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Fig. 1.

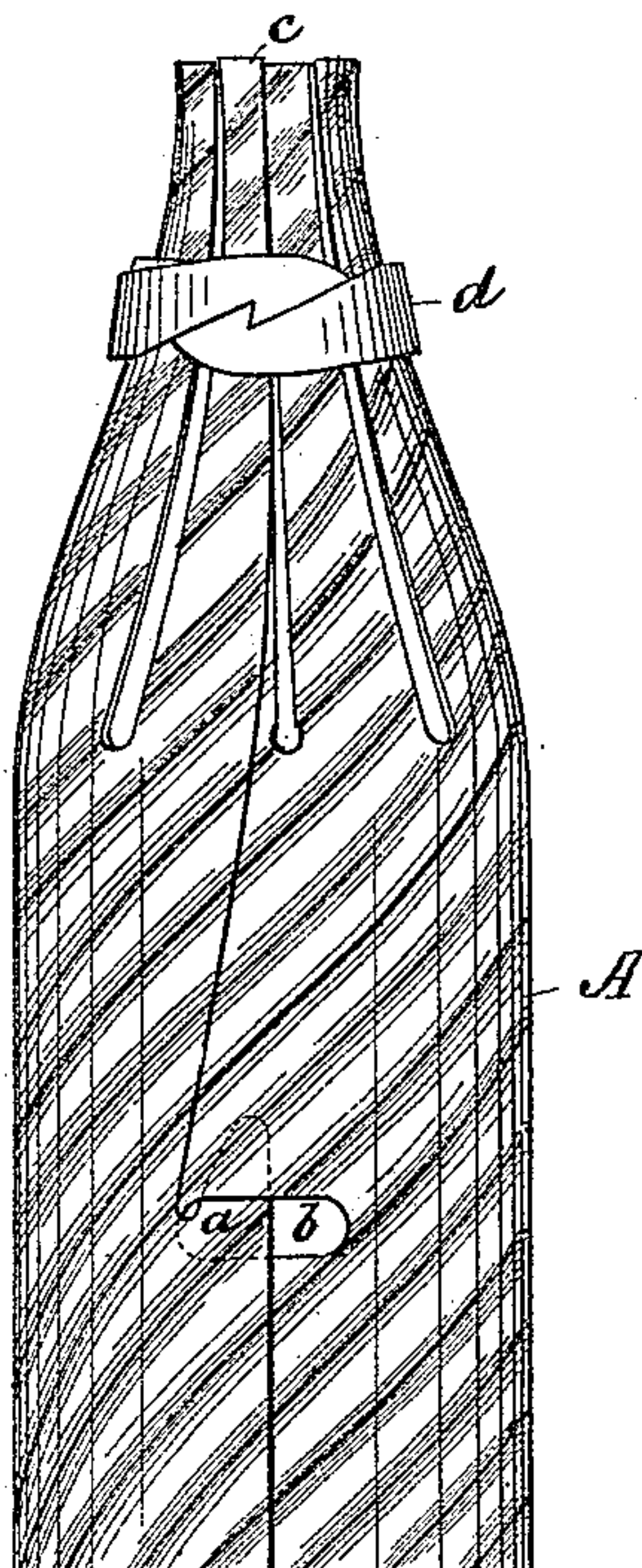
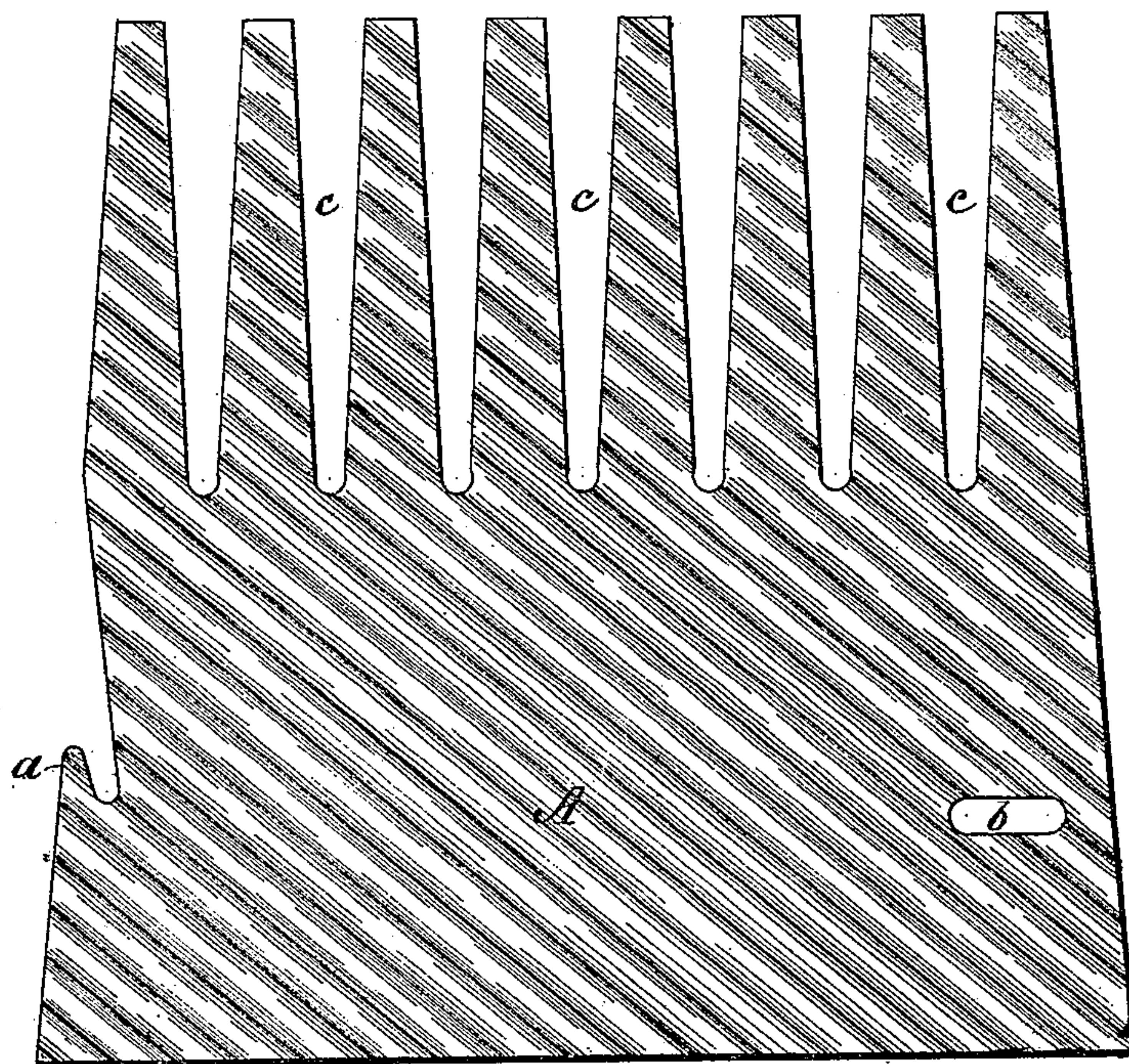


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that we, HENRY JOSEPH MARK and WILLIAM FRANCIS MARTINEK, of the city and county of St. Louis, and State of Missouri, have invented a new and Improved Bottle-Wrapper; and we do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the same, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which—

Figure 1 is a side view of the wrapper in the position in which it is applied to a bottle. Fig. 2 is a view of the same spread out flat.

Our invention relates to an improvement in bottle-wrappers designed to cover both the body and the neck of the bottle; and it consists in a piece of veneer, pasteboard, or other analogous material of general rectangular shape, having at one side a locking-tongue, and on the other a slot to receive this tongue, and with its upper edge slitted or cut out to form a series of elastic fingers adapted to be drawn together about the neck of the bottle and held by a cap, band, or tie.

In the drawings, A represents the wrapper, which, as shown, is made of veneer, having diagonal corrugations as covered by our patent, August 3, 1880; but it may be made plain, if desired. This wrapper is of general rectangular shape, as shown in Fig. 2, and has upon one side a tongue, *a*, and upon the opposite side a slot, *b*, into which the tongue locks to hold the adjacent edges together when the wrapper is rolled up into a cylindrical shape. The upper edge of this wrapper is slitted or cut out to form a series of spring-fingers, *c*,

which, when the wrapper is placed around the bottle, are drawn together about the neck of the same and held either by a band, *d*, as shown, or by a cap, a tie made of cord, a gum band, or other equivalent fastening.

The band *d* (shown in the drawings) is composed of a thin slip of tough wood, having its ends notched and united, after the manner of a barrel-hoop, and then slipped over the ends of fingers *c*, which latter are first drawn together by the hand to permit the application of the band.

These wrappers may be applied to all sizes and kinds of bottles, and as the blanks may be flattened out they may be packed together in numbers for compact and safe transportation.

Having thus described our invention, what we claim as new is—

1. A bottle-wrapper blank made of veneer or other equivalent material, as described, of a general rectangular shape, with a tongue, *a*, upon one side, a slot, *b*, on the other side, and with a series of spring-fingers at the upper edge, substantially as described.

2. A bottle-wrapper having a tongue, *a*, on one side, a slot, *b*, on the other, and a series of spring-fingers, *c*, at the top, combined with a tie for compressing the spring-fingers, substantially as described.

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