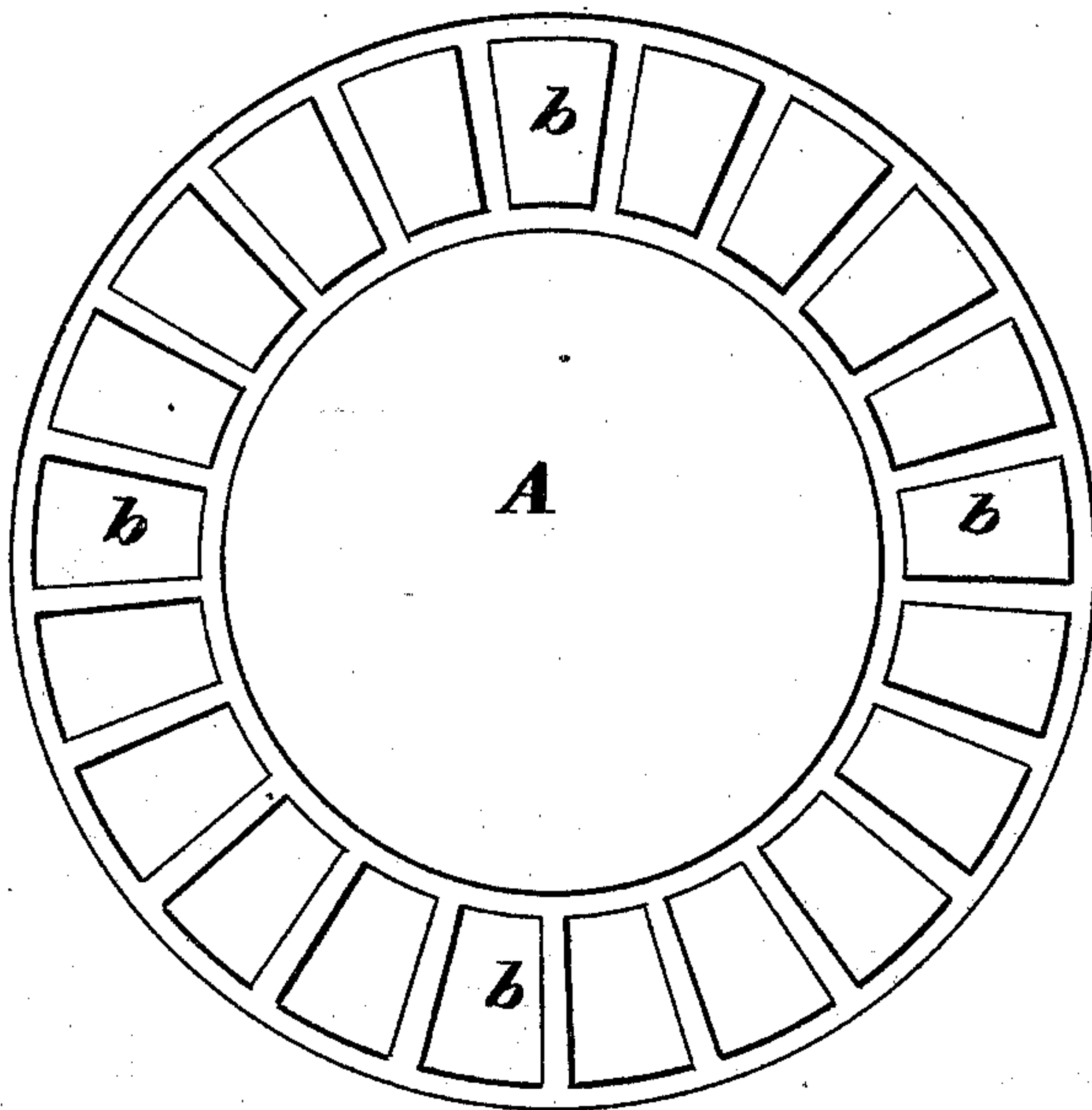


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IMPROVEMENT IN SPITTOON-MATS.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN LEE, of San Francisco city and county, State of California, have invented an Improved Spittoon-Mat and Carpet-Protector; 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 or improvement without further invention or experiment.

My invention relates to an improved mat for spittoons, which is so constructed that it will catch and retain any spittle which misses the spittoon, and prevent it from running upon the carpet or floor.

Referring to the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a sectional elevation.

A represents a mat, which can be made in any desired shape, although I prefer to make them circular, as shown. This mat I can make of metal, papier-maché, or other material. The mat I make larger than the spittoon, so that when the spittoon is standing in its center a wide margin or rim will extend outward entirely around it. This margin or rim I stamp, press, or otherwise form into cells, cavities,

or depressions *d d*, so that any spittle which misses the spittoon will be caught in the marginal cavities, and be prevented from running off upon the carpet or floor. The cavities *b b* may be variously constructed, either as concentric grooves or radial channels or cavities; but in any case they will serve the same purpose. The margin or rim of the mat I ornament in any desired manner, so that it will correspond with the carpet or floor upon which it is placed, thus not only providing a useful, but an ornamental article as well. The cells or cavities will catch the misdirected spittle, and the mat can be removed and cleansed when desired, thus saving the carpet from damage.

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

A spittoon-mat consisting of a central portion, A, surrounded by a margin or rim, provided with cells, cavities, or depressions *b b*, substantially as and for the purpose described.

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