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LAUNDRY CUSHION.

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Fig. 1.

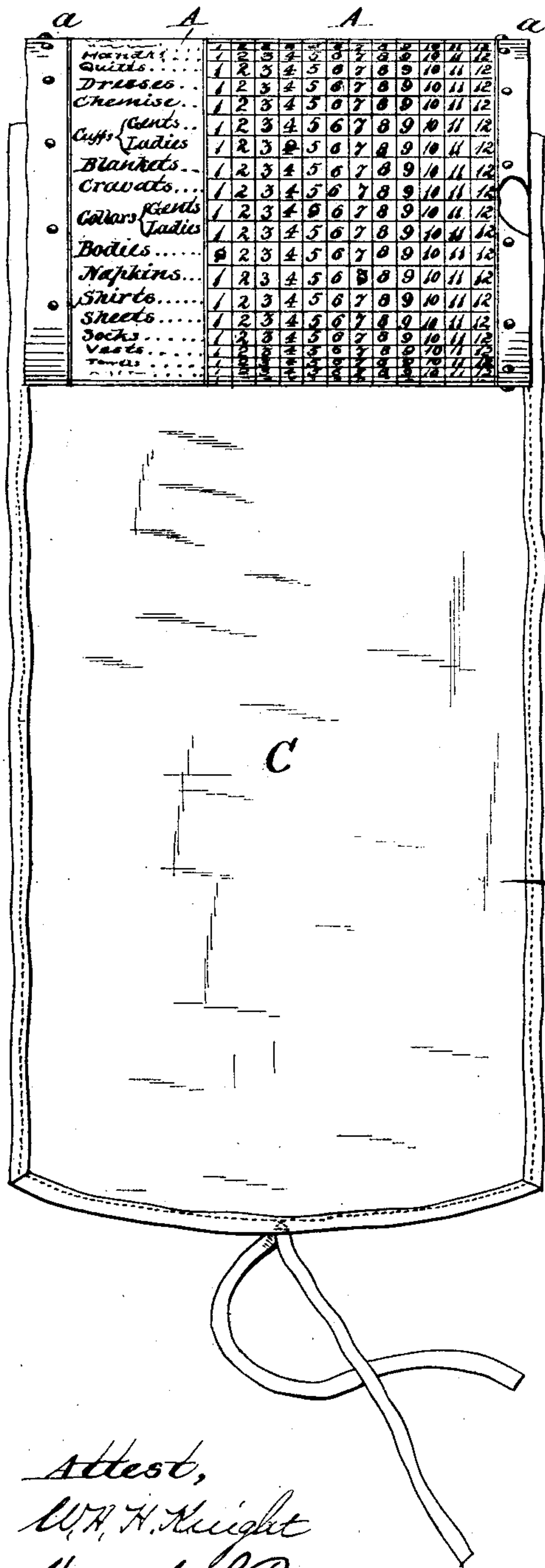


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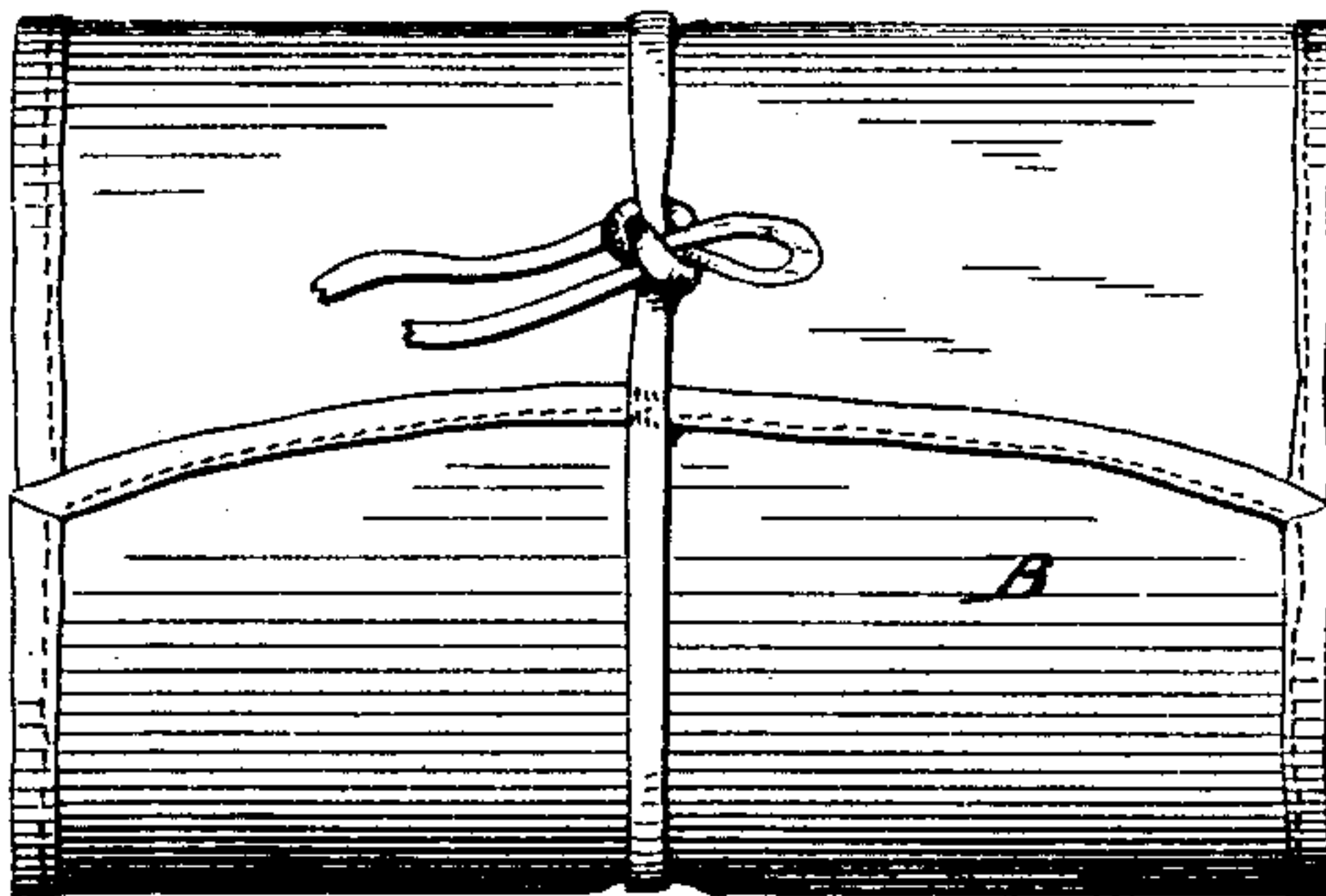


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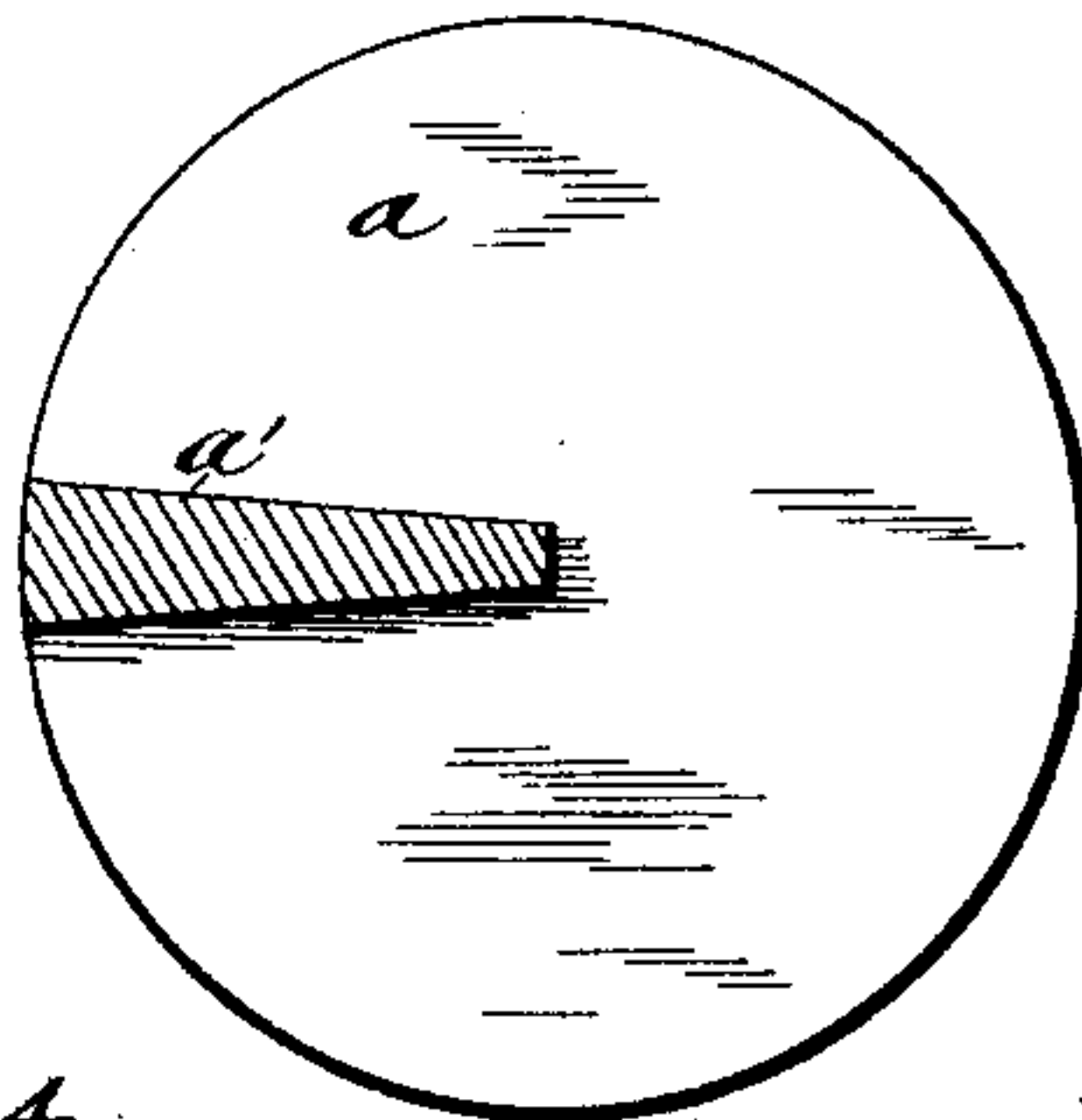
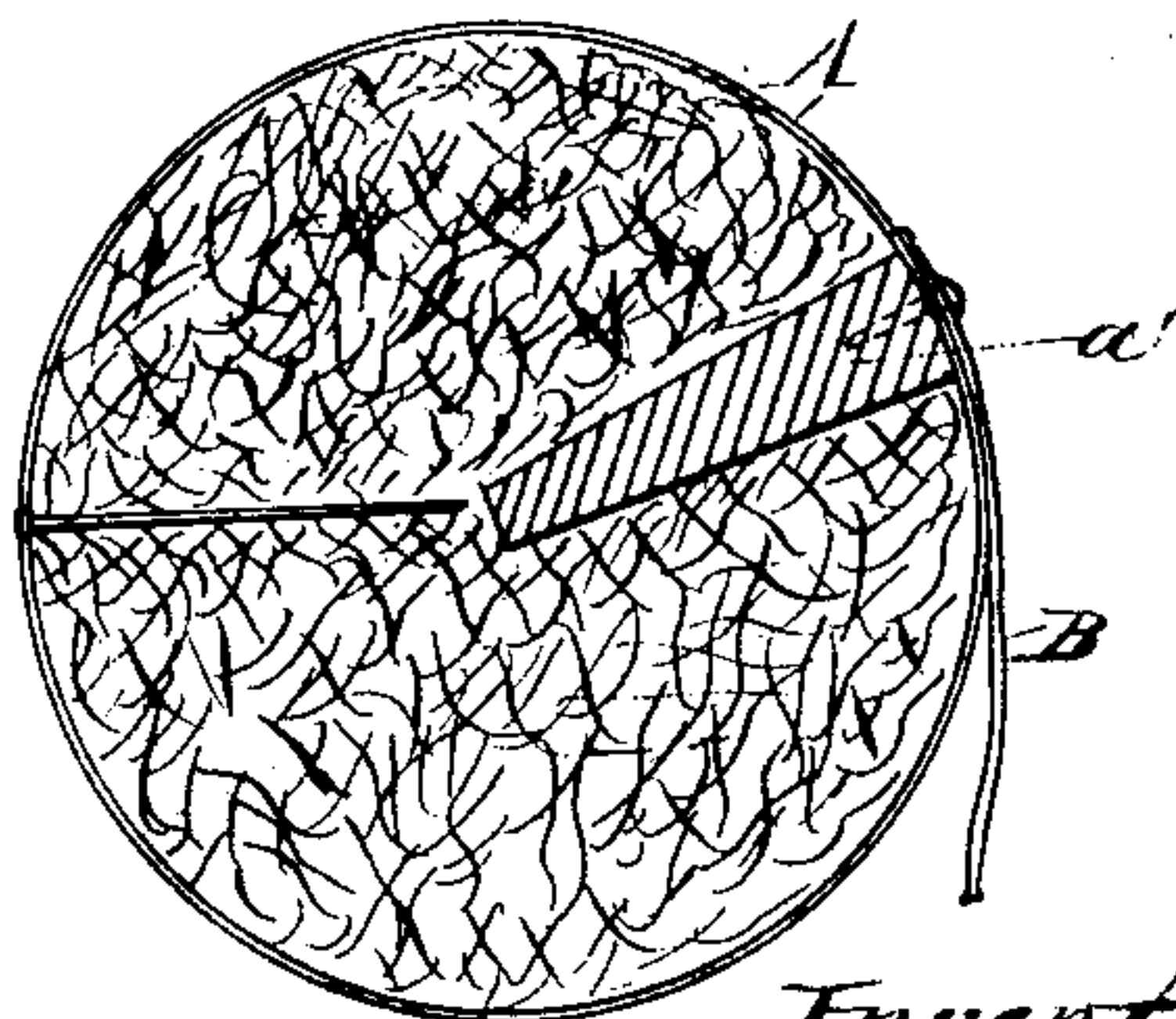


Fig. 4.



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LAUNDRY-CUSHION.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JAMES A. B. LOVETT, a citizen of the United States, residing at Huntsville, in the county of Madison and State of Alabama, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Laundry-Cushions, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a face view of my laundry-cushion with the cover depending therefrom. Fig. 2 is a perspective view thereof with the cover secured around it, and Fig. 3 is a cross-section of the same with the cushion proper and the cover removed. Fig. 4 is a cross-section, showing the cushion and cover.

This invention has for its object to provide a ready, accurate, and convenient means for keeping an account of articles given out for washing; and it consists of a cushion upon the face of which is printed or arranged subdivided columns of figures, and a list of the articles for the laundry opposite the subdivisions of the said columns of figures, substantially as hereinafter more fully set forth.

In carrying out my invention I employ two ends or heads, *a a*, connected together by a board or bar, *a'*, having its outer edge arranged flush with the peripheries of the heads, and of a fabric-casing, *A*, preferably made of silk and fastened to the edges or peripheries of the heads by bright round-headed tacks, or otherwise. The face of this casing has ruled or printed on it a series of columns, which are subdivided, by ruling or printing over them a series of horizontal lines, into spaces, as clearly seen in Fig. 1. In each horizontal row of spaces are printed numerals or ordinals, which consist of the nine digits and the number 10, or from that upward to any higher number, as may be desired, beginning at the left hand with the ordinal 1. Printed opposite the rows of ordinals is the list of the articles for the laundry, the name of an article being arranged opposite each of the horizontal rows of ordinals. The space within or bound by the casing *A* is filled with raw cotton or other suitable packing. Where the article is to be designated as for both sexes a bracket may be used to indicate two rows of ordinals or numbers are appropriated for that article.

B is the cover, of canvas or other suitable material, fastened through the casing to the outer edge of the cross-piece *a'*, connecting the

heads together, and has a suitable lining, *C*, of fabric. Thus fastening the cover in place hides from view the seam between the meeting edges of the casing.

It is obvious that the form of the cushion may be varied without departing from the spirit of my invention.

To illustrate the operation of my invention I proceed as follows: When the number of articles have been counted out to be taken to the laundry a pin, by preference, is stuck in the space having the ordinal or number indicative of that fact, this procedure being observed for each article. When the articles have been returned from the laundry the memoranda is consulted to ascertain as to the correctness of the number returned. After this the same pins can be used on another occasion, and so on.

From the foregoing it will be observed that I provide a ready, accurate, and convenient means for keeping an account of articles sent out for washing or to be laundered, dispensing with the use of pen or pencil or other marking device or paper.

I claim as new and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A laundry-cushion with the ends or heads *a*, and the fabric-casing *A*, having a laundry-list and numbered columns or spaces thereon, said columns being adapted to be designated by removable means for indicating any particular number thereon, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a laundry-cushion, the combination of the heads or ends *a*, the connecting-bar *a'*, having its outer edges flush with the edges or peripheries of the ends or heads, the casing *A*, ruled and printed thereon, and having an internal packing, as shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

3. In a laundry-cushion, the combination of the ends or heads *a*, their connecting-bar *a'*, having its outer edges flush with the edges of the heads, the casing *A*, ruled and printed upon, as described, and having an internal packing, and the casing fastened to the said connecting-bar, substantially as and for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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