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SHIRT COLLAR SUPPORTER.

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Fig. 1.

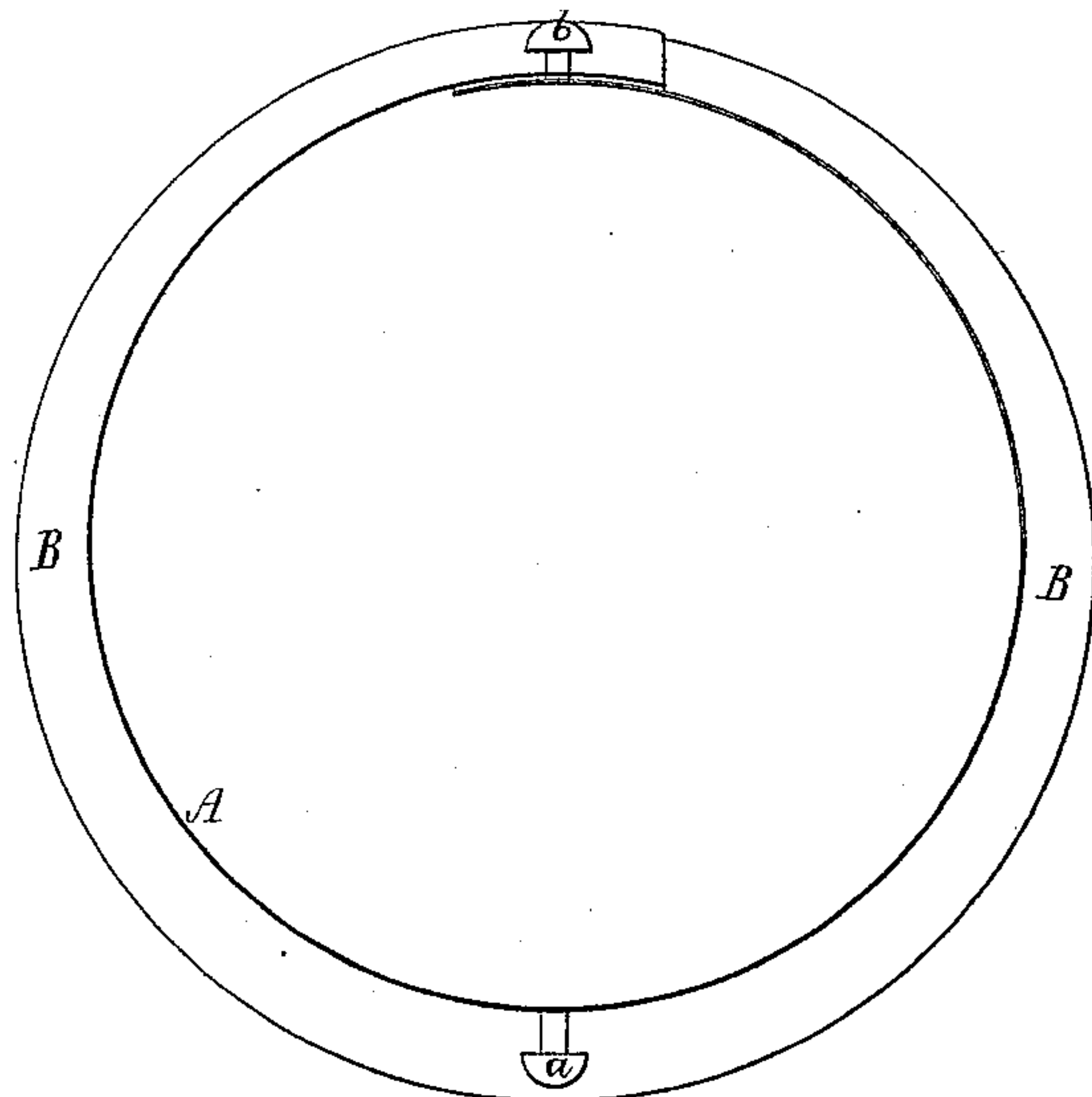


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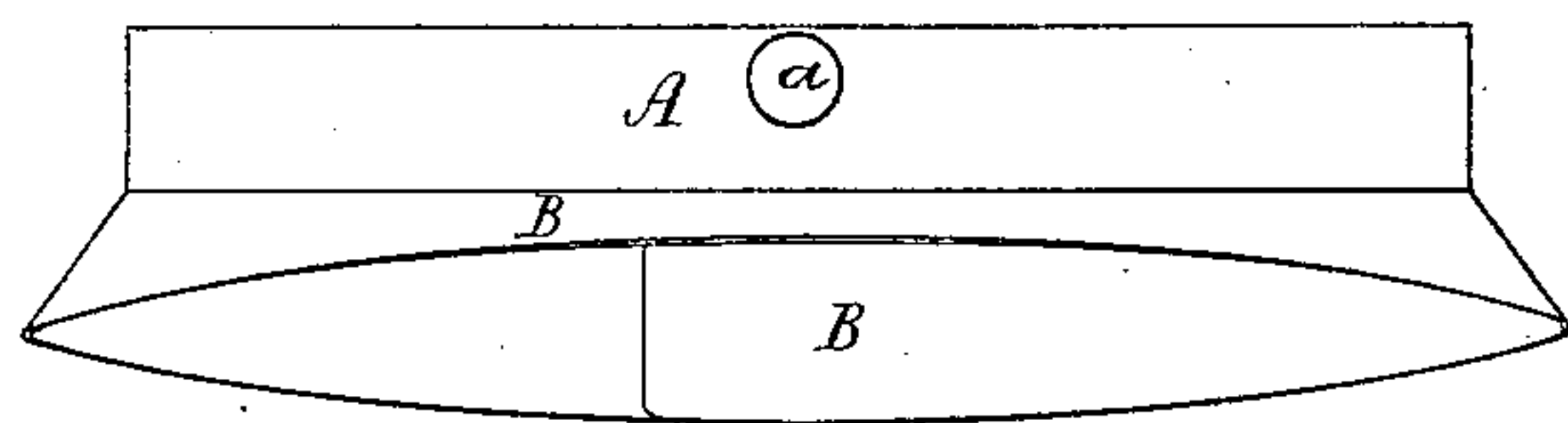


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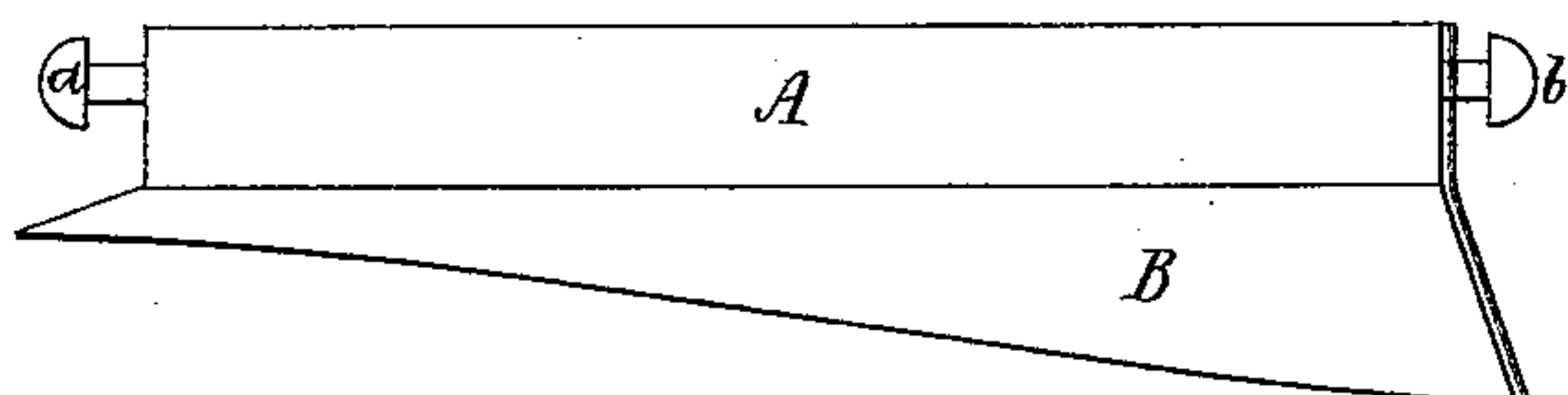
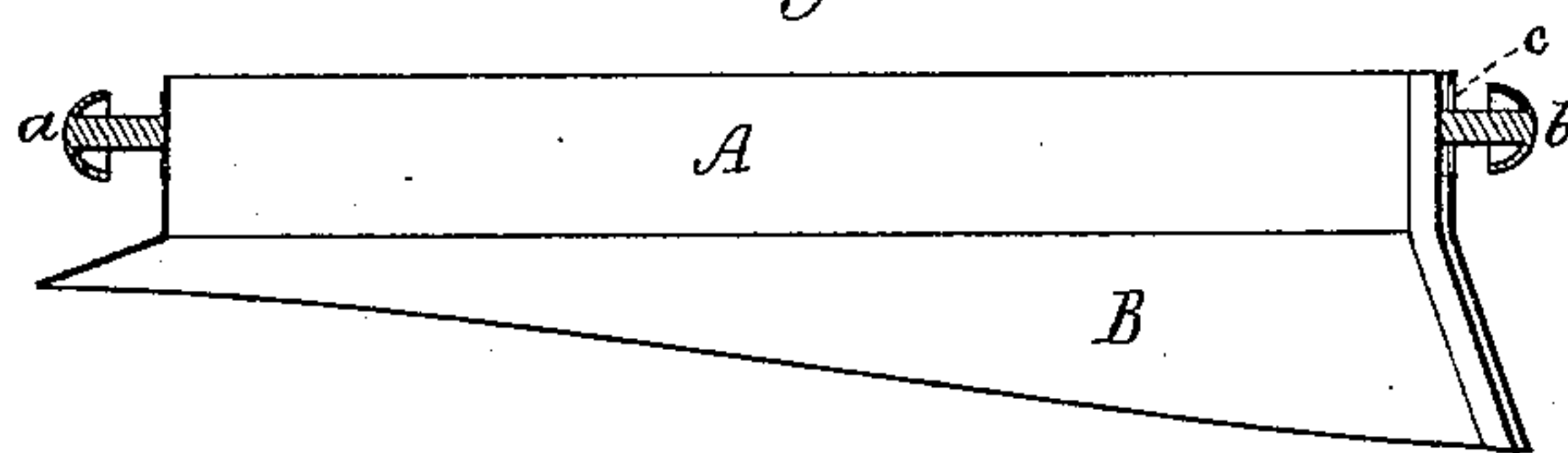


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SHIRT-COLLAR SUPPORTER.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, PERLEY M. GRIFFIN, of East Bridgewater, of the county of Plymouth and State of Massachusetts, have invented a
5 new and useful Improvement in Shirt-Collar Supporters; and I do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

10 Figure 1 is a top view, Fig. 2 a front elevation, Fig. 3 a side view, and Fig. 4 a transverse section, of a shirt-collar supporter constituting my invention. It is to be worn around the neck of a person, between such and
15 the collar or neckband of his shirt, and is to be supported by his clavicles, directly over which it is to rest, its object being to hold out the shirt-collar or neckband of the shirt, so as to prevent it from being drawn against or con-
20 stricting the neck of the wearer, to his inconvenience, injury, or discomfort.

In the drawings, A denotes a collar made of a hard elastic and water-proof material—such as celluloid or thin plate metal, for in-
25 stance—it at its middle and near one end being provided with buttons or studs *a b*, arranged as shown. It also has a button-hole, *c*, to receive the button or stud *b*. If preferable, the stud *a* may be removable from or be screwed
30 into the collar. The collar A has projecting from it, at its lower end, a curved and broad flange, B, fitted to the upper part of the body, or that portion directly over the clavicles, and about and next to the base of the neck, the
35 flange B being to rest on such parts of the body and directly over the clavicles or collar-bones, and thus support the collar A in its proper position when about the neck of a person. The buttons or studs are for fastening
40 together the collar A, and such collar to a shirt-collar or neckband. Instead of such fastenings and button-hole, others of a suitable character may be substituted.

45 The collar-supporter so constructed answers to effect the proper and sanitary adjustment to the neck of a person of a shirt-collar or neckband and a cravat or necktie as usually worn.

It is well known that chronic or other throat or brain diseases are frequently caused or kept up by shirt-collars or cravats when worn tightly 50 about the neck, it having been discovered that alleviation or a cure soon results after the collar may have been loosened. The strain of the shirt often causes the collar to bind the neck too closely, such being prevented by the use 55 of my invention, by which the shirt-collar is preserved at the proper distance from the neck, thereby allowing a free circulation of the blood in the veins and arteries of the neck and to and from the brain or other portions of the 60 head.

When properly constructed the collar-supporter not only can be worn with ease, but causes the collar and upper part of the shirt-bosom to have a round and full appearance, 65 and, besides, it acts as a means of preventing perspiration from the body from being absorbed by the shirt band and collar.

I do not claim a band having clasps, loops, and spurs for the attachment of a collar and 70 necktie, all being arranged substantially as described in the United States Patent No. 59,646, as between such and my invention there are important mechanical differences, especially that in mine is the flange B, which is not found in 75 the other, and constitutes an essential feature of mine.

I claim—

As a new article of manufacture, a shirt-collar supporter, substantially as described, con- 80 sisting of the neck-encompassing elastic collar A and its sustaining-flange B, arranged as set forth, and provided with means, as explained, of connecting or disconnecting the said collar at or near its ends, or of attaching it to a shirt 85 band or collar, all being for use in manner and for the purpose essentially as specified.

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