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CHAIR SEAT.

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Fig:1.

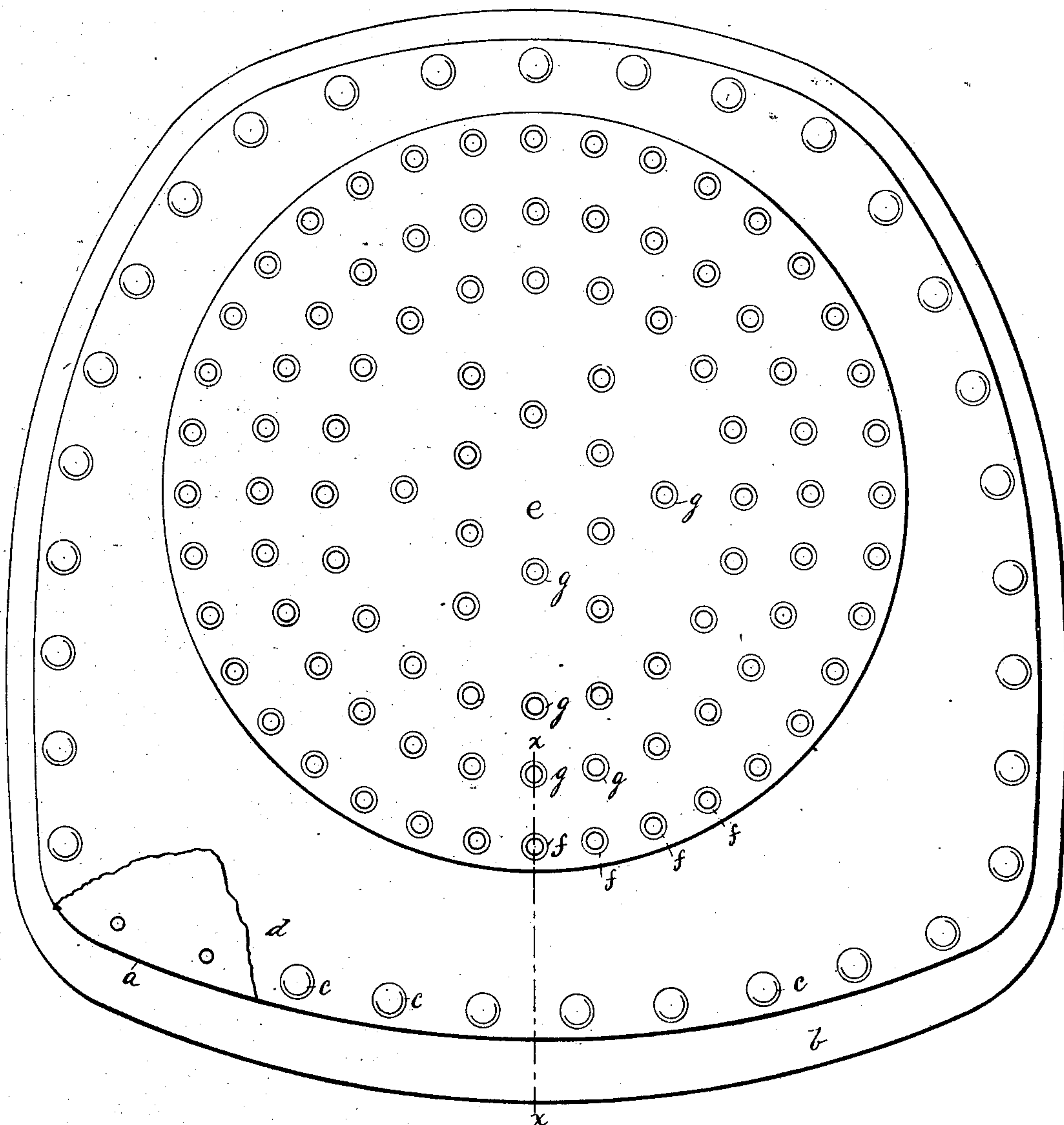
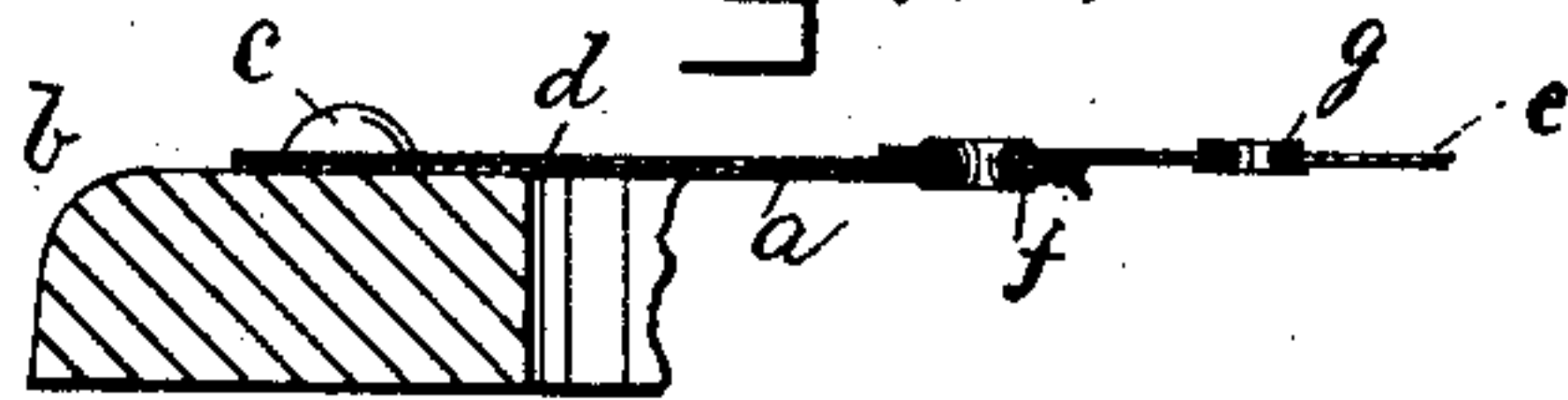


Fig:2.



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CHAIR-SEAT.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN ROWE, Jr., of Ballard Vale, county of Essex, State of Massachusetts, have invented an Improvement in Chair-
5 Seats, of which the following description, in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

This invention in chair-seats relates to improvements in the tops or covering portions; and it consists in a veneered sheet-metal rim, combined with a rawhide center piece, connected with the sheet-metal rim by means of a series of eyelets, the said center piece being
10 also preferably provided with a series of eyelets, to provide for ventilation and keep the same from tearing and curling at the points where it is perforated for ventilation.

In another application filed by me concurrently with this I have shown and claimed a
20 sheet-metal rim provided with eyeleted holes to receive strands of rawhide or cane; but in this present application the series of eyelets about the inner edge of the rim constitute the means for connecting the flexible center with
25 the sheet-metal rim.

I am aware that rawhide has been employed in chair-seats, so I do not broadly claim rawhide for such purpose; nor do I claim veneered chair-seats, nor perforated or eyeleted chair-
30 seats.

Figure 1 represents, in top view, a chair-seat made in accordance with my invention; and Fig. 2 a section thereof on the dotted lines *x x*, Fig. 1.

35 The sheet-metal rim *a* is secured to the wooden frame *b* by the series of headed nails *c*. Imme-

diately above, and in close contact with, the sheet-metal rim I have placed and secured a thin rim of veneer, *d*, composed of wood, or paper-board, or celluloid, or other usual ma-
40 terial used for veneering.

The center piece, *e*, of the seat is composed of a sheet of rawhide stretched taut over the opening at the center of said rim, and the rim and center piece are connected firmly together
45 by means of the series of eyelets *f*, the outer edges of the rawhide being preferably turned under to make two thicknesses, through which the eyelets *f* may pass. The center piece, *e*, in order to ventilate it, is perforated at suit-
50 able intervals, and the said perforations or holes are filled with eyelets *g*, which act to bind the holes, and prevent the rawhide tearing and curling up about the said holes, as would be the case if the eyelets were not em-
55 ployed.

I claim—

1. The veneered rim *a* and the rawhide center *e*, combined with connecting-eyelets *f*, all
60 arranged as shown.

2. In a chair-seat, the veneered sheet-metal rim, combined with the rawhide center piece, *e*, connected with the sheet-metal rim by means of eyelets *f*, and provided with a series of eye-
65 lets, *g*, all substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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