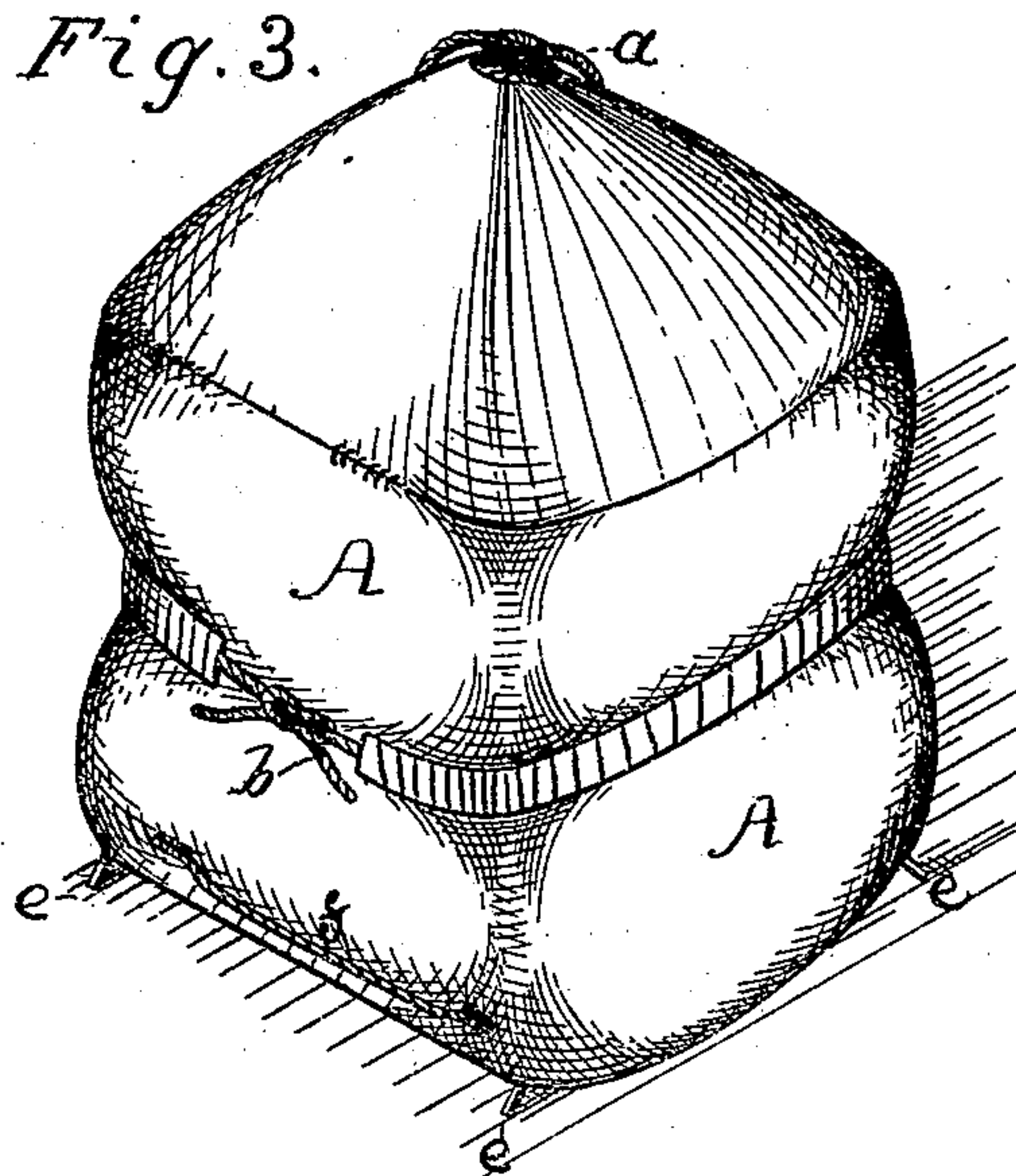
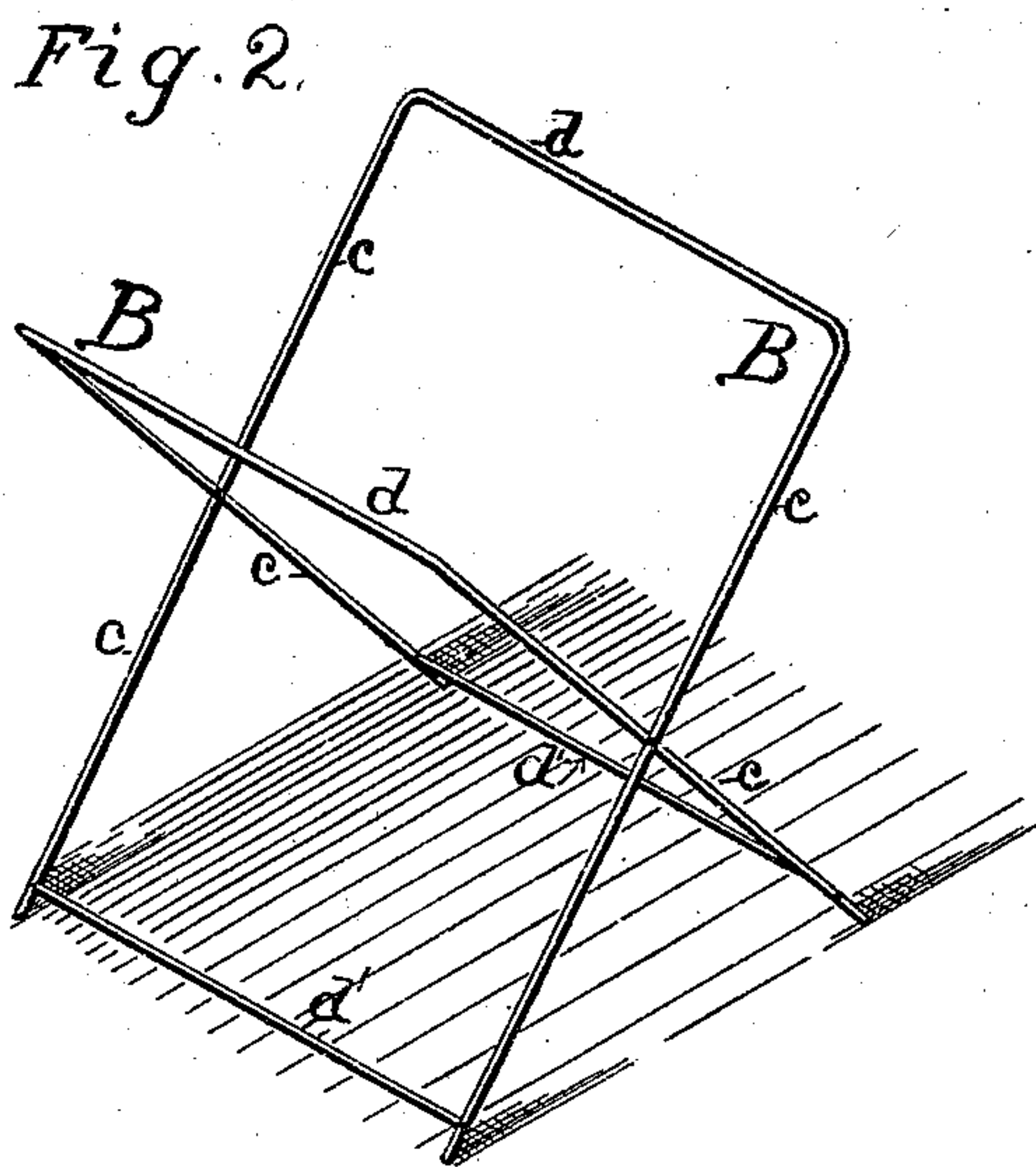
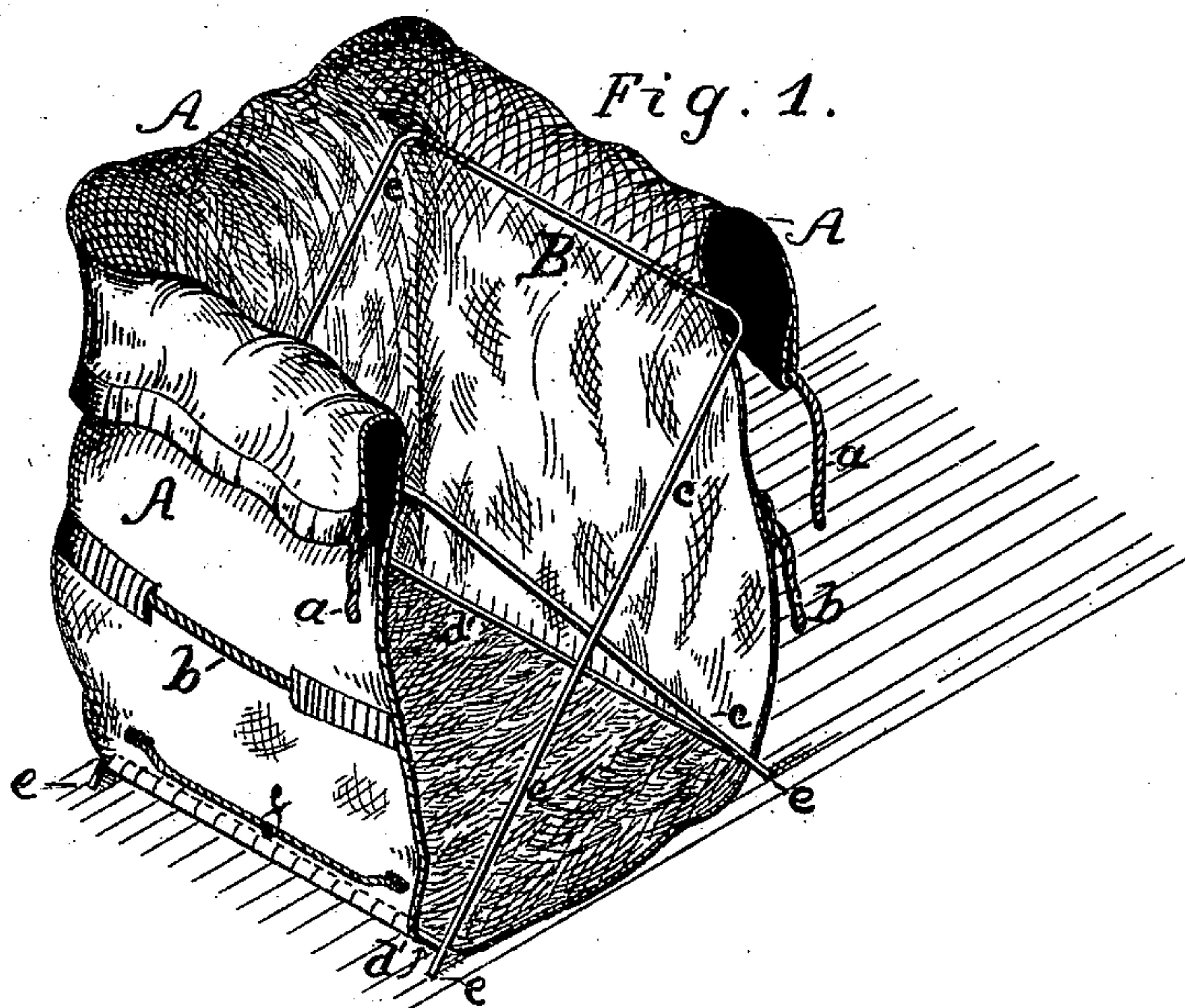


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COTTON-RECEPTACLE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, MILLEDGE B. WEVER, of Johnston's Depot, in the county of Edgefield and State of South Carolina, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Cotton-Receptacles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same.

The object of my invention is to provide an improved sack or flexible receptacle for cotton, wool, and other substances. The sack proper is attached to and envelops a jointed extensible frame, that may be so adjusted as to distend the sack proper and support it in upright position, thus enabling it to be filled with convenience and dispatch. When the sack is not required for use the said jointed frame may be folded together in compact form.

In the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the receptacle with one side of the sack proper removed. Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the frame to which the sack is applied. Fig. 3 is a perspective view of the receptacle filled, closed, and tied.

The sack proper, A, is an ordinary open-mouthed bag, made of canvas or other suitable fabric, and provided with draw-strings *a* and *b* at its upper end and middle, respectively.

The frame B consists of two rectangular skeleton parts, whose side bars, *c*, are jointed together like the legs of a well-known variety of camp-stool. This frame is placed in the sack A, which is attached to its top and bottom portions, *d d'*, by twine or other suitable means. By preference the feet or lower extremities of the legs of the respective portions

of the frame B project through the corners of the sack A, as shown at *e*, Figs. 1, 3, and thereby serve to support it off the ground when in use.

When the frame B is set up and its jointed portions adjusted at right angles to each other, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, the sack A is held distended, and also supported in upright position, so that it may be conveniently and quickly filled with cotton, wool, or other material. When thus filled the strings *a b* are drawn tight to close the mouth and compress or bind the middle portion of the sack, and it is then ready for handling, shipment, or storage. In handling the frame B is a convenience, since it may be seized and held by the hands much more easily than the sack itself; but I provide a handle, *f*, which may be made for this purpose. Said handle consists of a short cord or rope attached to the sack near its lower end.

The availability and convenience of such a receptacle for use in the cotton-field and gin-house, or in packing and shipping wool and various other products, are obvious.

What I claim is—

The improved cotton-receptacle, consisting of the frame formed of two like parts, jointed together to adapt it for being expanded or folded as required, and the flexible sack which envelops said frame and is attached to its top and bottom portions, and is provided with draw-strings, as specified, for closing the sack and confining its contents, as shown and described.

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