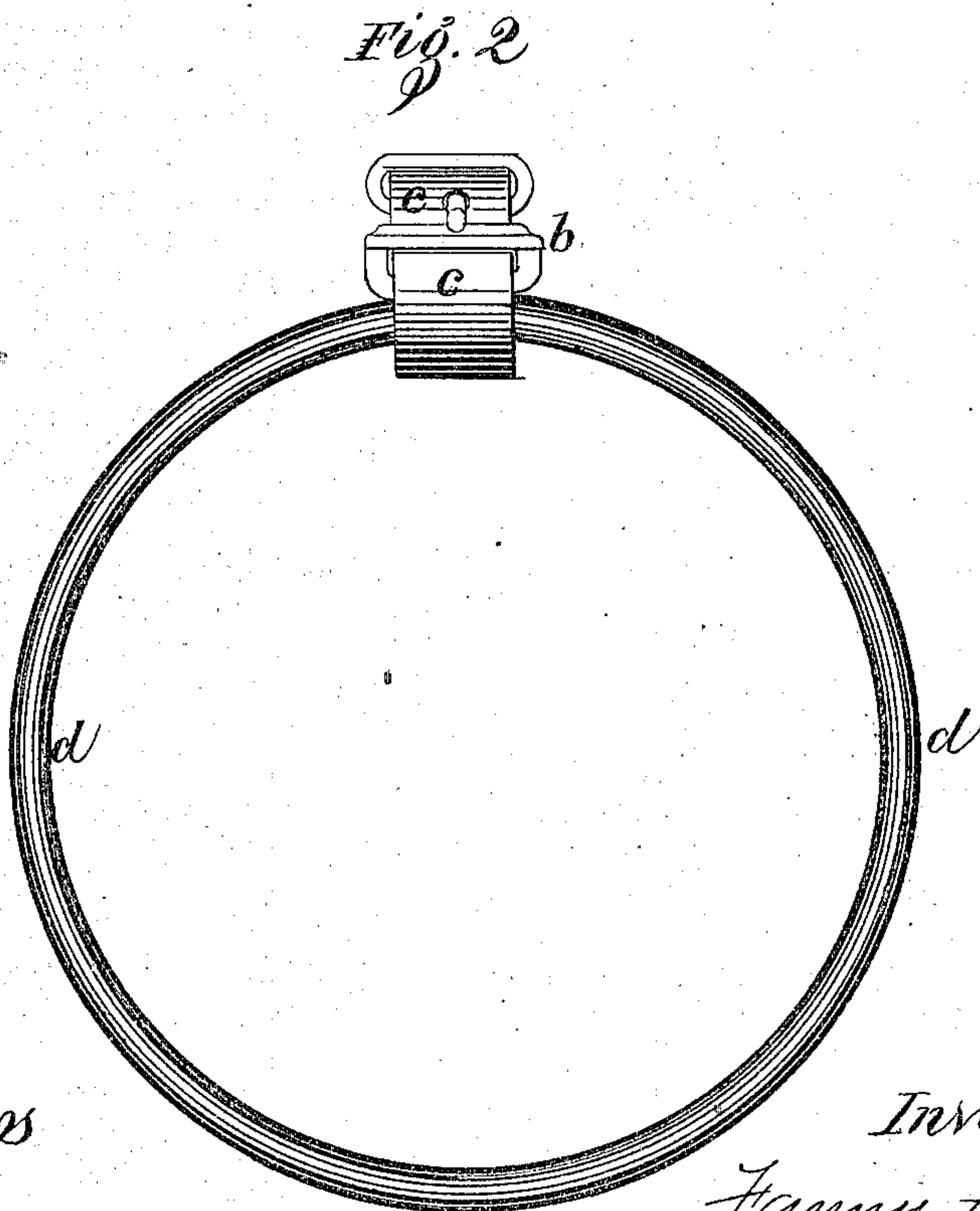
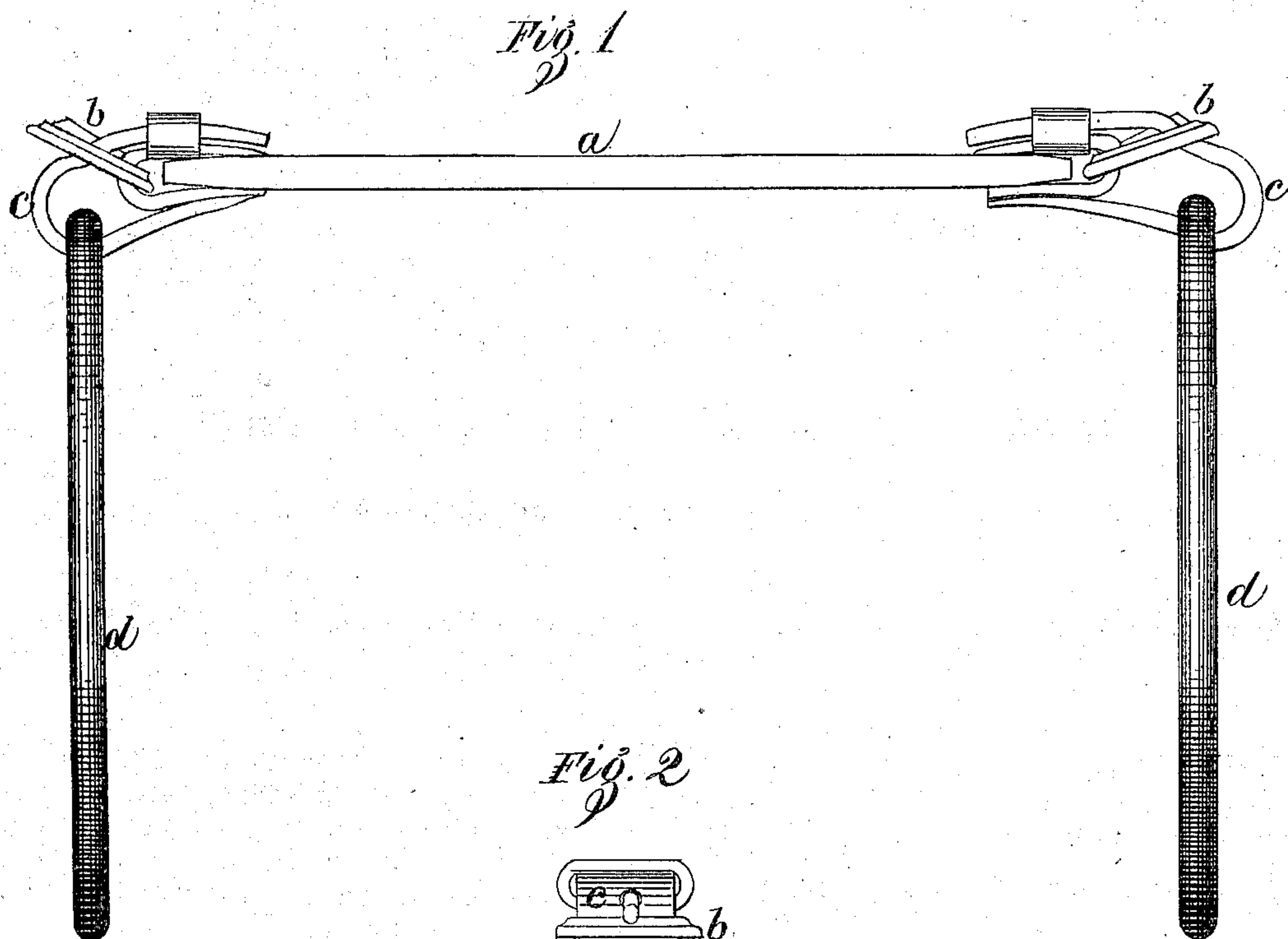


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IMPROVEMENT IN SHAWL-STRAPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FANNIE H. WILLIS, of Boston, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented certain Improvements in Package-Holders, of which the following is a specification:

Figure 1 of the accompanying drawings is a front view, and Fig. 2 is an end view, of my improved package-holder.

The present invention relates to certain new and useful improvements in package-holders, having for their principal object the more ready adjustment of the parcel or parcels in the holder. My improvements consist, mainly, of an elastic band connected with a suitable handle.

In the drawing, *a* represents a handle, of leather or other material, either flexible or rigid, attached to each end of which is a buckle, *b*, which receives and holds one end of a loop-strap, *c*, whose other end is attached to the end of the handle *a*. Each strap *c* is placed over an elastic band, *d*, and buckled to the handle *a*, thus allowing the ready insertion of a new band when the old one is worn.

Or, instead of the loop-strap *c* and buckle *b*, the handle *a* may be simply formed at each end with apertures, through which the bands *d* may be inserted; or the elastic bands *d* may be connected with the handle in any other way that may be preferred.

By the above description, reference being had to the drawings, it will readily be seen that the elasticity of the bands *d* allows the package or packages to be readily inserted or withdrawn without the trouble heretofore occasioned by the unbuckling of the straps of the ordinary package-holder.

Having thus described my improvements, what I claim as my invention, and desire to have secured to me by Letters Patent, is—

The combination of the elastic band *d* with a holder, *a*, substantially as specified.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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