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Fig. 1.

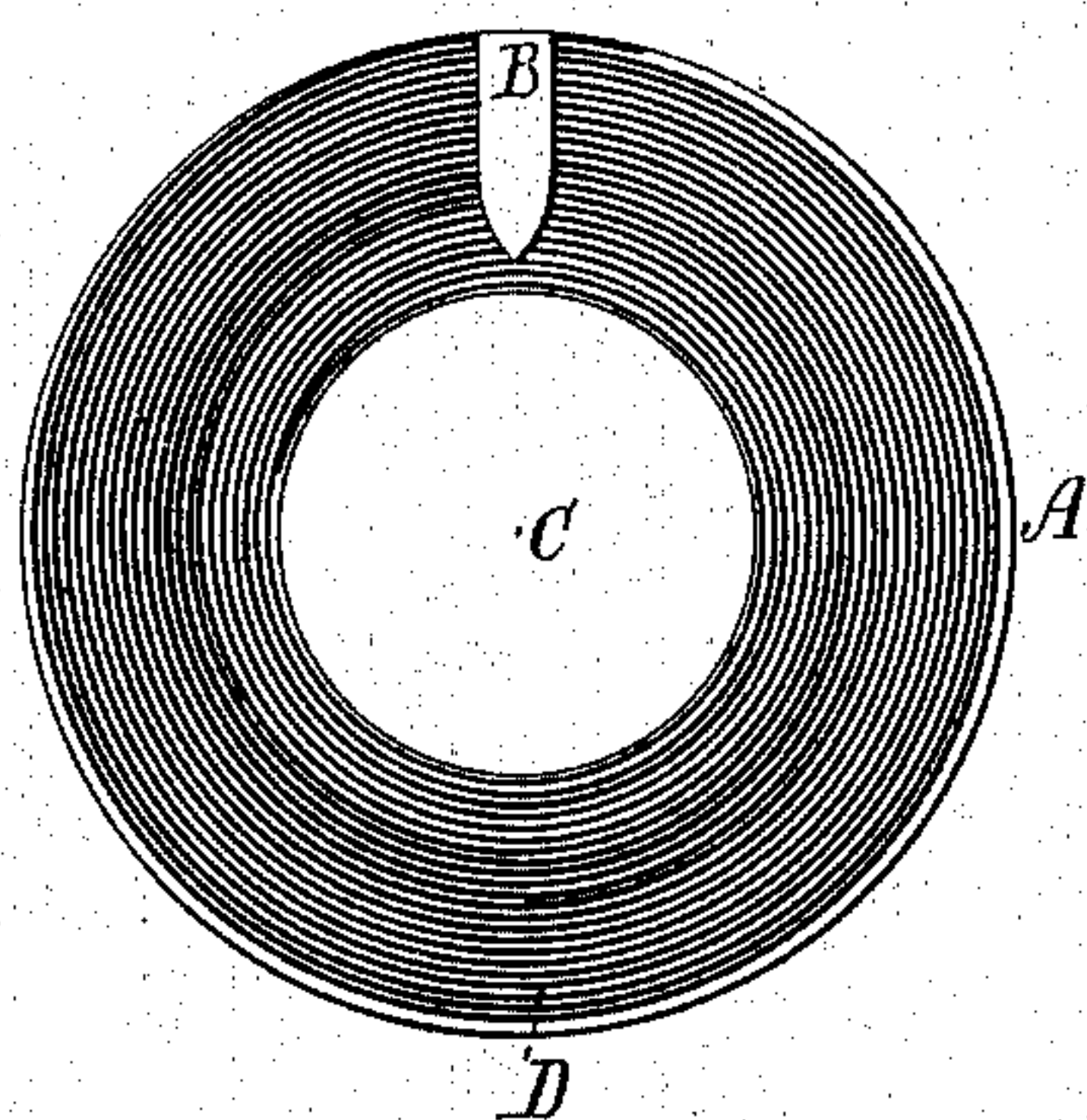


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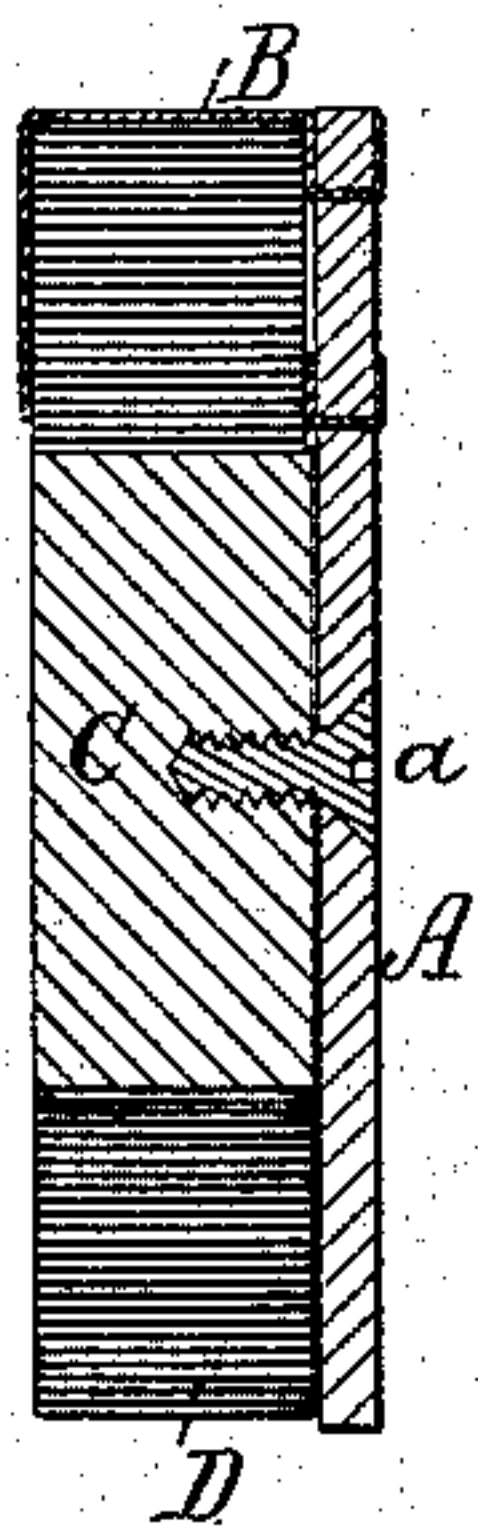


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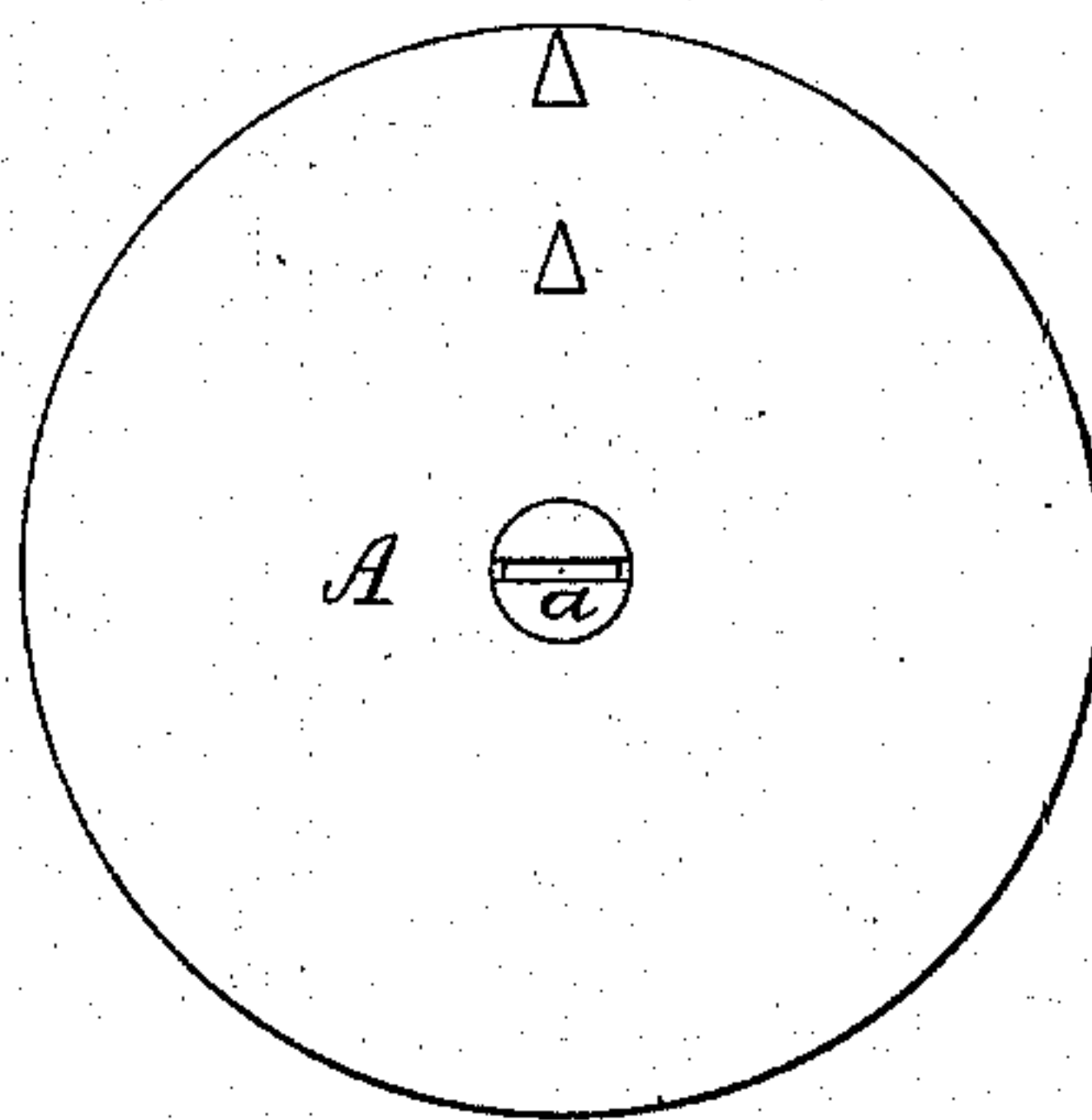
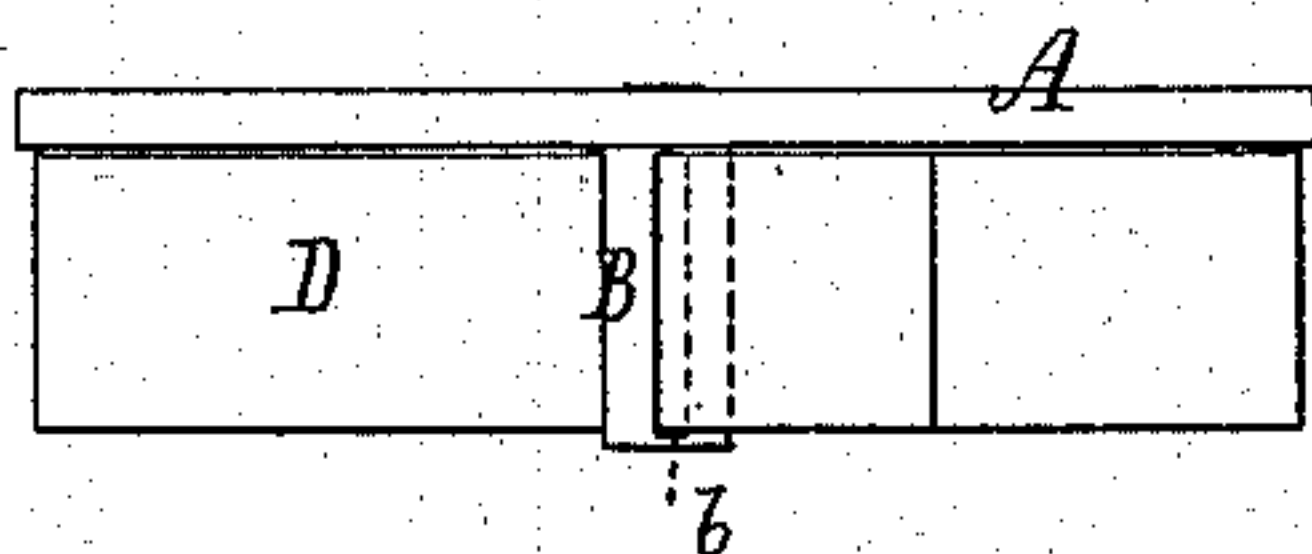


Fig. 4.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JOHN A. BOWMAN, of Boston, of the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Ribbon or Braid Holders; and I do hereby declare the same to be described in the following specification and represented in the accompanying drawings, of which—

10 Figures 1 and 2 are opposite side views, and Fig. 3 a vertical and transverse section, of a ribbon or braid holder containing my improvement, the nature of which is defined in the claim hereinafter made. Fig. 4 is a top
15 view of the holder, with its guide slotted to receive the braid.

In such drawings, A denotes a disk, (usually of pasteboard,) having fastened to one side of it, at and near its periphery, a right-angul-
20 arly-bent metallic guide, B, formed as shown. This guide is connected with the disk by means of flexible projections or spurs extending from the guide through the disk, and bent down therefrom, as represented. A plain cyl-
25 inder or spool, C, is placed endwise against the said side of the disk and arranged concentrically with the disk, and is connected to it by a headed screw, *a*, going loosely through
30 the disk at its center and screwed into the spool, the same being to connect the disk and spool and allow of either of them being revolved independently of the other.

The braid or ribbon D is wound in a helix-coil about the periphery of the spool, the guide
35 B extending across the coil and down against its outer side to, or nearly to, the spool, so as to keep the coil in place against the disk and from slipping laterally off the spool. On a person grasping the disk by the thumb and
40 index-finger of his left hand, and seizing with his right hand the coil at its outer end and pulling on it, the coil may be readily unwound from the spool, as occasion may require.

If desirable, the upper part of the guide may be slotted and the braid or ribbon be passed 45 either up or down through the slot, which is shown at *b* in Fig. 4.

The entire pasteboard disk, with the guide made in a separate piece and arranged with and fastened to the disk in manner as shown, 50 and made to embrace the roll of braid or ribbon on its opposite sides, presents advantages over a metallic clasp having two or more radial arms and formed as represented in the United States Patent No. 193,487. With my ribbon or 55 braid holder one guide only becomes necessary, thereby saving one or more additional arms, as required by the invention shown in and claimed by the said patent. By dispensing with bent metal arms the wear or defacing of 60 the roll by the edges of the arms while the roll is being unwound is avoided, especially when the ribbon has scalloped edges. The disk better supports the roll and preserves its inner edge or side from becoming soiled, as it 65 entirely covers such, whereas with radial arms portions of the side are left uncovered. The guide keeps the roll from falling away from the disk.

I do not claim a metallic clasp for braid- 70 rolls having two or more radial arms to extend from the center and engage with the periphery of the roll, substantially as shown and described in the aforesaid patent.

I claim—

75 The improved braid-holder consisting of the disk A, secured to the spool C by screw-connection, and the guide B, extending across the periphery of the coil and down the side at right angles thereto, and connected to the disk 80 A by the spurs or projections, substantially as described.

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