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Fruit Jar.

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Fig. 1.

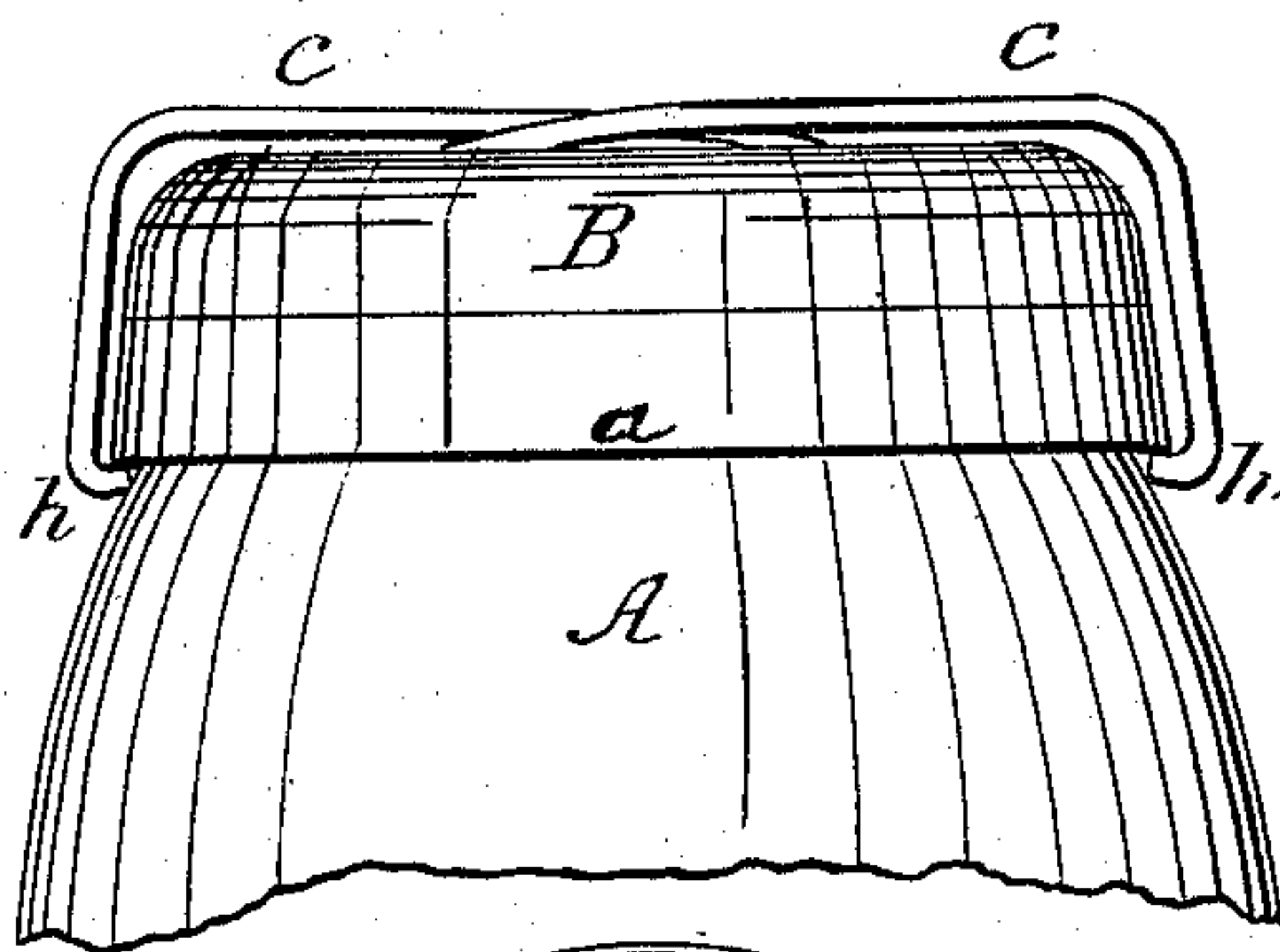


Fig. 2.

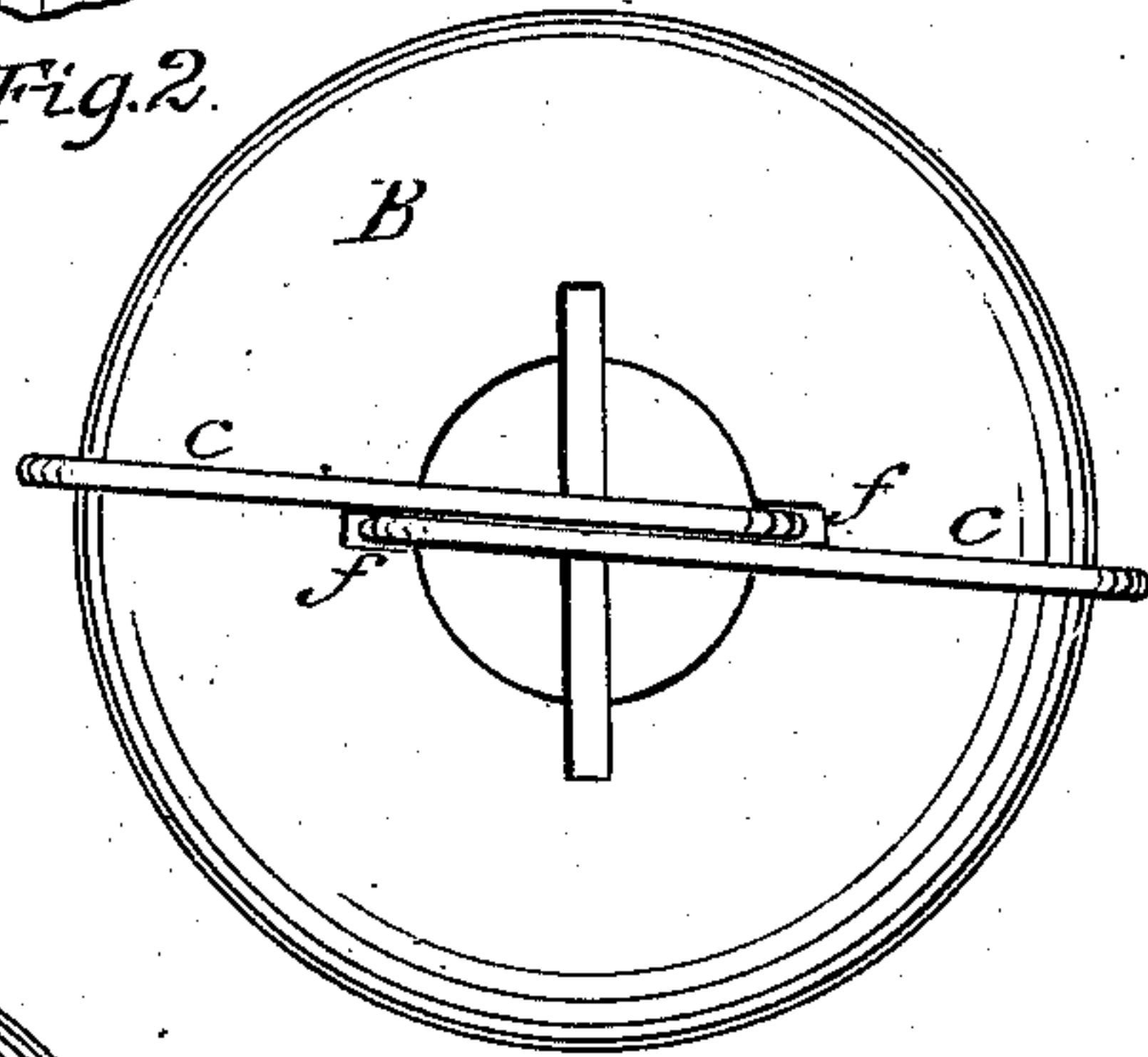


Fig. 3.

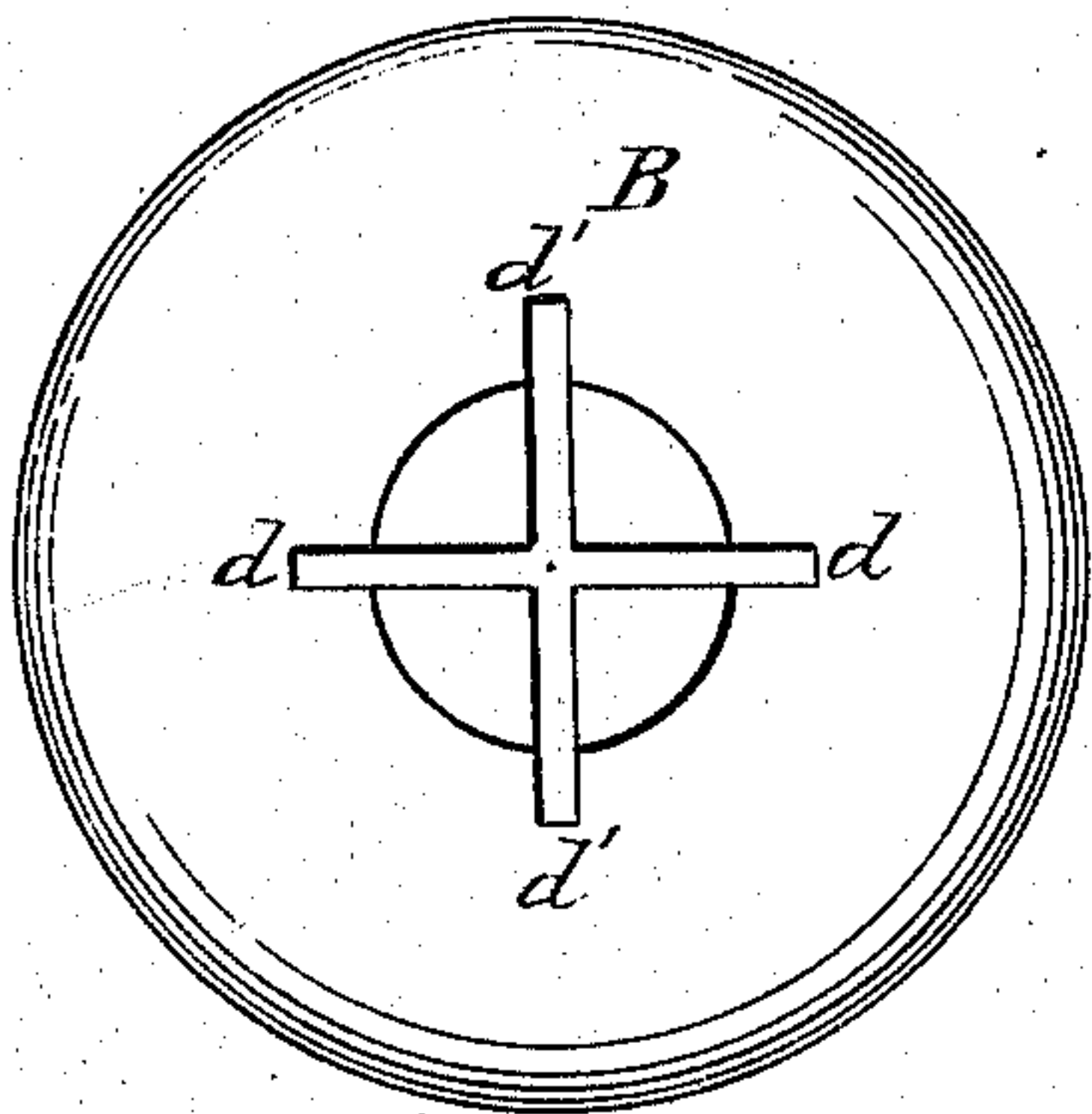
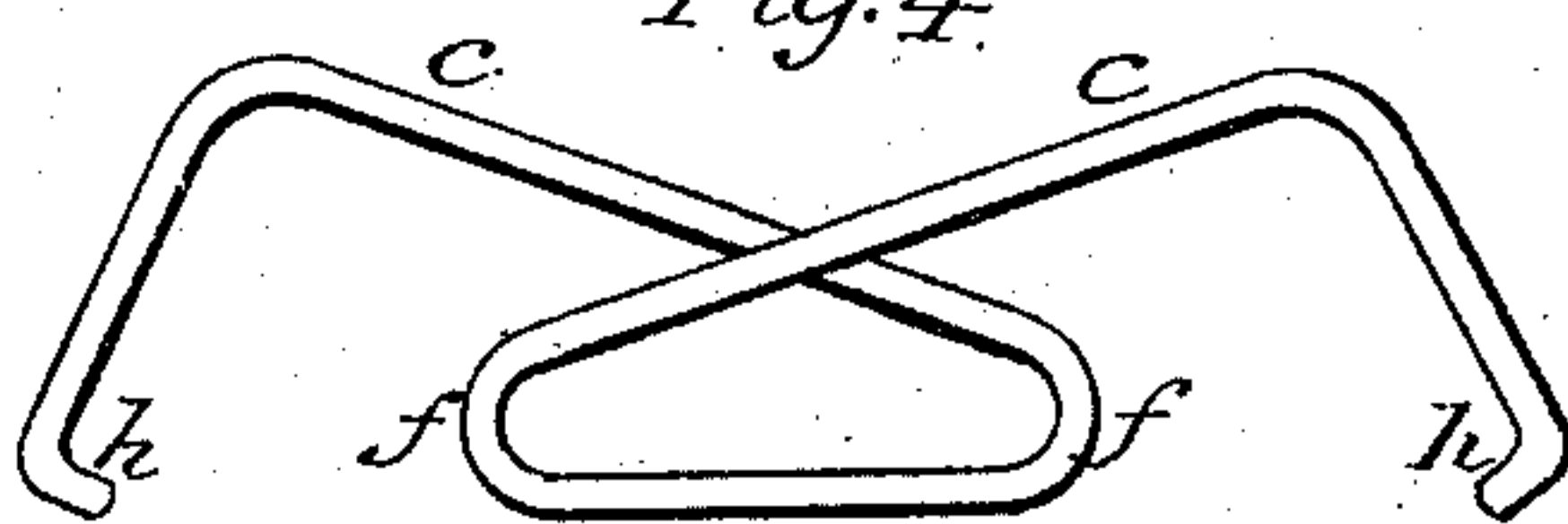


Fig. 4.



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## IMPROVEMENT IN FRUIT-JARS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, BENJAMIN B. WILCOX, of New Haven, in the county of New Haven and State of Connecticut, have invented a new Improvement in Fruit-Jar; and I do hereby declare the following, when taken in connection with the accompanying drawings and the letters of reference marked thereon, to be a full, clear, and exact description of the same, and which said drawings constitute part of this specification, and represent, in—

Figure 1, a side view; Fig. 2, a top view; Fig. 3, a top view of the cover; and in Fig. 4, a side view of the clamp detached.

This invention relates to an improvement in the manner of securing the covers of fruit-jars; and it consists in a clamp formed from wire, bent so as to form a central spring, and at the two ends bent so as to lock under a flange, recess, or indentation in the jar, combined with a cover, constructed with a recess or notches in its top, to receive and support the clamp, and prevent its turning.

A is the jar, here represented as constructed with a flange, *a*, around its neck. B is the cover, set on over the neck, and constructed with recesses *d* and *d'*, more or less in number, two being always opposite to each other,

into which the bent spring *f* (see Fig. 4) sets, as seen in Fig. 2, the said spring being formed from a single wire, and a single bend for each spring, the wire extending to form arms C over the cover, and bent and formed with an inward turn, *h*, at the ends, as seen in Fig. 4, so as to lock under the neck or into the jar, as the case may be.

By the notches *d* *d'* the clamp is held in an upright position, and also prevented from turning to the right or left.

I am aware that spring-clamps formed to set upon the cover of a jar, and lock under the neck of the jar, are not new, and such I do not claim; but

I do claim—

In combination with a spring-clamp, constructed with the single bends *f*, arms C, and ends *h*, the cover B, provided with notches *d* *d'*, two or more in number, each two to receive the ends *f* of the spring, to retain the said spring in position, substantially as described.

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