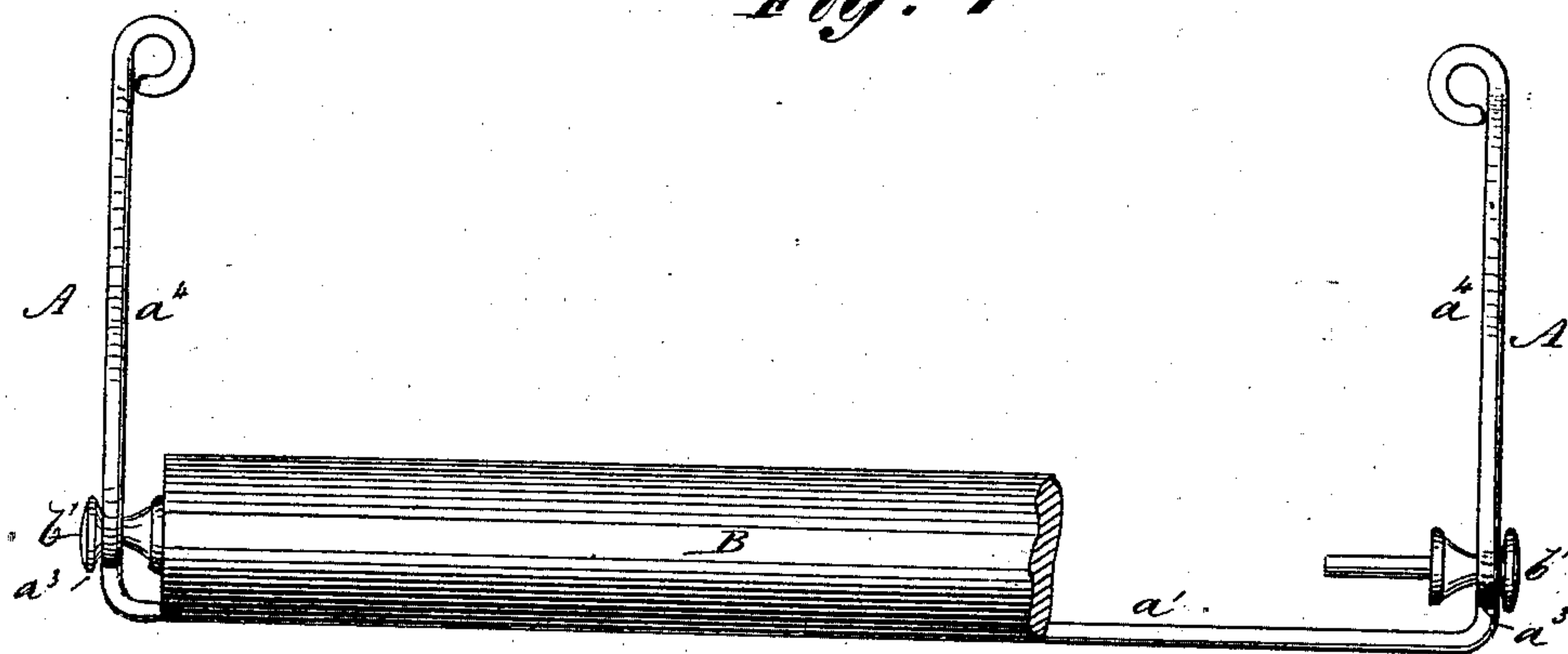


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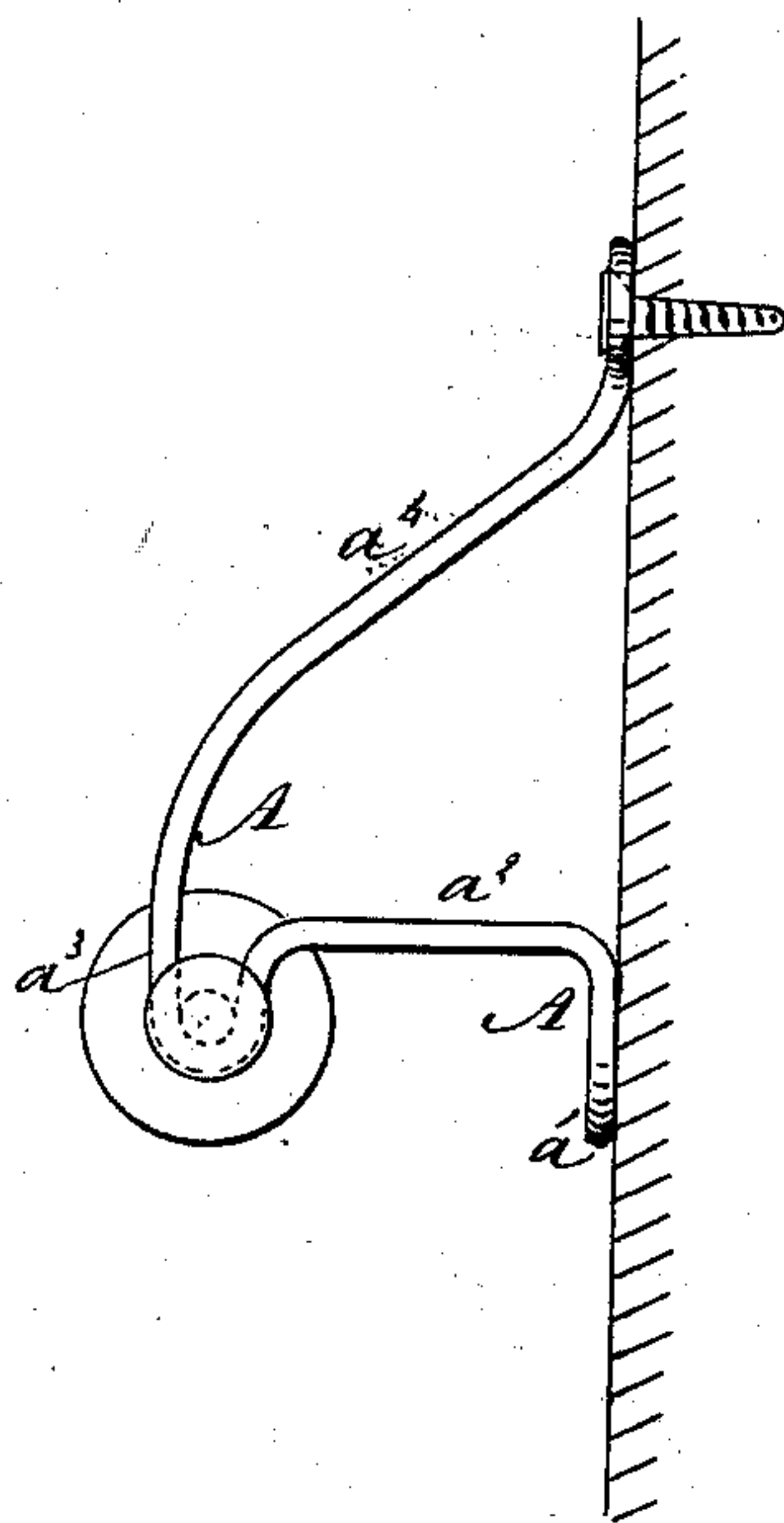
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*Fig. 1*



*Fig. 2*



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## TOWEL-RACK.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN R. ROBERTS, of Youngstown, in the county of Mahoning and State of Ohio, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Towel-Racks, of which the following is a specification.

Figure 1 is a front view of my improved device, part of the roller being broken away to show the construction. Fig. 2 is an end view of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

The object of this invention is to furnish an improved towel-rack which shall be simple in construction, easily and quickly put up and taken down, which will be firm and secure, not being liable to become loose and wabble, and which will allow the towel to be readily placed upon and removed from it, and will prevent the edges of the towel from being caught and torn.

The invention consists in a towel-rack formed of a single piece of wire having its end parts bent to form the brackets and the bearing-loops, as hereinafter fully described.

A represents the rack, which is formed of a single piece of wire. The middle part,  $a'$ , of the wire is made straight, the length being a little greater than the width of the towel to be used. The end parts of the wire are then bent upward at right angles, and then outward at right angles to form the lower arms,  $a^2$ , of the brackets. At the outer ends of the lower arms,  $a^2$ , are formed downwardly-projecting loops  $a^3$  to receive the journals  $b'$  of

the roller B, and the ends of the wire are then curved upward and inward to form the upper arms,  $a^4$ , of the brackets, and upon their ends are formed eyes to receive the screws by which the said rack is secured to the wall or other support.

With this construction the straight middle part,  $a'$ , of the rack rests against the wall or other support and rigidly connects the two brackets, so that the rack will be held firm and secure, and will be prevented from wabbling.

The journals  $b'$  of the roller B, around which the towel is passed, are designed to be made with grooves or necks to prevent the said roller from having any longitudinal movement.

With this construction the edges of the towel will not be liable to be caught and cut or torn between the roller and brackets. With this construction, also, the roller can be readily detached for putting on or taking off the towel by raising its journals out of the bearing-loops  $a^3$ .

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

A towel-rack formed of a single piece of wire, A, having at the end of a straight middle part,  $a'$ , two brackets provided with lower arms,  $a^2$ , loops  $a^3$  for the journals of roller B, and upper arms,  $a^4$ , as shown and described.

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