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Rolling-Hoop.

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Fig. 1.

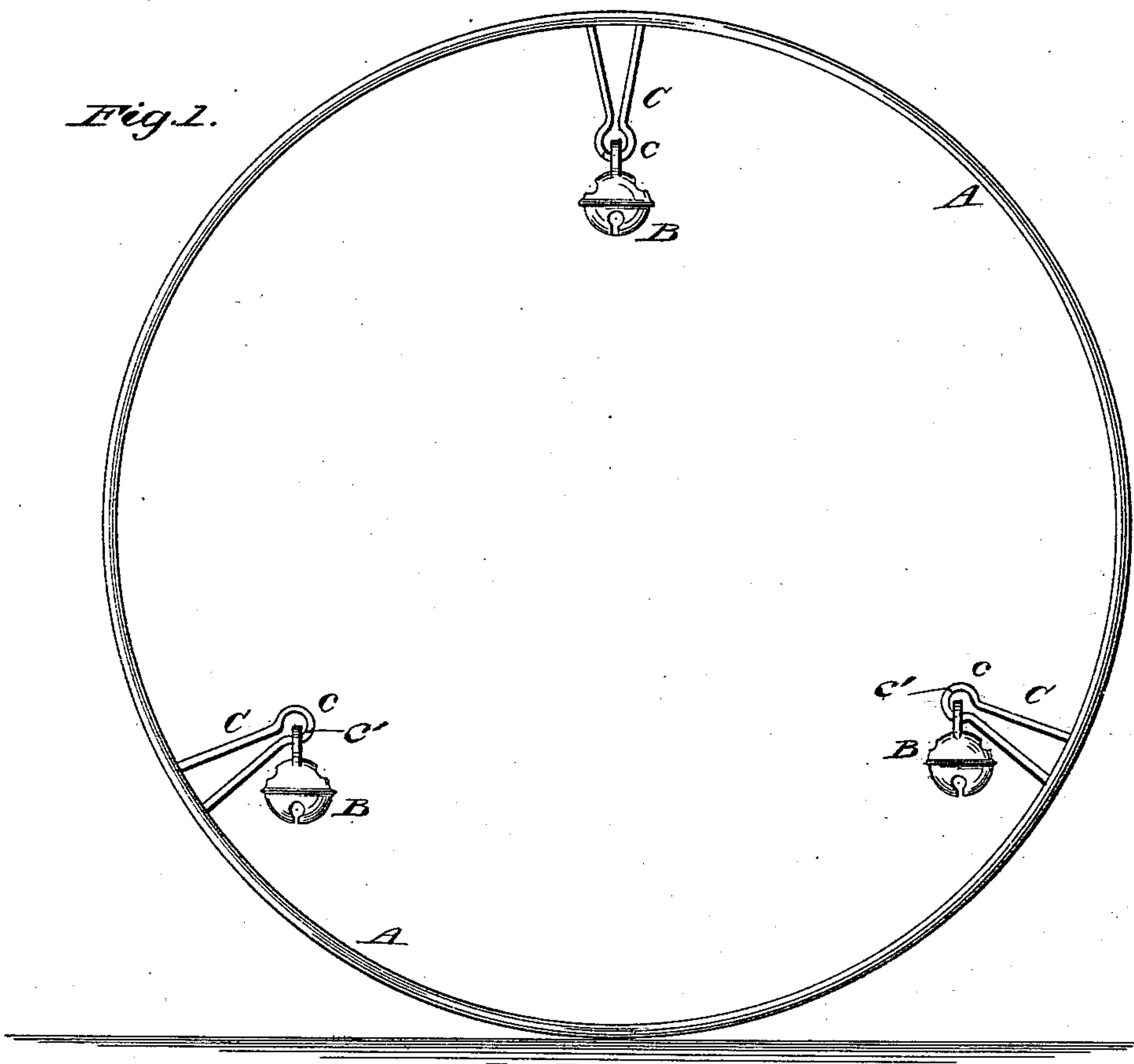
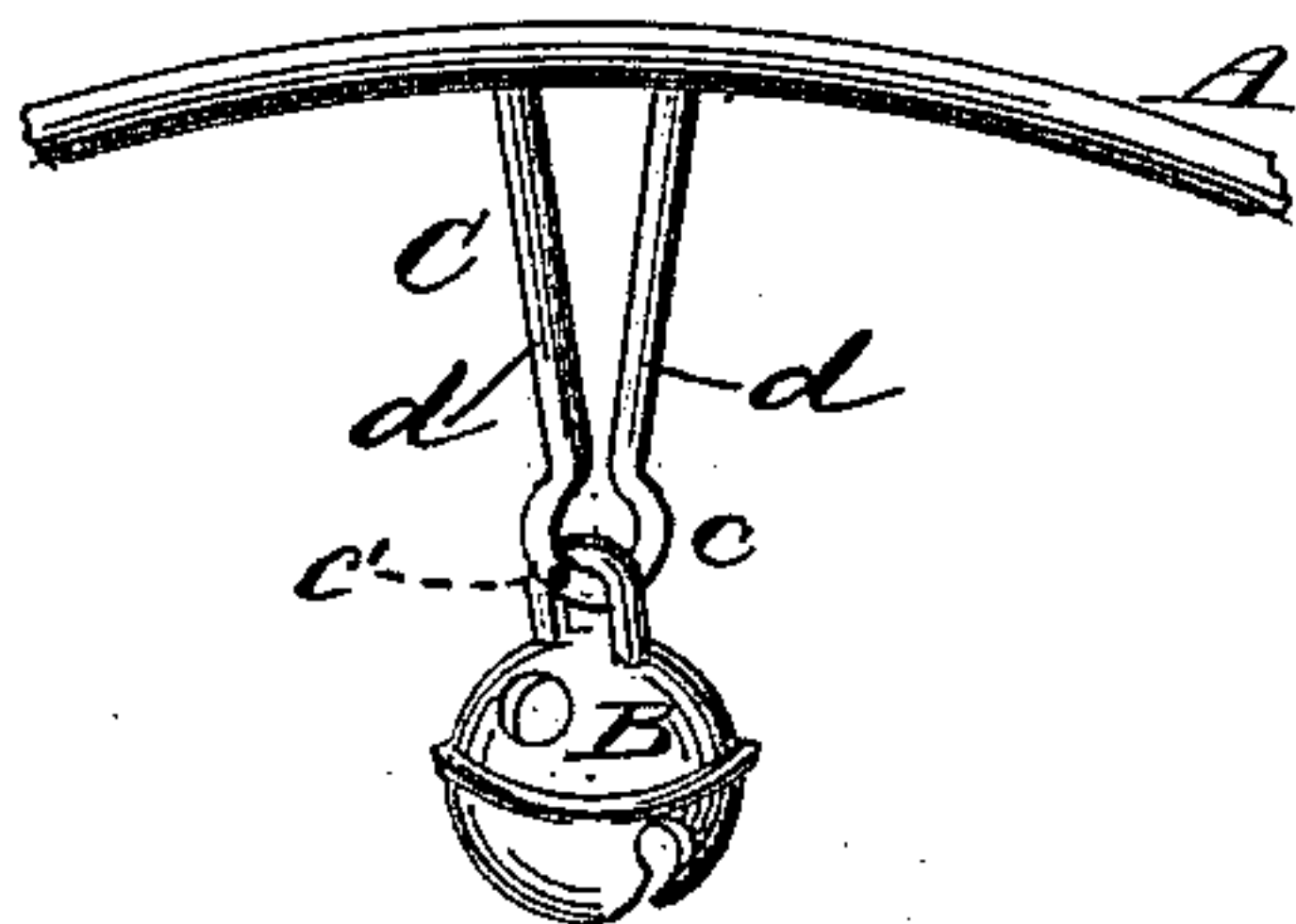


Fig. 2



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HENRY T. MARTIN, OF PARKERSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA, ASSIGNOR OF ONE-HALF HIS RIGHT TO JOSEPH H. SPENCE, OF SAME PLACE.

IMPROVEMENT IN ROLLING-HOOPS.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent No. **211,919**, dated February 4, 1879; application filed September 23, 1878.

To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HENRY T. MARTIN, of Parkersburg, in the county of Wood and State of West Virginia, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Rolling-Hoops; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the invention, which will enable others skilled in the art to which it appertains to make and use the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, which form a part of this specification, and in which—

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my improved rolling-hoop, and Fig. 2 is a detailed perspective view of one of the bell-hangers.

Corresponding parts in the two figures are denoted by like letters.

This invention appertains to certain improvements in rolling or children's hoops, driven with a stick or lever in the hand of the one rolling it; and it consists in the employment, in connection with a hoop of the character above described, of inwardly-projecting hangers for bells, whose musical sounds accompany the rolling of the hoop, the said hangers being so constructed that, first, the bells suspended by them shall not be liable to come in contact with the hoop while this is being rolled; and, second, I provide for the detachability of the bells when for any reason it is desired to remove them, substantially as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In the drawings, A marks a hoop adapted for rolling as a means of exercise or amusement. B B are bells, of any suitable construction, to produce musical sounds to accompany the rolling of the hoop, as a further means of amusement for the one rolling or driving the hoop, which is performed by a lever or stick, in the manner too well understood to be fur-

ther described. C C are hangers for the attachment of the bells B B to the hoop. These hangers consist each of stout wire sections, bent or shaped into the configuration shown in the drawing, so as to form a circular slitted eye, *c*, and two diverging legs or branches, *d d*, the narrow slot or opening between the eye *c* and open space between the legs being sufficiently narrow to prevent the eye by which the bell is suspended from slipping through it, so that the eye of the bell will always be confined within the eye of the hanger, which effectually prevents the bells from striking against or coming in contact with the hoop while this is being rolled.

Each of the eyes *c* of the hangers C has a narrow oblique slit, *c'*, through which the eye of the bell is inserted.

If for any reason it is desired to trundle the hoop without any noise—when the baby sleeps, for example—the bells may readily be detached by slipping them out through the slits *c'* in eyes *c* of the hangers.

Having thus described my improvement, I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent of the United States—

The trundling-hoop A, having hangers C, consisting each of a pair of diverging legs, *d d*, and an eye, *c*, provided with a lap-slit, *c'*, in combination with the detachable bells B, substantially as and for the purpose shown and described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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