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JELLY-CUP.

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FIG. 1.

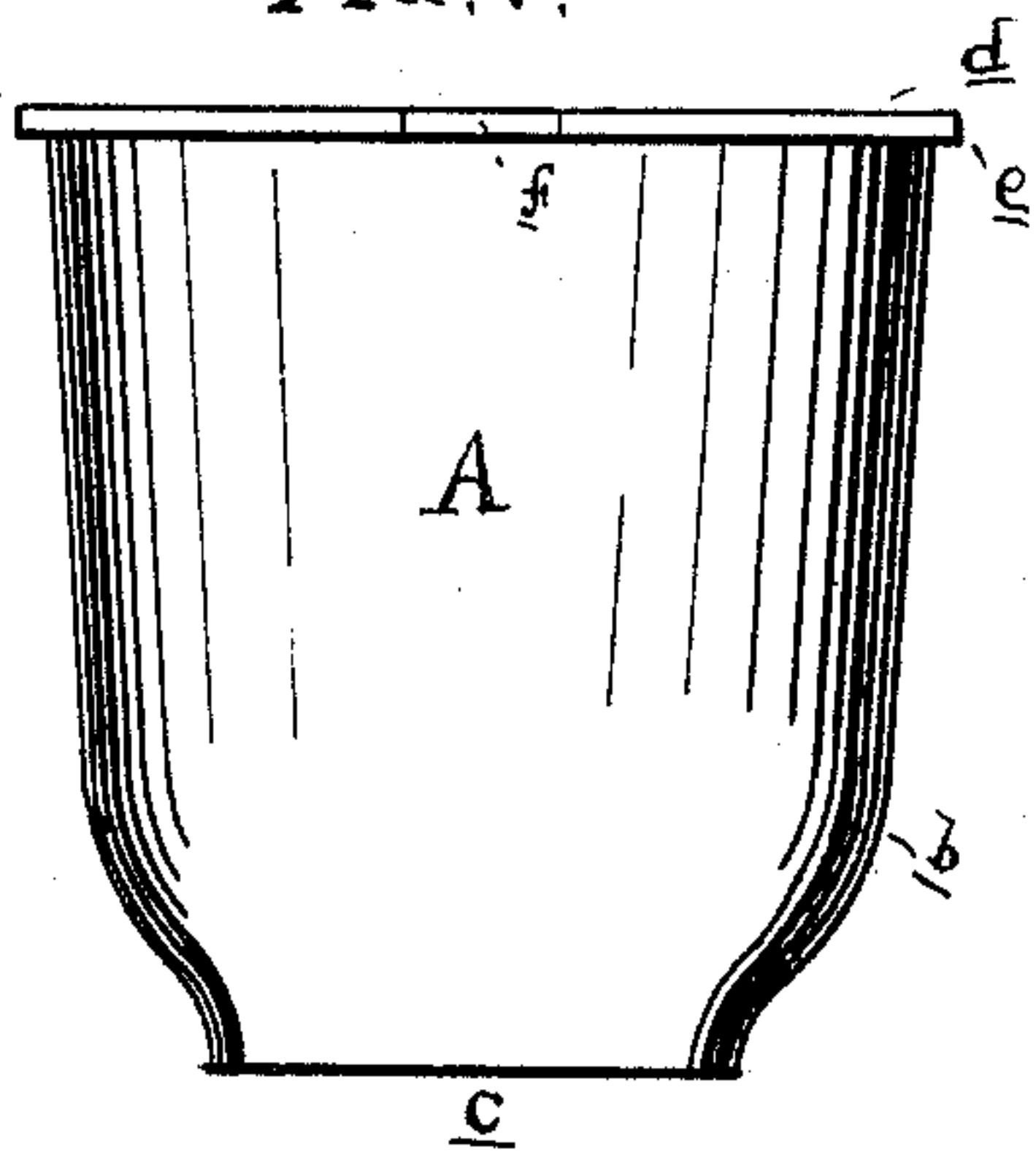


FIG. 2.

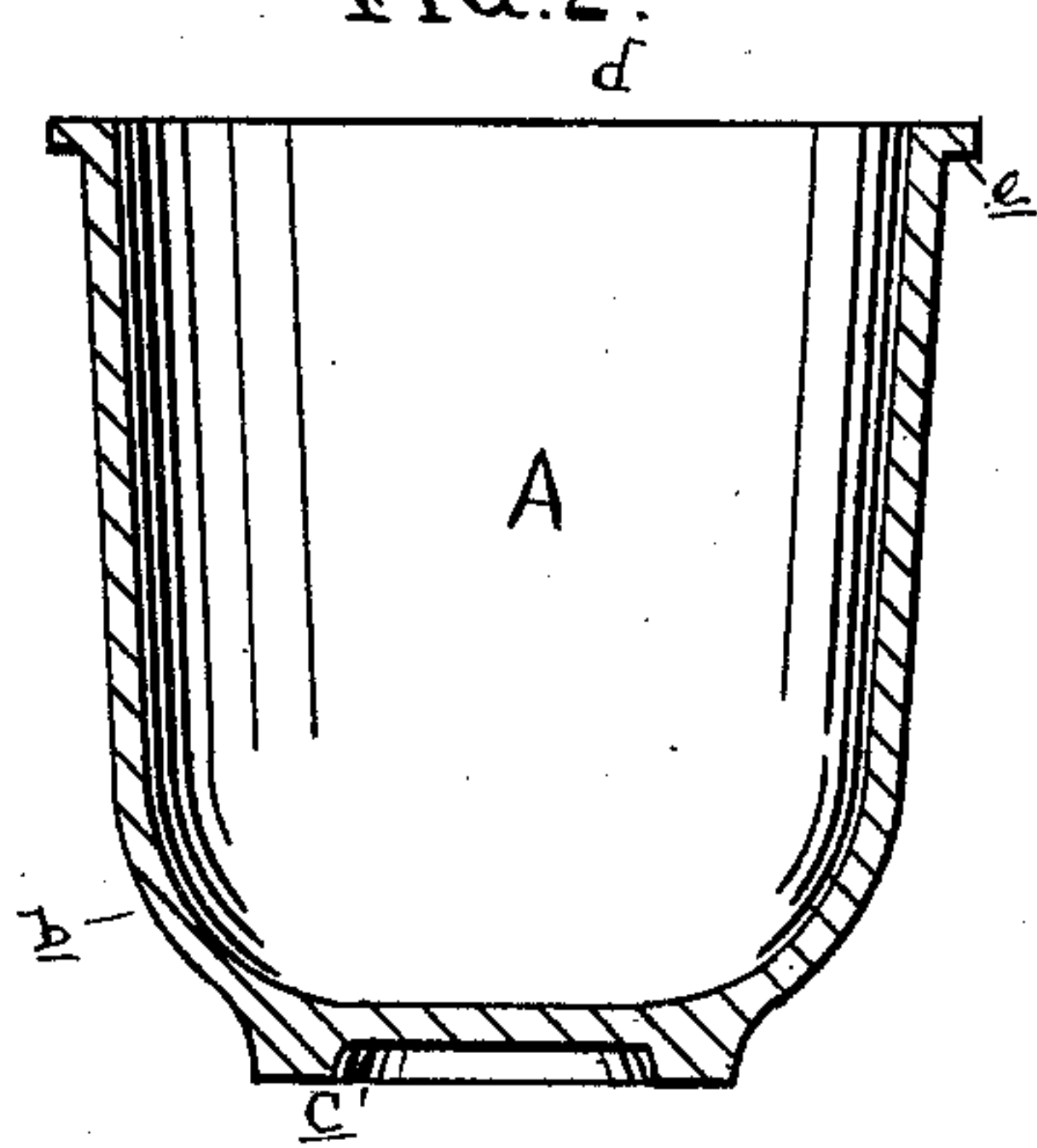


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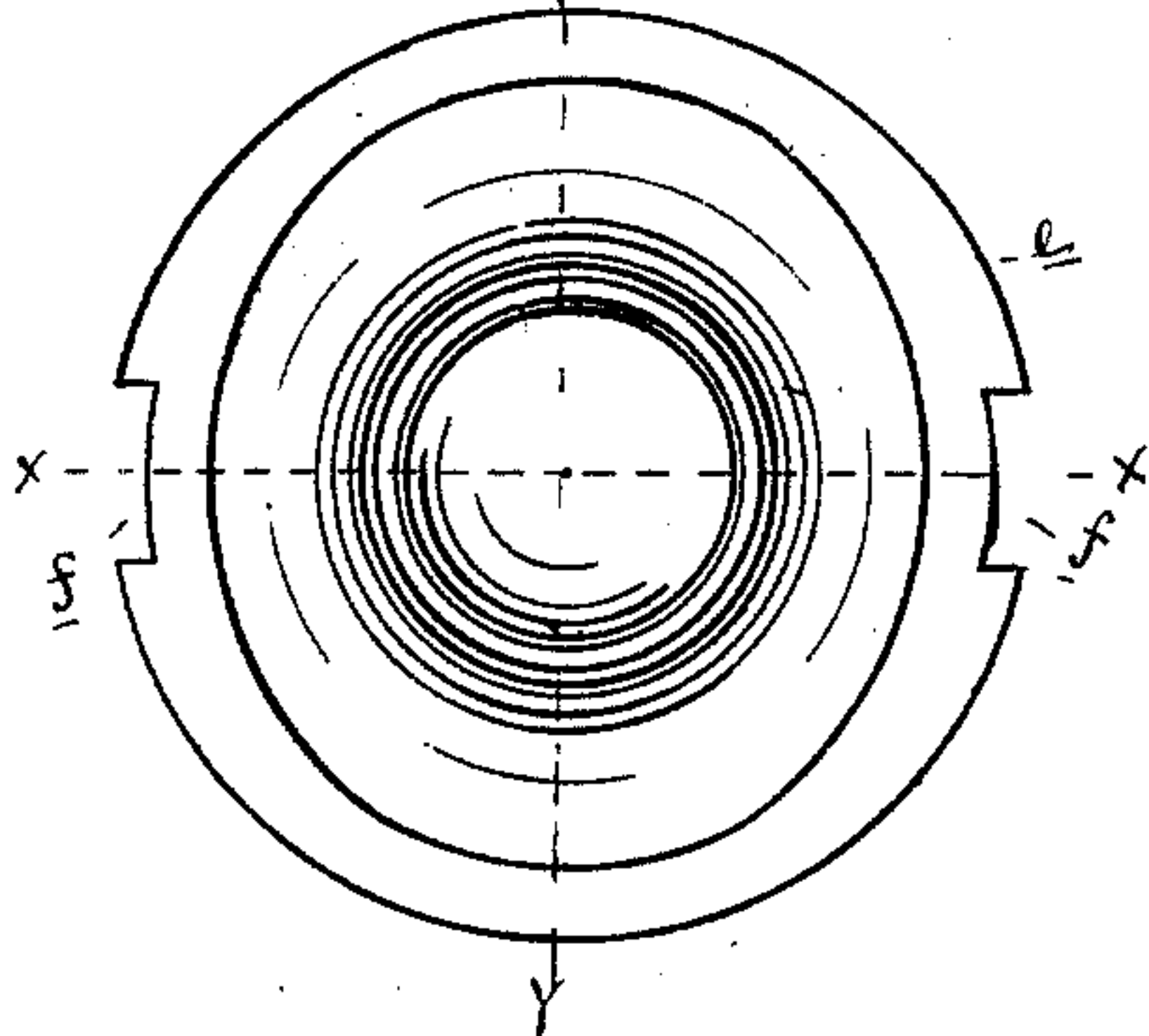


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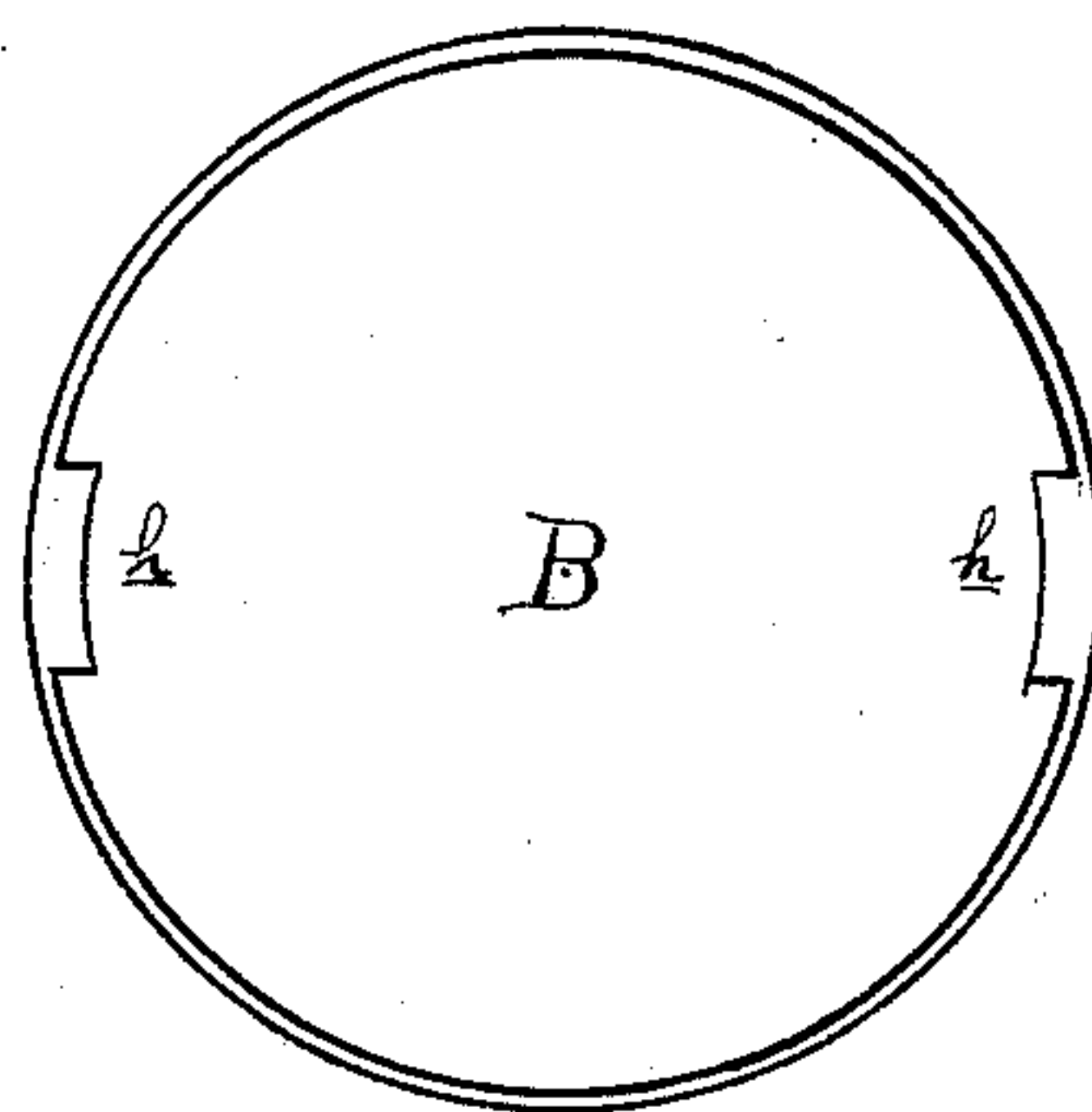


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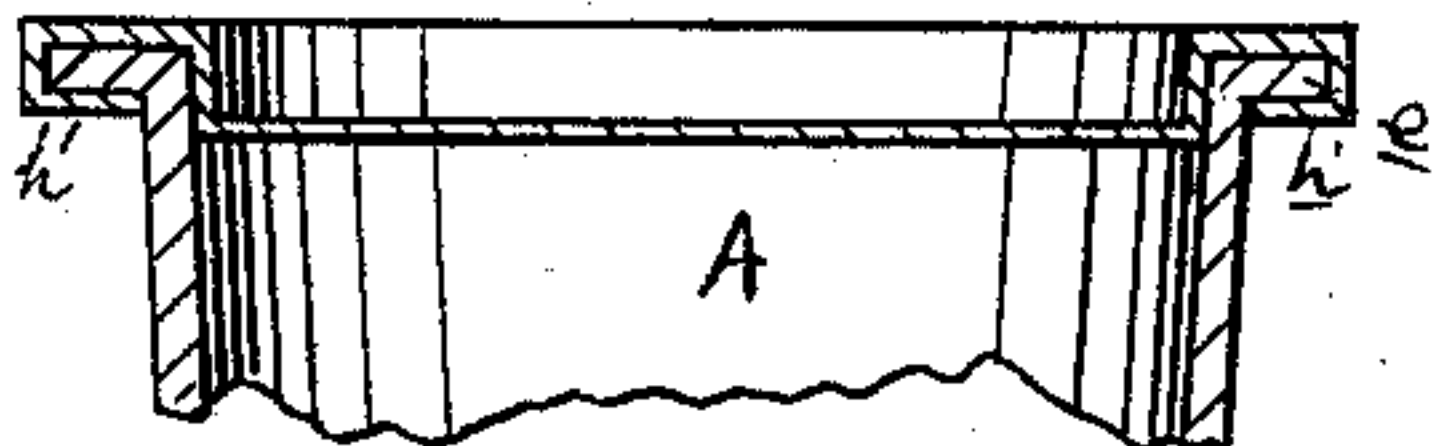


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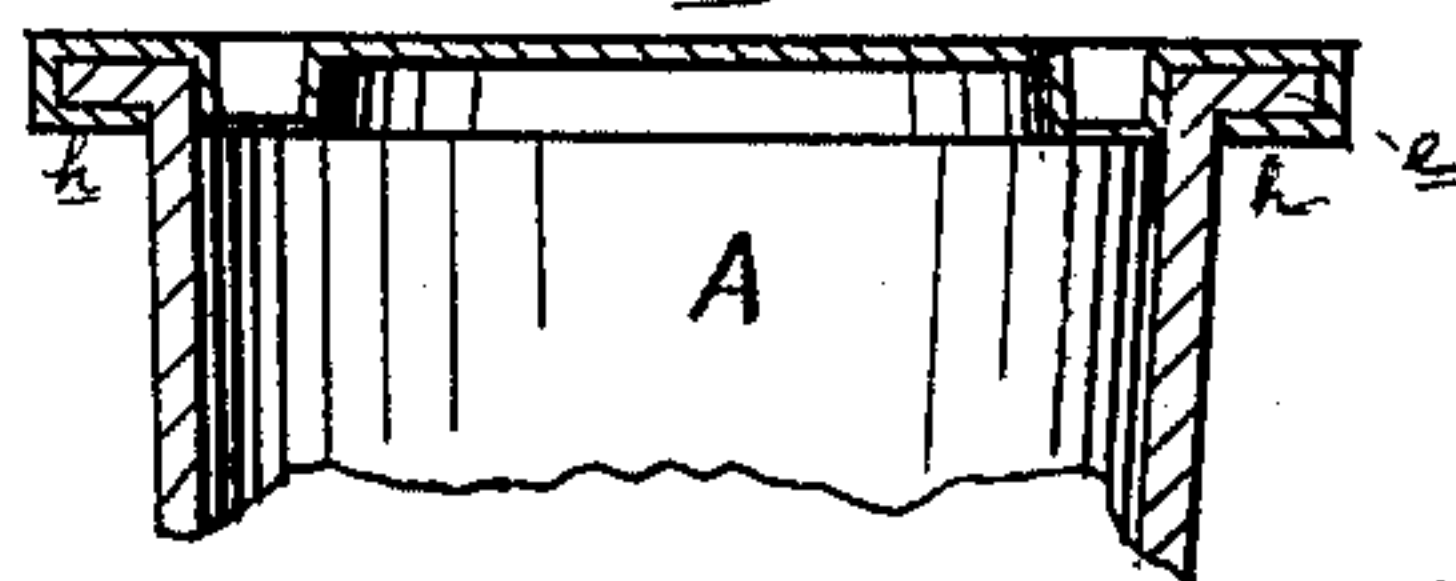
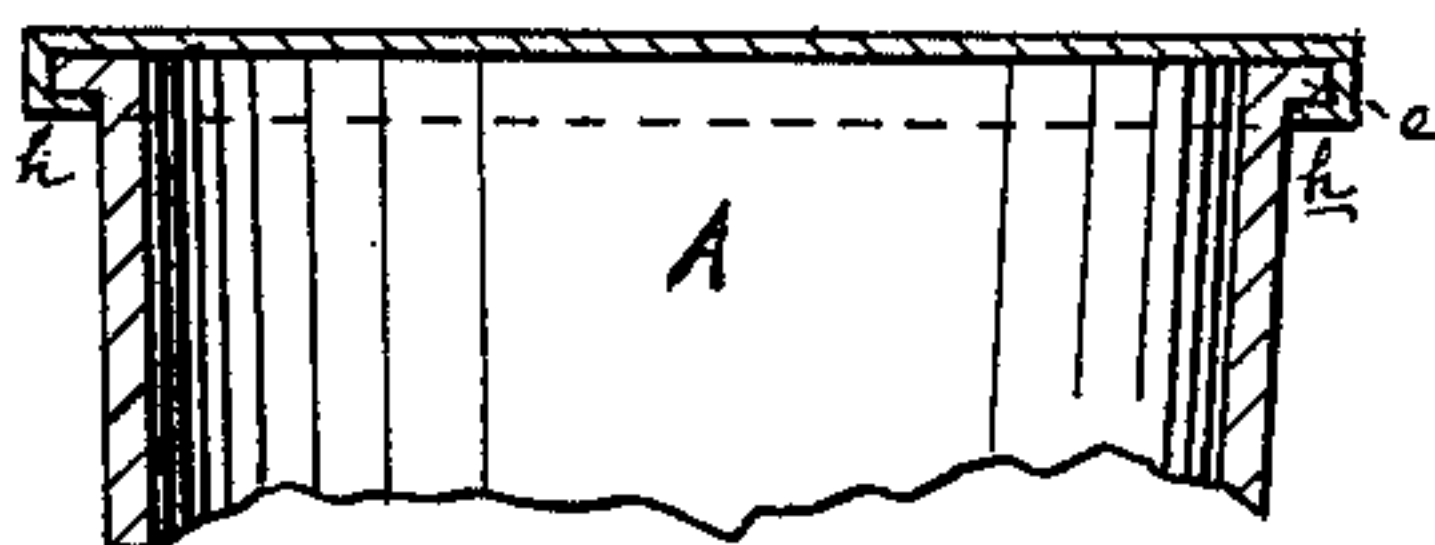


FIG. 7.
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IMPROVEMENT IN JELLY-CUPS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, EVAN F. CASH, of Bellaire, in the county of Belmont and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Jelly-Cups; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, and to the letters of reference marked thereon.

The object of my invention is a jelly-cup, and my purpose is to construct one which may be sold very cheaply, which may be covered closely, and uncovered conveniently, without injury to the parts, so that the article may be capable of use many times, and from which the jelly may be turned out into a dish without difficulty or disturbance of form; and my invention therein consists in the form and construction of the cup, with its means of holding the cover; and, further, in the combination of the cup, with its peculiar means for holding the cover, with the peculiar cover, all as more fully hereinafter described.

In order to enable those skilled in the art to make my jelly-cup, I proceed to describe the same, in connection with the drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is an elevation of my cup without the cover; Fig. 2, a vertical central section of the same; Fig. 3, an end view of the same with the top in front; Fig. 4, a separate view of the cover, looking at the inside; Fig. 5, a modification of the cover with the larger portion countersunk, shown in section; Fig. 6, another modification of the cover with an annular crease around it, shown in section; Fig. 7, a vertical central section of the cover, and the top of the cup.

Similar letters denote like parts in each figure.

The cup A, made of glass, in the ordinary way, has its sides *a* drawing in a little to a point, *b*, pretty near the bottom, and from that point curving in more rapidly to the base *c*. Upon the inside the cup is drawn in correspondingly, except that the extreme bottom in form is a segment of a sphere, a little flattened. The purpose and object of this shape, wherein the lines all incline or curve inwardly, are to give easy clearance to the jelly when it is desired to pour it out without injuring its

form. The top *d* of the cup is formed in the shape of a slightly-elongated circle, being a little less in diameter upon the line *x* than it is upon the line *y*. Around the top is a flange, *e*, extending laterally, and in this are two or more recesses, *f*, or parts cut away, extending into the outer surface proper of the cup, and upon the sides having the smallest diameter, for the purpose of admitting entrance of the ears upon the cover, to be next described.

The cover B, to be made of suitable material, preferably some thin and flexible sheet metal, is preferably circular in exterior outline, but need not be a true circle. This cover has its edges *g* turned down, so as to cover and inclose the flange *e*, and at two or more points it has ears *h* turned inwardly toward the center of the cover. This cover may be made perfectly flat or smooth upon its upper surface, or it may be countersunk, so that its sunken portion will agree pretty nearly in outline with the upper inner part of the cup, and so act as a re-enforce or support to hold the cover in place, and also to exclude the air more perfectly when partly turned around, as presently described, which modification is shown in Fig. 5; or it may be made with an annular crease or depression, as shown in Fig. 6, the depressed ring in this instance being for the same purpose, and acting in the same way, as the periphery of the depressed portion shown in Fig. 5.

When the cover is placed upon the cup, the ears *h* enter into the recesses *f*, and the cover then fits tightly upon the surface of the top. By turning this cover in either direction a little, the ears approach the greater diameter of the cup, and bind the cover to the same. By reversing this movement the cover is released, and may be taken off.

While I have described a jelly-cup, I am aware that my invention may be used beneficially in jars and other like vessels, where it is desired to exclude the air from the interior of such vessels, and therefore do not wish to confine the use of my invention to jelly-cups alone.

The principal advantages to be found in my jelly-cup consist in the cheapness of the first cost, convenience in use, and capacity for frequent use.

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

1. A jelly-cup having its top formed in the shape of an elongated circle, with a rim having rectangular recesses, substantially as described and shown.

2. In combination, a jelly-cup with an oval top, and a rim having recesses, and a circular

cover having flanges and ears, substantially as described.

This specification signed and witnessed this 20th day of April, 1875.

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