

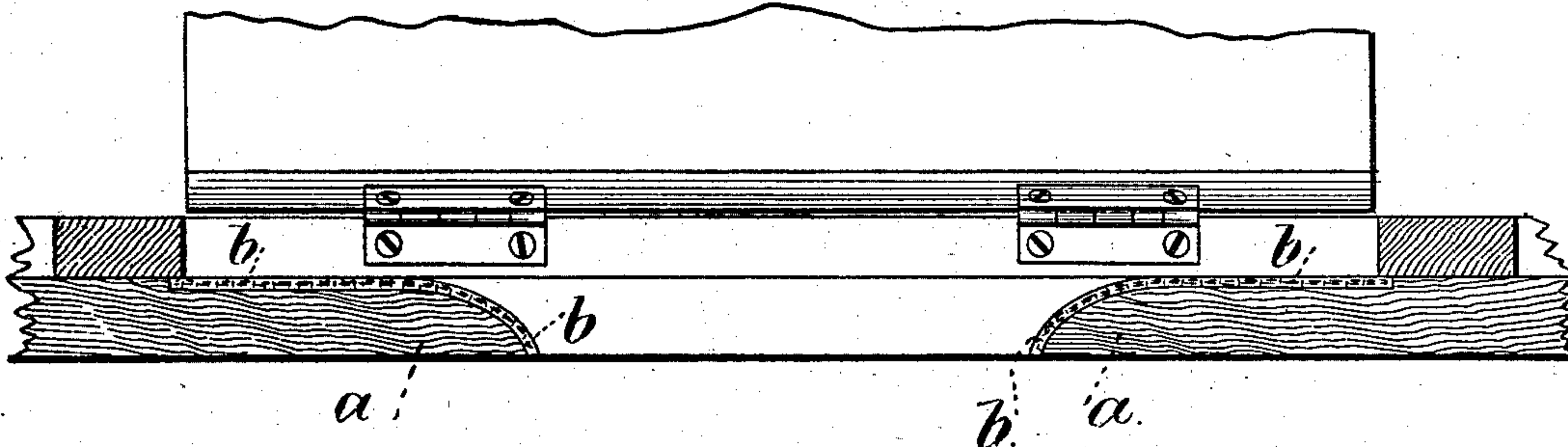
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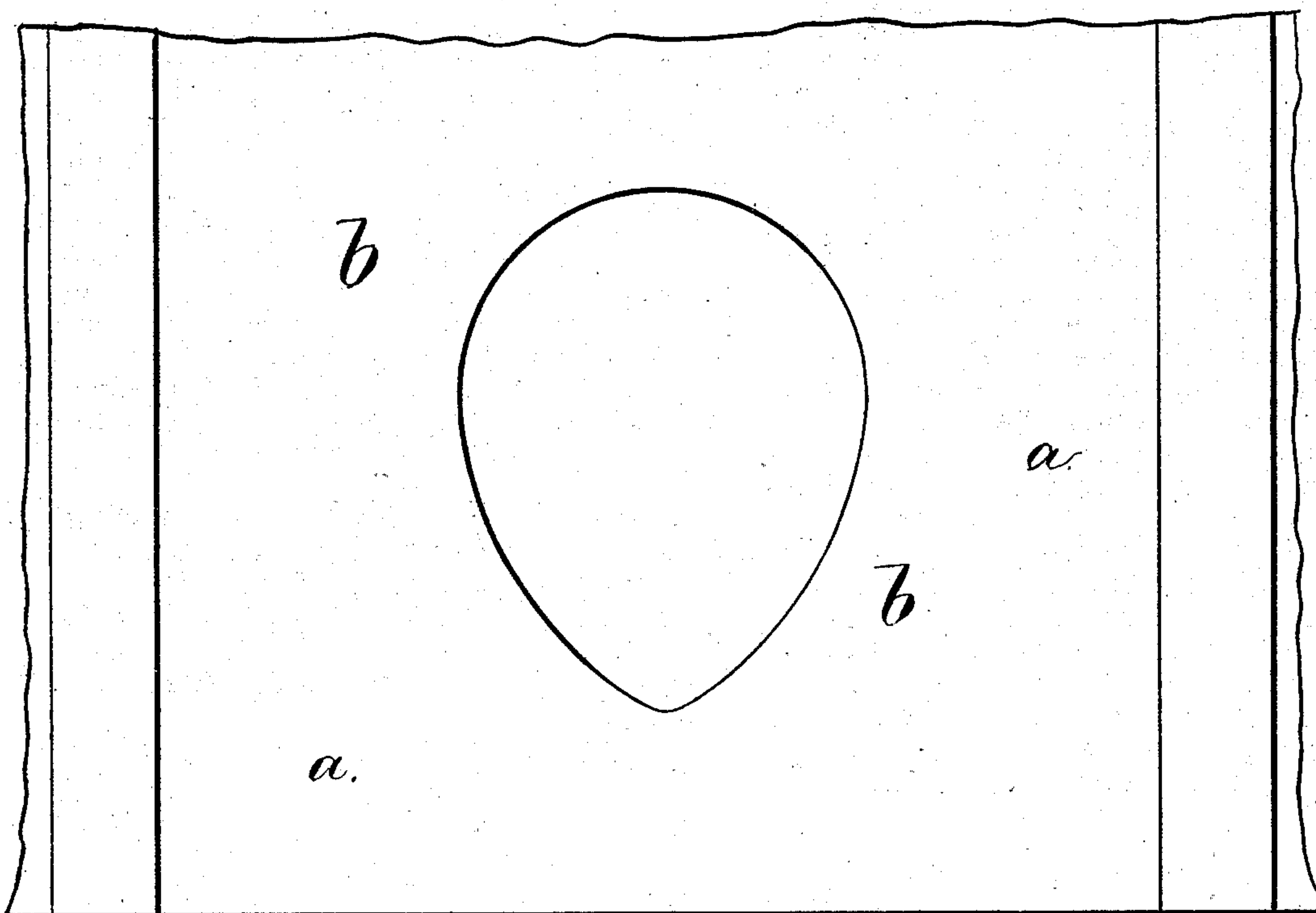
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*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 1.*



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## IMPROVEMENT IN SEATS FOR WATER-CLOSETS, &c.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN J. WEEKS, of Locust Valley, in the county of Queens and State of New York, have invented an Improvement in Seats for Water-Closets and Privies, of which the following is a specification:

Seats for privies, invalid-chairs, &c., have, in some instances, been cushioned; but these are objectionable, as they become soiled and cannot easily be purified and cleansed. For these reasons the wooden seat is almost universally used, but this is harsh and chilly, especially to aged and infirm persons.

My invention is a new article of manufacture, consisting of a wooden seat for water-closets or privies with a layer of cork attachment thereto, so as to form a slightly elastic surface, and one that does not chill the person sitting upon it, and one that can easily be scrubbed and kept clean and free from objectionable odor.

In the drawing, Figure 1 is a plan of the seat, and Fig. 2 is a section of the same.

The seat *a* is of ordinary character, and of

the desired size and shape, with the central opening having beveled edges. This seat is of wood, and walnut or hard wood is preferred. The layer *b*, of cork, in the form of sheets or pieces of suitable thickness, similar to a thick veneer, is attached to the surface of the seat by suitable cement—such as india-rubber, tar, or other water-proof material, by preference—and numerous wooden pegs, such as shoe-pegs, may be added, to render the attachment of the cork layer more permanent.

The cork surface is yielding and of an agreeable character for the person to come in contact with, and it is easily kept clean.

I claim as my invention—

The seat for water-closets or privies, having a surface of cork, as a new article of manufacture, for the purposes set forth.

Signed by me this 14th day of June, 1876.

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