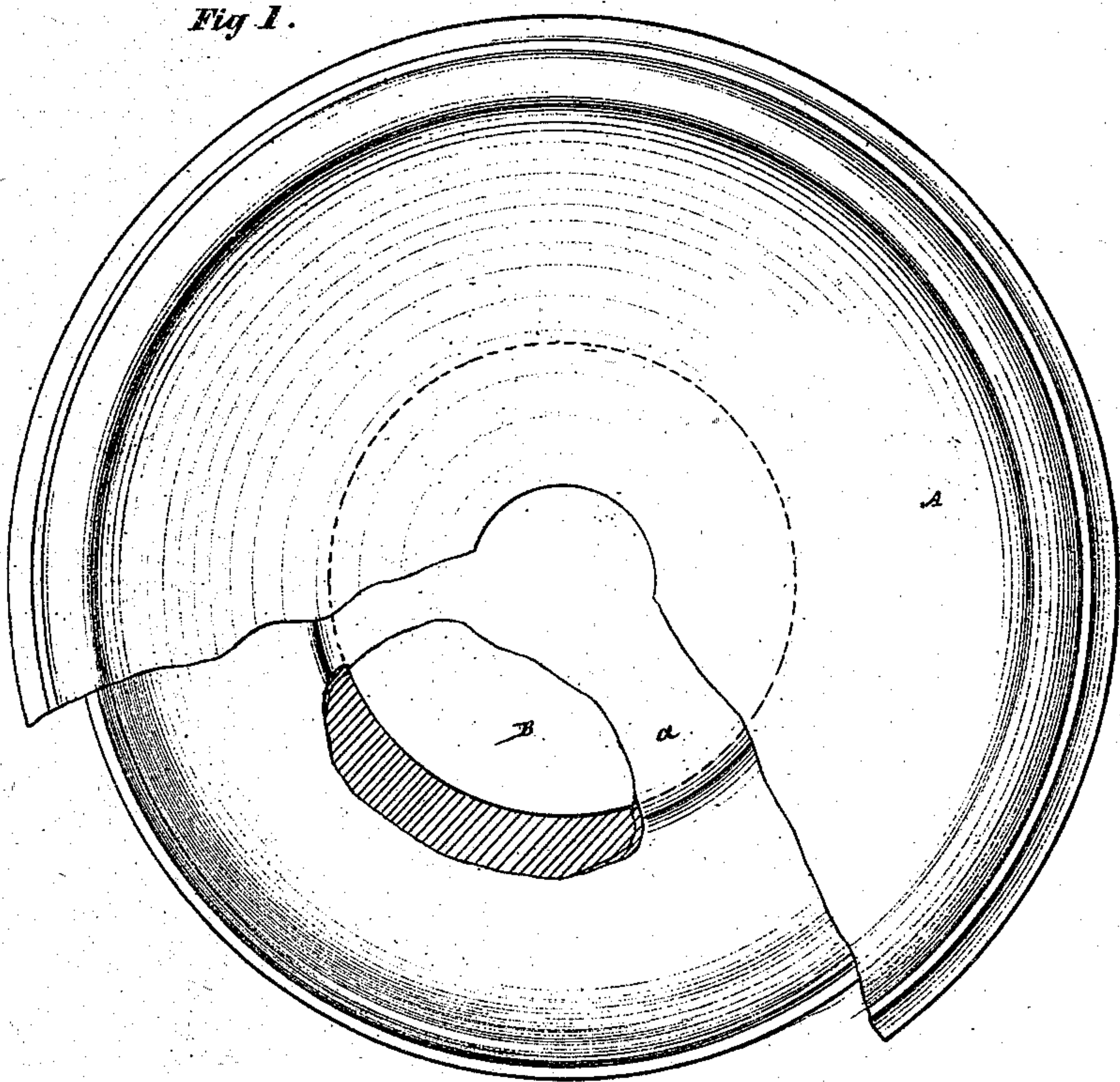
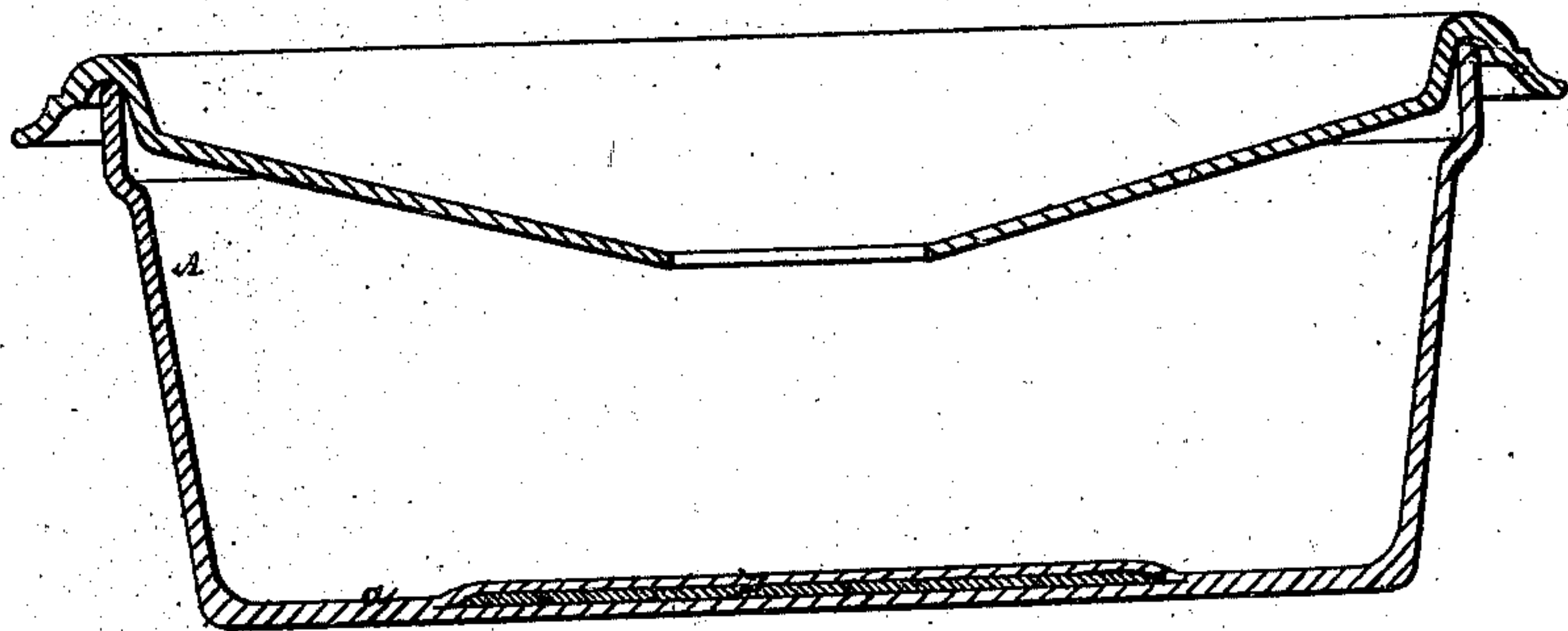


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*Fig 1.*



*Fig 2.*



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## IMPROVED SPITTOON.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **106,094**, dated August 2, 1870.

*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM H. TOPHAM, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Spittoons and other Vessels, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being had to the accompanying drawing, forming part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 represents a partly broken plan of a spittoon constructed in accordance with my improvement, and Fig. 2 a sectional elevation of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

My invention is designed to be applied to spittoons, pails, and other vessels made of paper, which, owing to the lightness of said material, are liable to be easily overturned or displaced; and the invention consists in incorporating with the bottom or lower part of the vessel a weight so arranged that, in case of force being applied, no matter from what side, to tilt or upset the vessel, said weight will have the effect of retaining it in its proper position, or of returning it thereto, and so that when the vessel is thrown down to its place the weight will cause it to readily adjust itself to a proper bearing on the surface it is intended to rest.

Referring to the accompanying drawing, A represents a spittoon made of paper, the bot-

tom *a* of which is provided with a weight, B, concentrically arranged in relation with said bottom, and preferably disposed between an upper and lower layer used in the construction of the bottom, whereby said weight is protected, and may be retained in place without any special fastenings, and the vessel possesses all the properties and advantages of a paper one with the stability of one made of heavier material, and readily adjusts itself to a proper position in case of being carelessly thrown down, or of being pushed or tilted from any side. Said weight may be made of any material of suitable specific gravity, the black oxide of iron, among others, answering for such purpose.

What is here claimed, and desired to be secured by Letters Patent, is—

1. A spittoon made of paper, weighted at its bottom or lower part by a heavier material to secure its stability, and to enable it to right itself in case of being tilted, substantially as specified.

2. The arrangement of a weight, B, between two thicknesses or layers, of which the bottom *a* or lower part of the paper vessel is composed, essentially as and for the purpose herein set forth.

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Witnesses:

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