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Plate-Racks.

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Fig. 1.

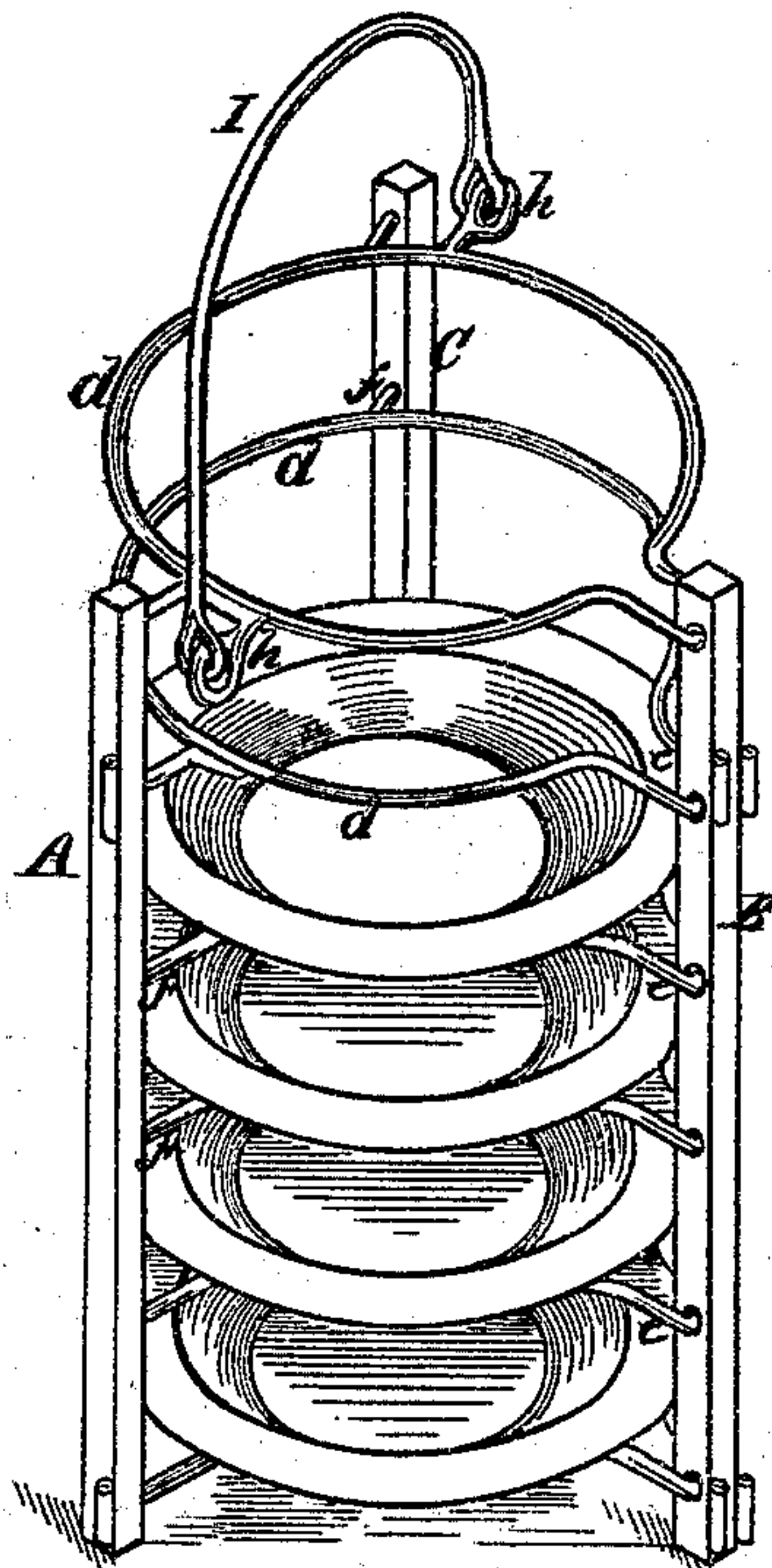
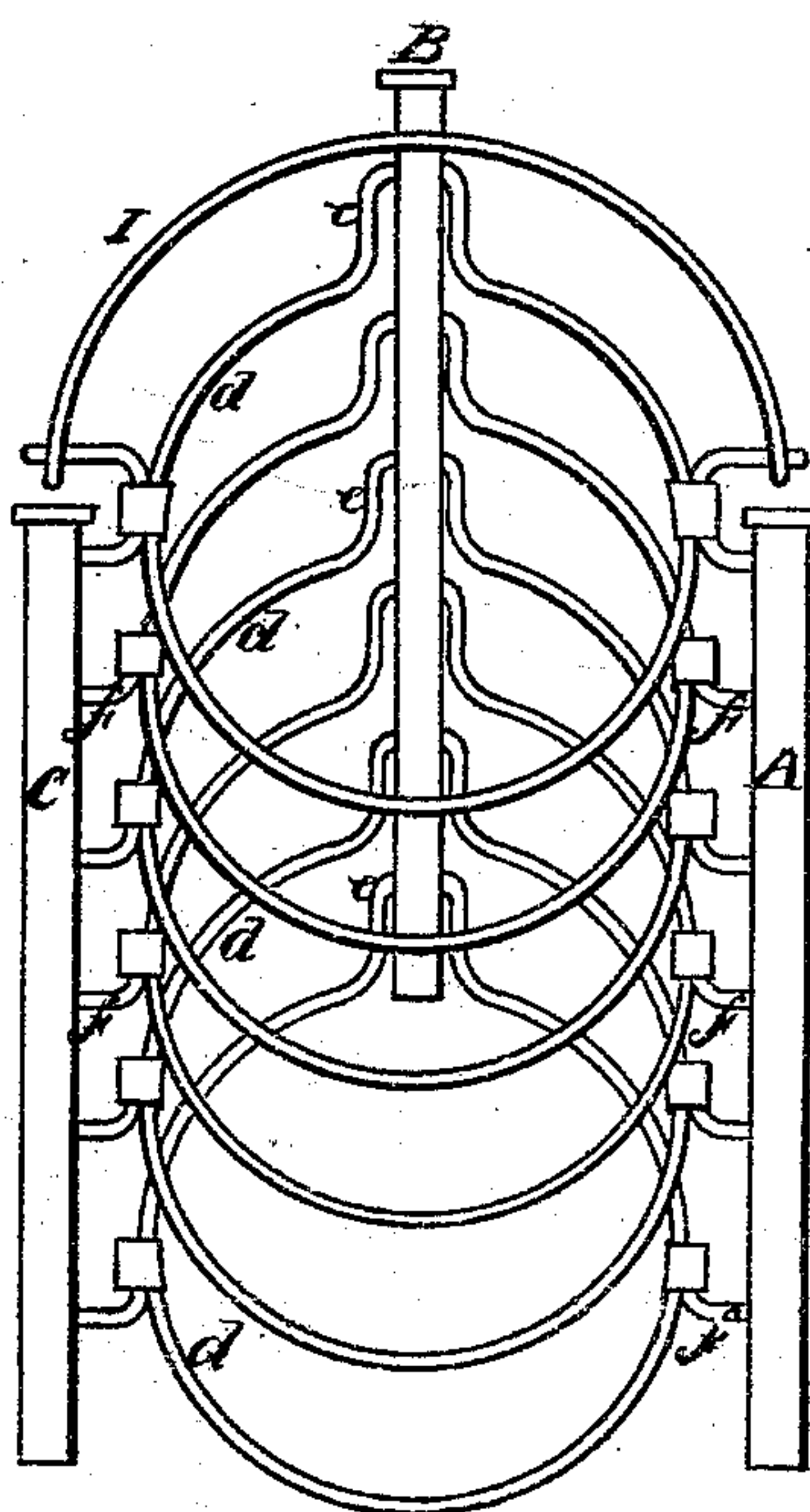


Fig. 2.



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IMPROVEMENT IN PLATE-RACKS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN J. COLLINS, of Lodi, San Joaquin county, State of California, have invented a Plate and Pan Rack; and I do hereby declare the following description and accompanying drawings are sufficient to enable any person skilled in the art or science to which it most nearly appertains to make and use my said invention without further invention or experiment.

My invention consists in providing a cheap and convenient rack for holding plates and pans.

Referring to the drawings accompanying this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view. Fig. 2 is a view showing the rack closed.

A, B, C are three upright corner-posts, which may be made of any suitable material. These posts I arrange so that each will form the corner or angle of a triangle, as shown. I then form out of wire as many rings or loops, *d*, as it is desired to provide plate racks or shelves, and each ring I provide with a loop, *e*, at one side. These rings are of the proper or desired size to permit the plates or pans to set down into them, while their rims or peripheral portions will rest upon the rings. Each ring I also provide with two arms or journals, *f*, opposite each other. The loops *e* of the rings pass loosely through the corner-post B, while the arms or journals *f* are secured in the posts A C at a short distance from each

other from top to bottom, thus supporting each ring in the triangularly-disposed posts, and forming a triangular frame with the rings or annular plate-holding shelves at the proper distances apart. The upper ring or hoop *d* I provide with ears *h* *h*, opposite each other, to which I secure a bail I, so that the frame can be carried about at pleasure.

The posts A B C can be connected together by rods or braces when it is desired to have the rack stand vertical in use for the reception of the plates or pans, but when it is to be transported from one place to another its bulk is materially reduced by closing it up, as shown at Fig. 2.

By this arrangement I provide a portable rack which will be a great convenience for holding plates, milk-pans in dairies, and other circular household utensils.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

A dish-rack, consisting of triangularly-placed supports A, in which are journaled horizontal arms projecting from a series of annular dish-rests, *d* *d*, substantially as described.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal.

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