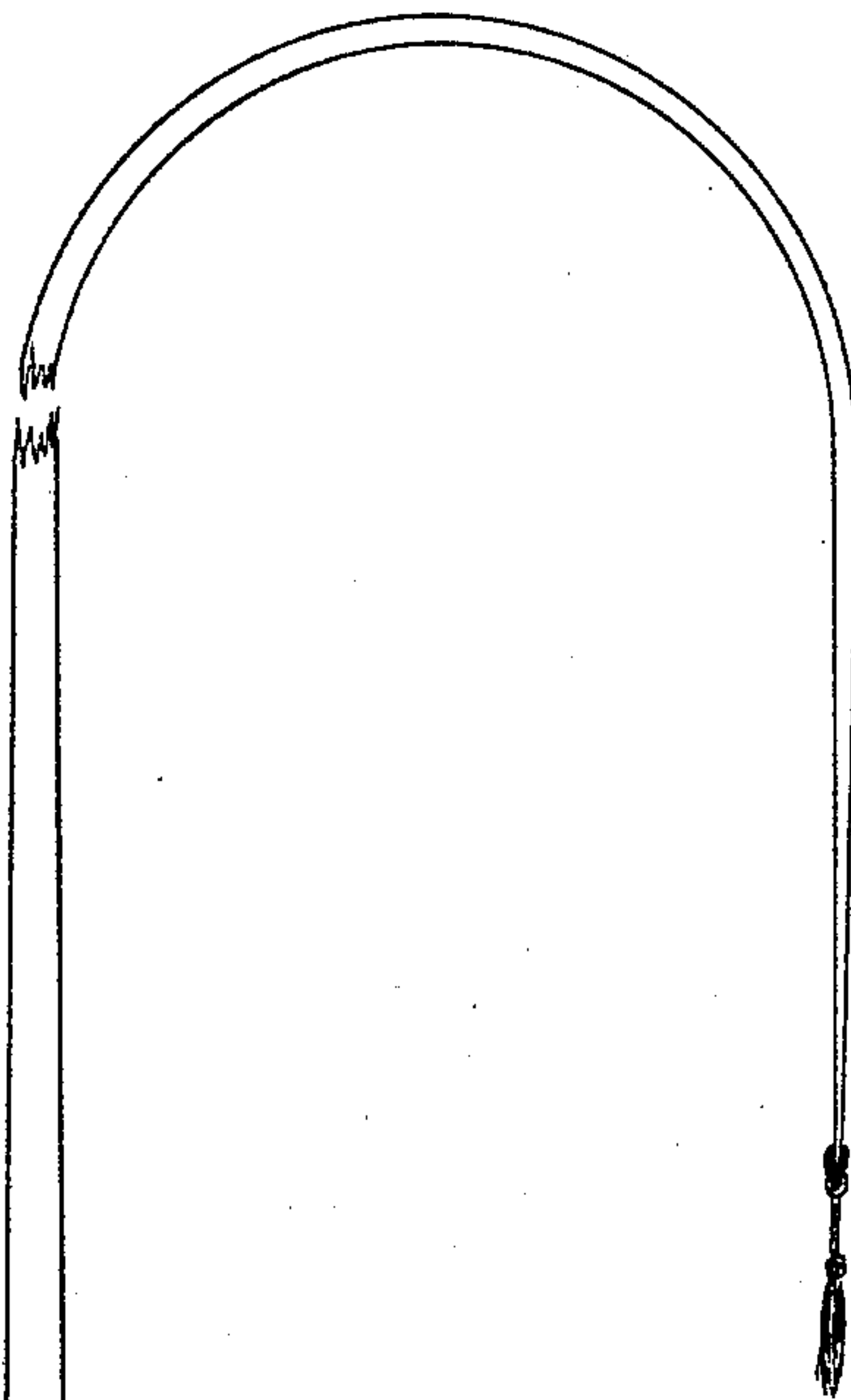


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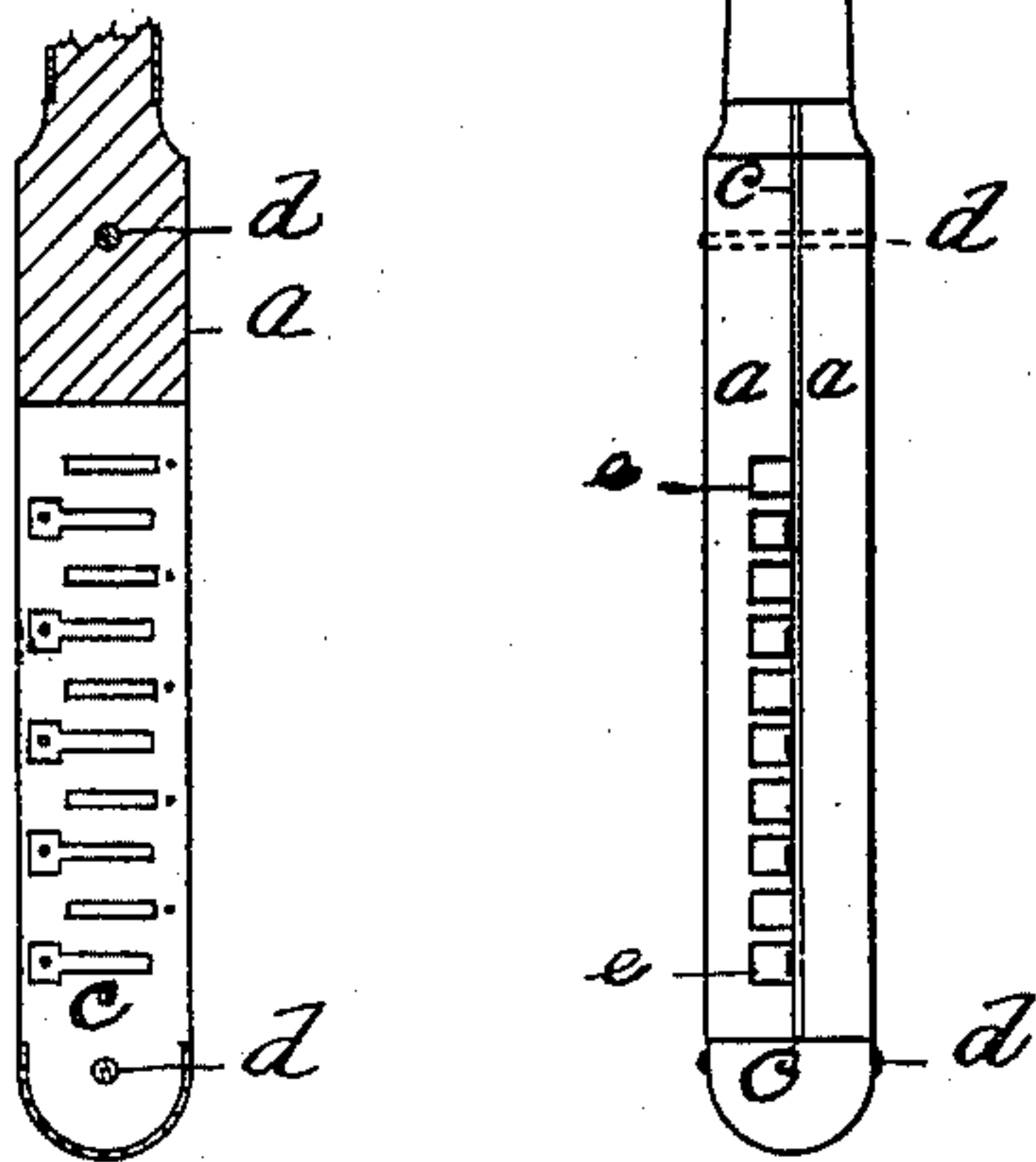
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*Fig 1*



*Fig 2*



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## CANE AND WHIP HANDLE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, MYRON A. GILMAN, a citizen of the United States, residing at Westfield, Hampden county, State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Fancy Whip and Cane Handles, of which the following is a specification.

My invention has for its object the construction of whip and cane handles combining with them a musical instrument; and it consists of handles constructed for the above-named purposes, arranged to inclose within them a harmonica plate and reeds, and having cut therein the requisite wind-passages over the reeds transversely, from one side nearly to the other side of the handle, as will be hereinafter specifically described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a view of a whip the handle of which is constructed to inclose a harmonica plate and reeds, and arranged with suitable air-passages, by blowing into which the harmonica can be played upon. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section of the handle, Fig. 1, showing the arrangement of the harmonica-plate therein.

In the drawings, *a a* are two longitudinal sections of a whip-handle, and *c* is the harmonica reed-plate.

Whips and canes having their handles constructed as herein shown and described, so as to constitute substantially a musical instrument known as a "harmonica," make a desir-

able and novel article of merchandise for toy whips and canes especially, and one which is useful for ordinary purposes.

I construct my improved handles so that the portions thereof on each side of the plate *c*, having transverse air-grooves *e* cut therein over the reeds in said plates, serve substantially the purposes of the usual box, which, in a common harmonica, incloses said plate and reeds, having air-passages opening upon either edge thereof.

The most convenient manner of constructing said handles is that one herein shown; and it consists in dividing said handles longitudinally into halves, cutting the air-grooves *e* therein, and then securing the plate *c* between said halves in any convenient manner. As herein shown, said parts are secured together against the harmonica-plate by rivets or screws *d*, and to each end of the parts so united are, in whip-handles, applied the usual mountings, and when said handles are intended for canes they are trimmed accordingly.

What I claim as my invention is—

A whip or cane handle having the harmonica plate and reeds *c* inclosed therein, and provided with transverse air-passages *e*, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

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