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Ruche Holders.

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Fig. 1.

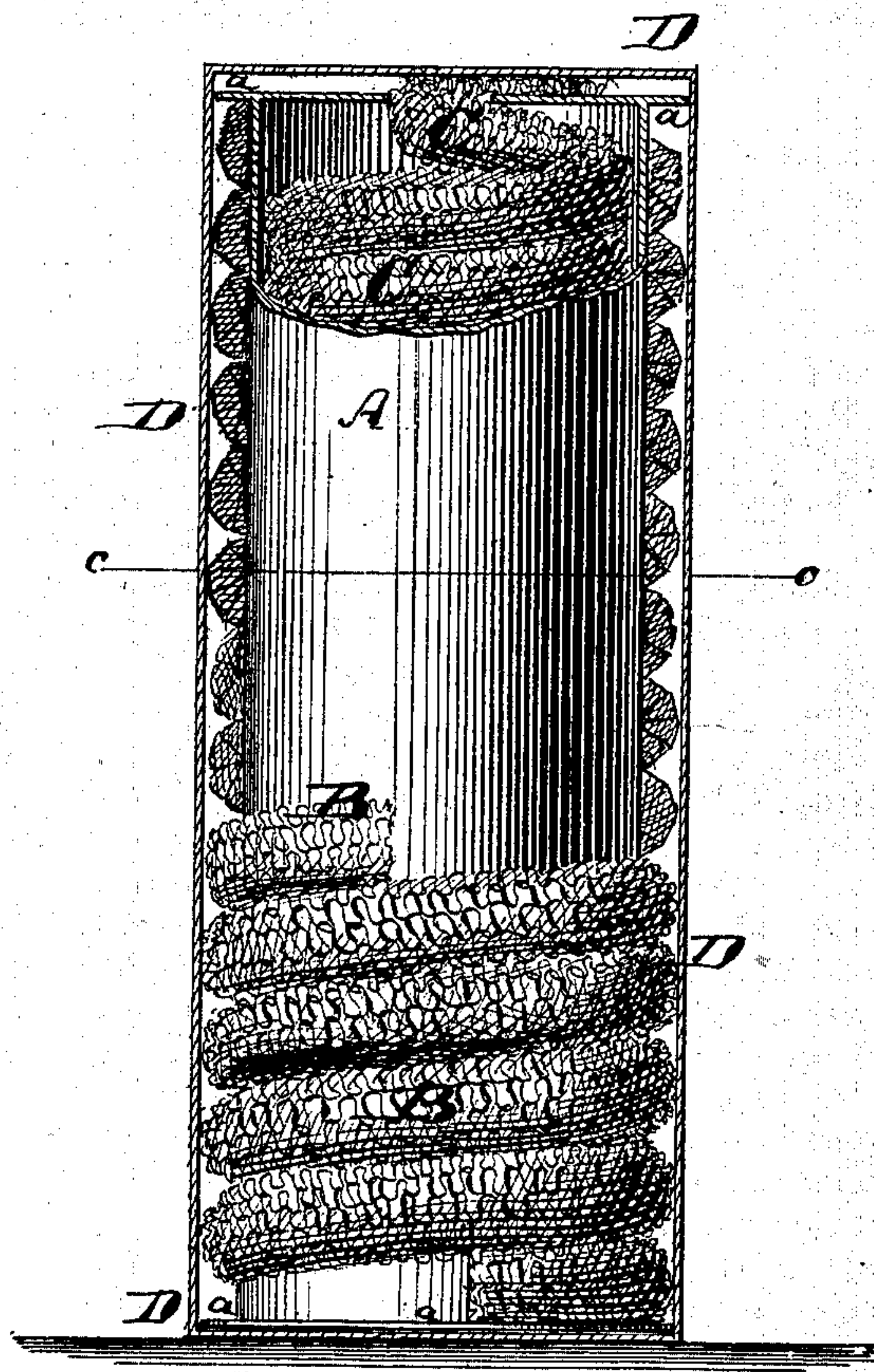
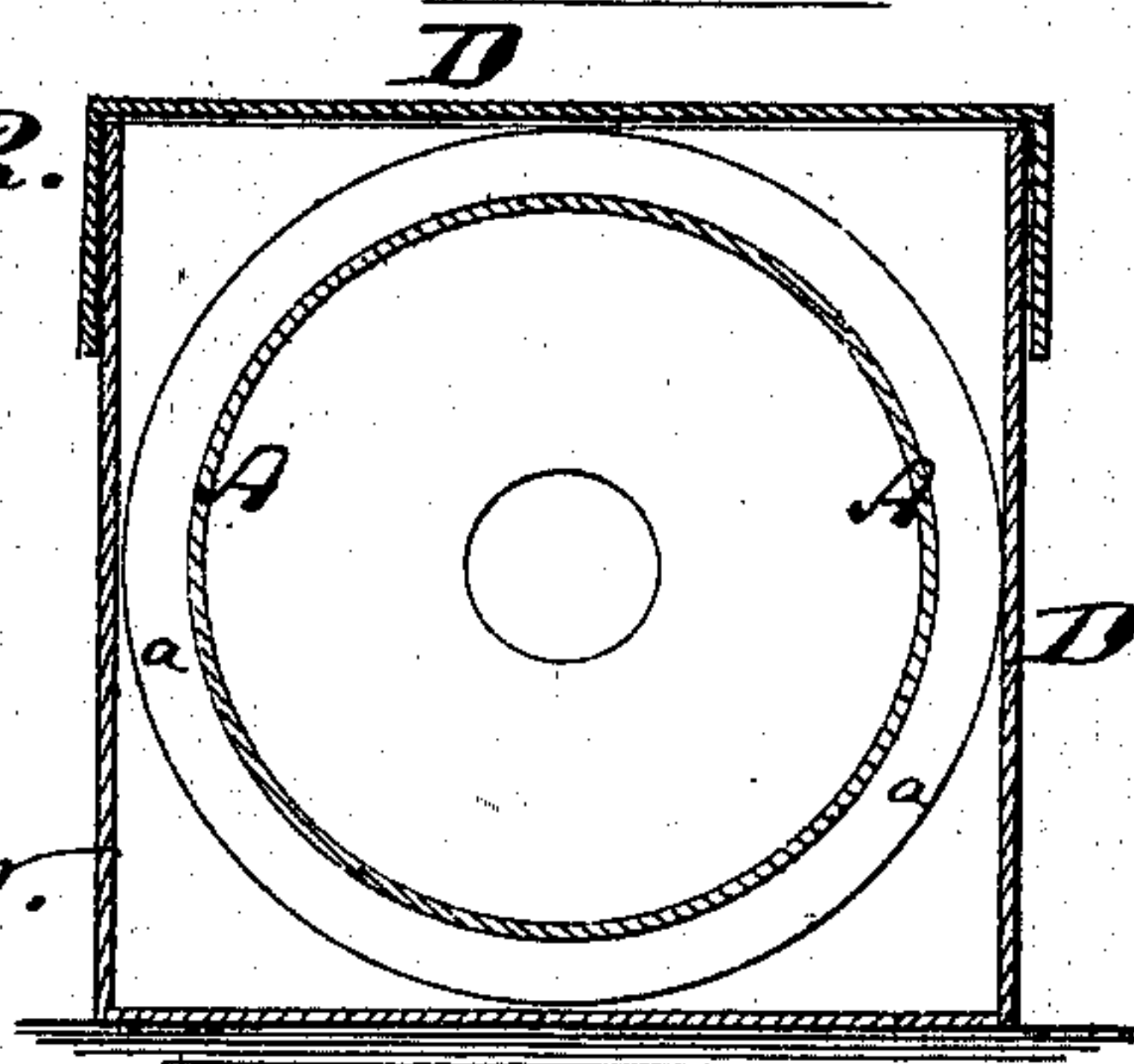


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN RUCHE-HOLDERS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES V. ROCKWELL, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented an Improved Drum for putting up Neck-Ruches, &c., of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 is a sectional side view of my improved drum; Fig. 2, a transverse section thereof on the line *c c*, Fig. 1.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

The object of this invention is to produce an apparatus or means whereby neck-ruches, lace-goods, or other articles of fine or intricate construction for ladies wear, which will suffer by contact and exposure to dust, &c., can be held without exposing the goods sustained thereon to external pressure, or to the influence of dust or atmospheric impurities, while the goods will be still properly displayed, and readily withdrawn or removed from such holding apparatus. My invention consists in constructing for this purpose a drum which has projecting heads or flanges at its ends, and upon which the ruches or lace, &c., are wound. At one or both ends this drum is open and its interior is hollowed for the reception of an inner filling of ruches or lace. A drum thus made can be filled with and surrounded by the substances or articles to be displayed, always holding them in the proper position without crushing, and facilitating their removal when desired.

In the drawing, the letter A represents my improved drum. The same is made of paste-board or other suitable material of proper size

and cylindrical or prismatic in form. At its ends it has projecting heads or flanges *a a*, which serve to confine the outer layer of ruches or lace, &c., wound upon the drum, and to prevent it from slipping off. At one end, at least, or, if desired, at both ends, the drum is perforated, as shown in Fig. 1, to permit the insertion of an inner layer, C, of ruches, lace, &c., of which the end is allowed to protrude through the opening of the drum for inspection, and also to allow the withdrawal of the ruches, &c., from within the drum. The drum thus filled and surrounded by ruches, is, in stores, &c., to be placed within a box, D, of rectangular or other cross-section, and therein protected from dust, &c. By opening the lid of the box D the goods contained in the drum can be easily inspected. The flanges *a* project far enough from the periphery of the drum to protect the outer layer of ruches, so that the same will not be crushed by contact with the sides of the box D.

In this manner the display and sale of articles of the class referred to will be greatly facilitated, and the trade, generally, will therefore improve by the use of my invention.

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

The drum A provided with projecting flanges *a a*, and perforated at one or both ends to receive a filling and an outer layer of ruches or other fine goods, substantially as described.

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