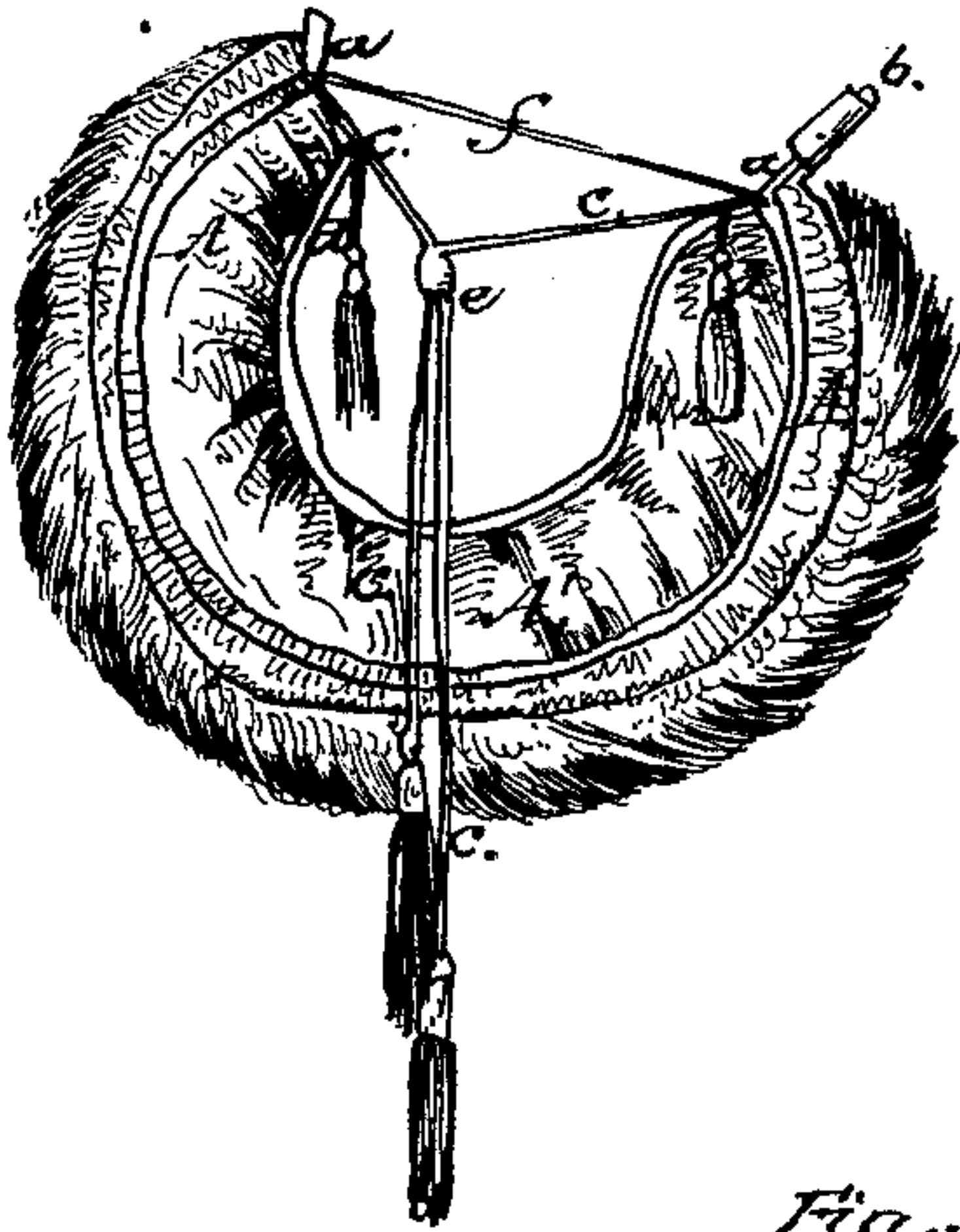


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Fig. 1.



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Fig. 2.

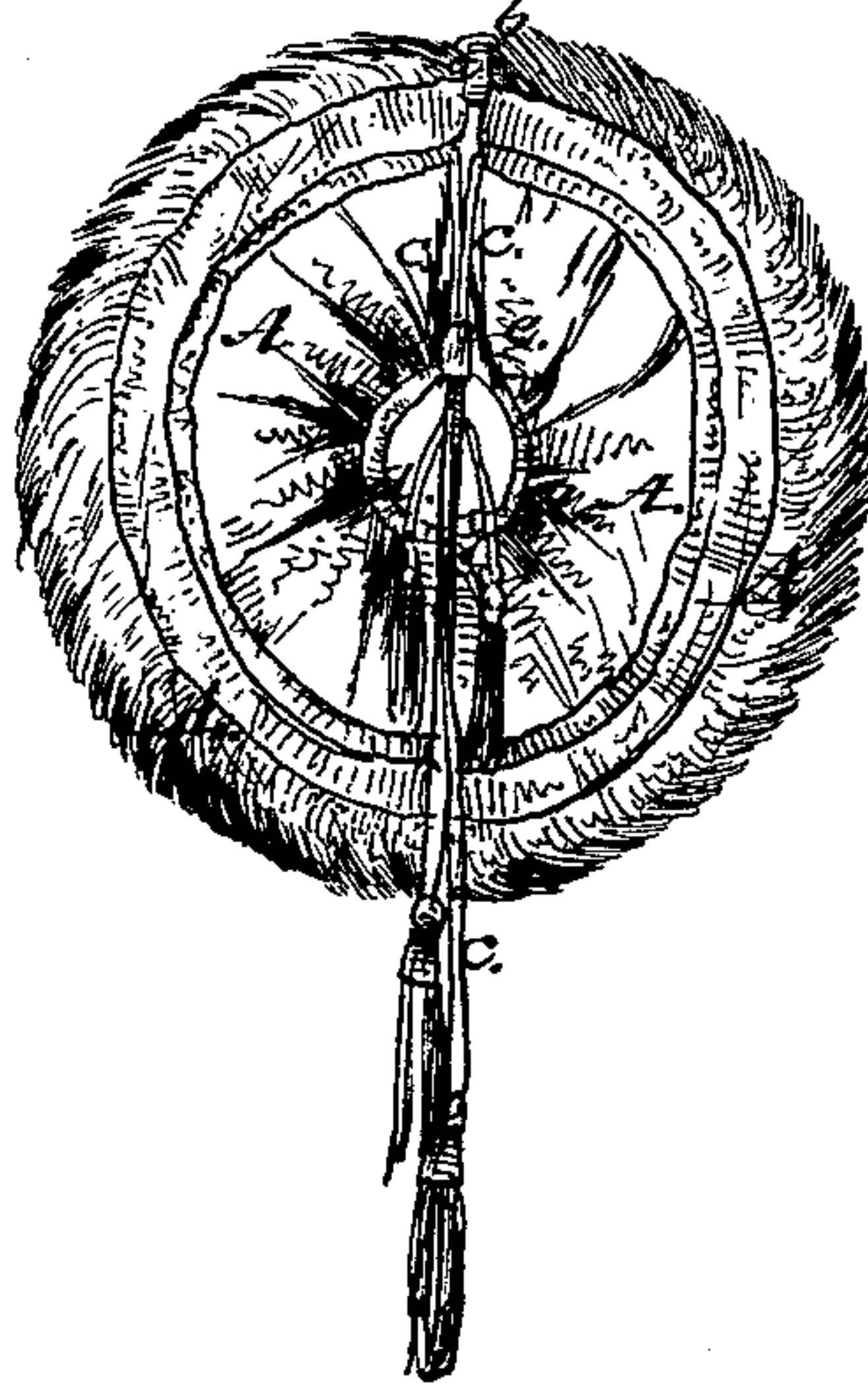


Fig. 3.



Fig. 4.

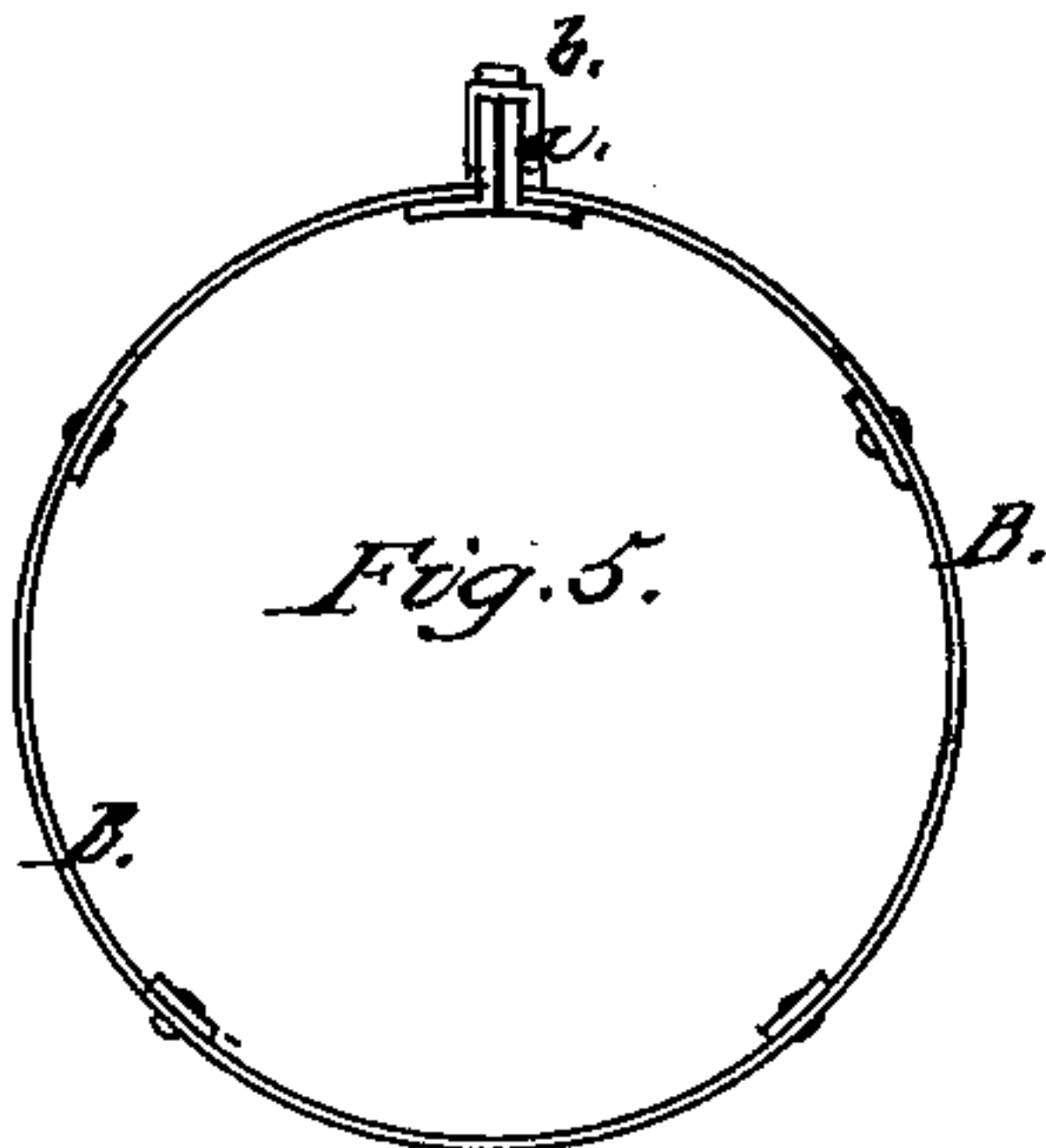
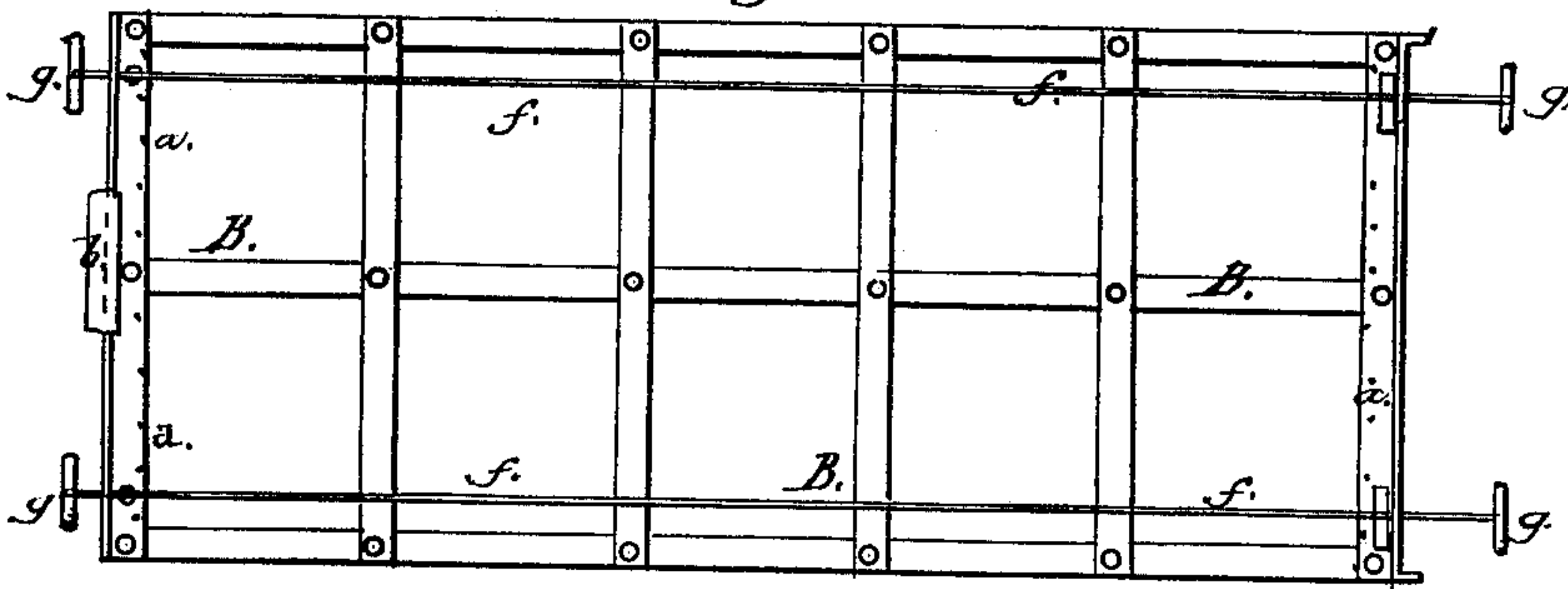


Fig. 5.

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IMPROVEMENT IN MUFFS.

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

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, MYER STERN and R. M. SELDIS, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and improved Muff; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description thereof, which will enable others skilled in the art to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figures 1, 2, and 3, represent end views of our improved muff, showing it, respectively, half open, closed, and quite open.

Figure 4 is a plan or face view of the frame.

Figure 5 is a transverse section of the frame.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to construct a muff which can be entirely opened, so that it can be laid flat, in order to save much room in packing, and to allow it to be conveniently placed between other articles, when put away during the warm seasons.

The muffs as heretofore made, could, in the trade, only be packed into cylindrical boxes, and thereby occupied much more room than necessary, causing, also, a considerable outlay for boxes.

Our improved muffs can, when laid flat, be conveniently packed in considerable numbers into a large rectangular box, and can in this form be more safely and economically transported and shipped.

In travelling they will be found very convenient, as they will, when spread out, form very soft and comfortable pillows.

Our muff, when flattened, can be put between linen goods or garments, to be completely enveloped on all sides by the same, and will thereby be perfectly protected from the moths and other injuries.

Our invention consists chiefly in so constructing a muff that it can readily be laid flat, when to be packed or put away, and as readily be brought into the cylindrical form for use, its ends being, in the latter case, connected by a suitable clasp, or fastening-device.

The invention also consists in a supporting-frame, provided with a locking-device, whereby a divided muff is adapted to be spread out flat, or locked together.

A, in the drawing, represents the body of our improved muff.

This is made of an outer layer of fur, of suitable kind, stuffed in a suitable manner, and is made in the form of a sheet, so that it can be laid flat, as in fig. 3, or have its ends joined, as in fig. 2, to form a cylinder.

Within this fur-lined sheet, A, we prefer to arrange a bracing, or stiffening-frame, B, made of longitudinal and transverse bars of whalebone, sheet-metal, or other suitable material.

This frame will serve to brace the muff when in the positions shown in figs. 1 and 2.

They may, however, be dispensed with, if the stuffing is sufficient to retain the muff in the proper form, and we do not confine ourselves to its use.

The cross-bars *a a*, formed on the end of the frame, or if there be no frame, on the ends of the muff, should be made of rigid material, and are provided with a suitable clasp, *b*, or other fastening-device, by means of which they may be connected, to lock the muff in the cylindrical position shown in fig. 2.

Cords *c d*, may be drawn through tubular seams formed on the edges of the muff, to connect its inner parts.

These cords need not be tied to close the muff, but may have rings *e e*, fitted over them, so that they may, by these rings, be drawn and held together, as in fig. 2.

Elastic or other cords, *f f*, whose ends are fastened to short bars *g*, may be provided, so that the said bars may be fitted through slots of the cross-bars *a*.

These cords will prevent the entire opening of the muff when it is desired to reach pockets that may be provided in its stuffing, and will hold it partly open, as in fig. 1.

They may, however, with one end, be readily detached from the cross-bar, when the muff is to be entirely opened.

Different means of fastening the cords *f*, may be provided.

Having thus described our invention,

What we claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A muff which is adapted to be spread out, and closed in cylindrical form, substantially as and for the purpose specified.

2. A supporting-frame, B, provided with a locking-device, whereby a divided muff is adapted to be spread flat and secured together in cylindrical form, substantially as described for the purpose specified.

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