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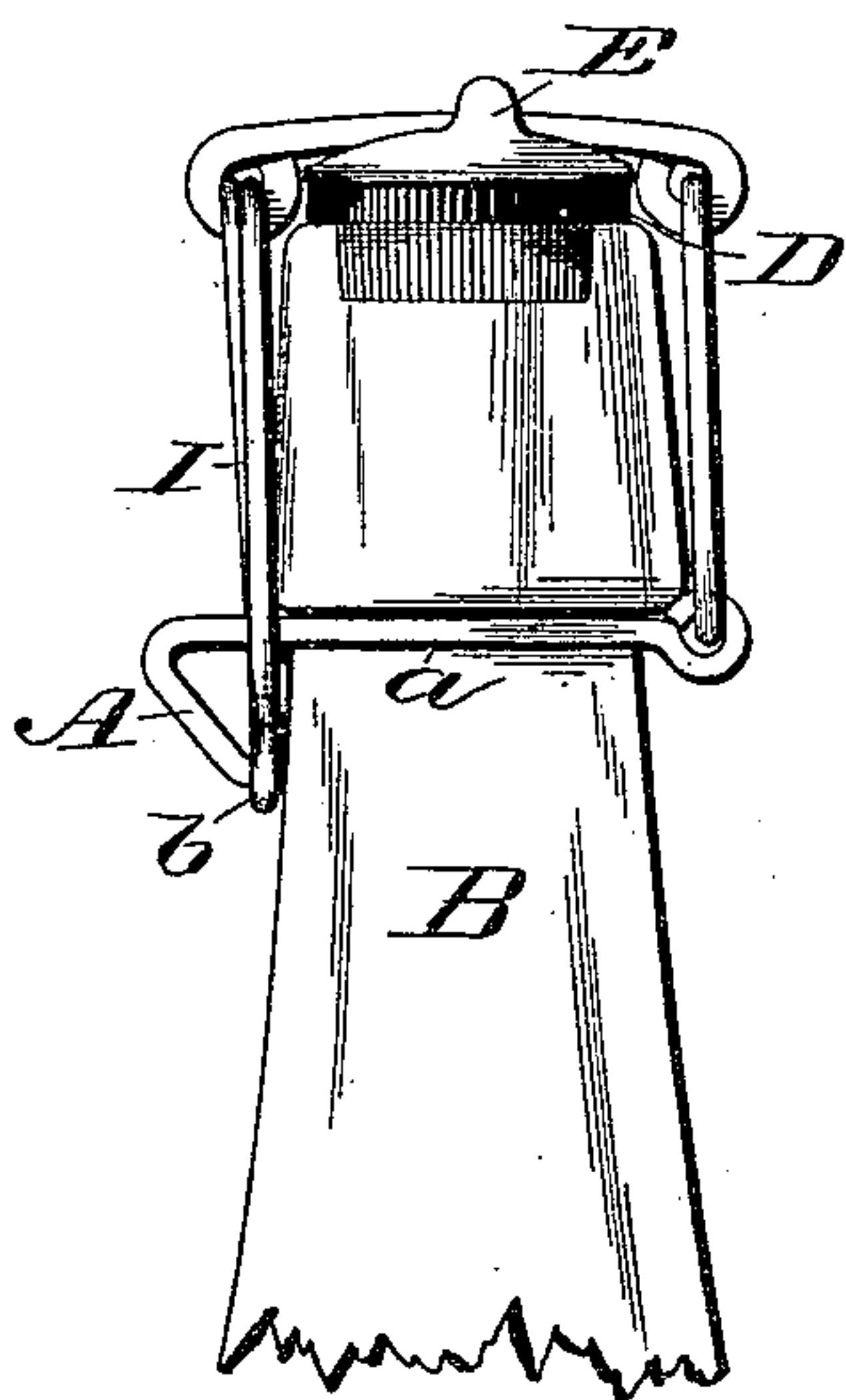
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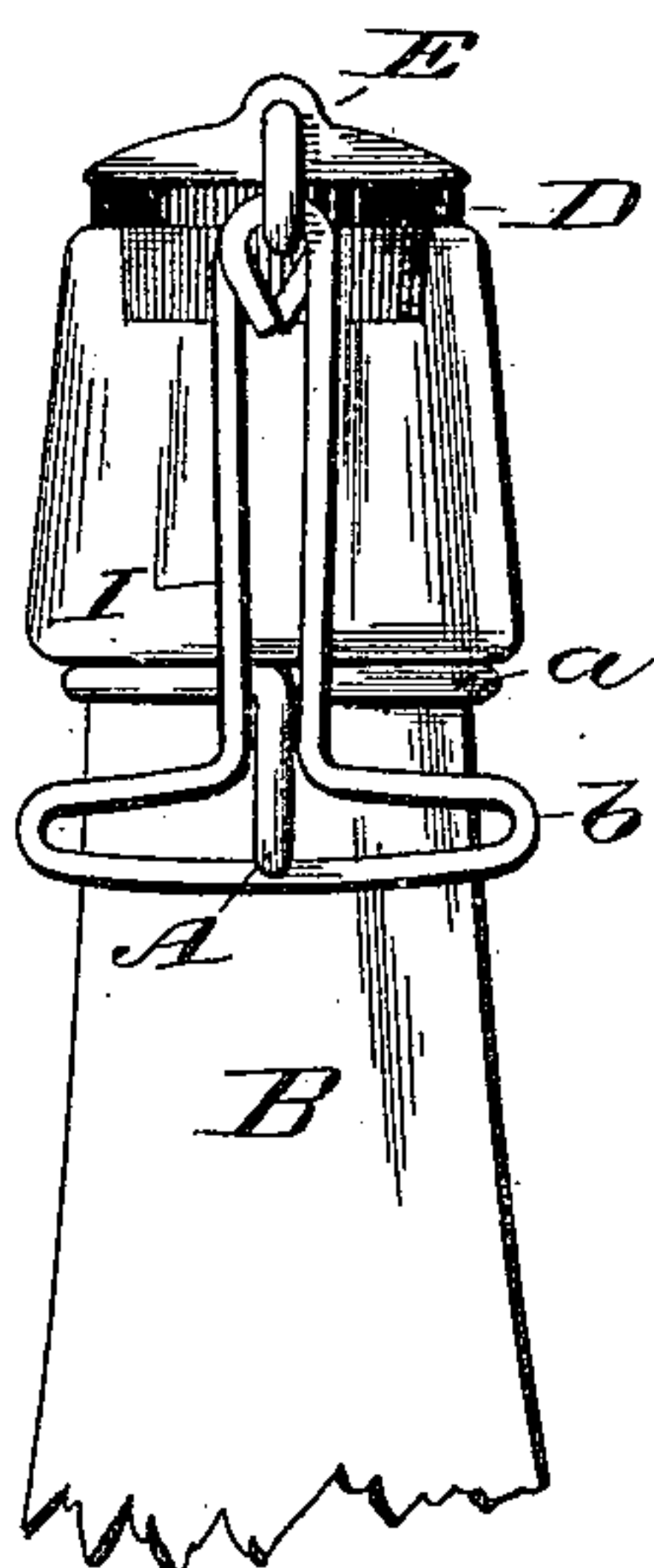
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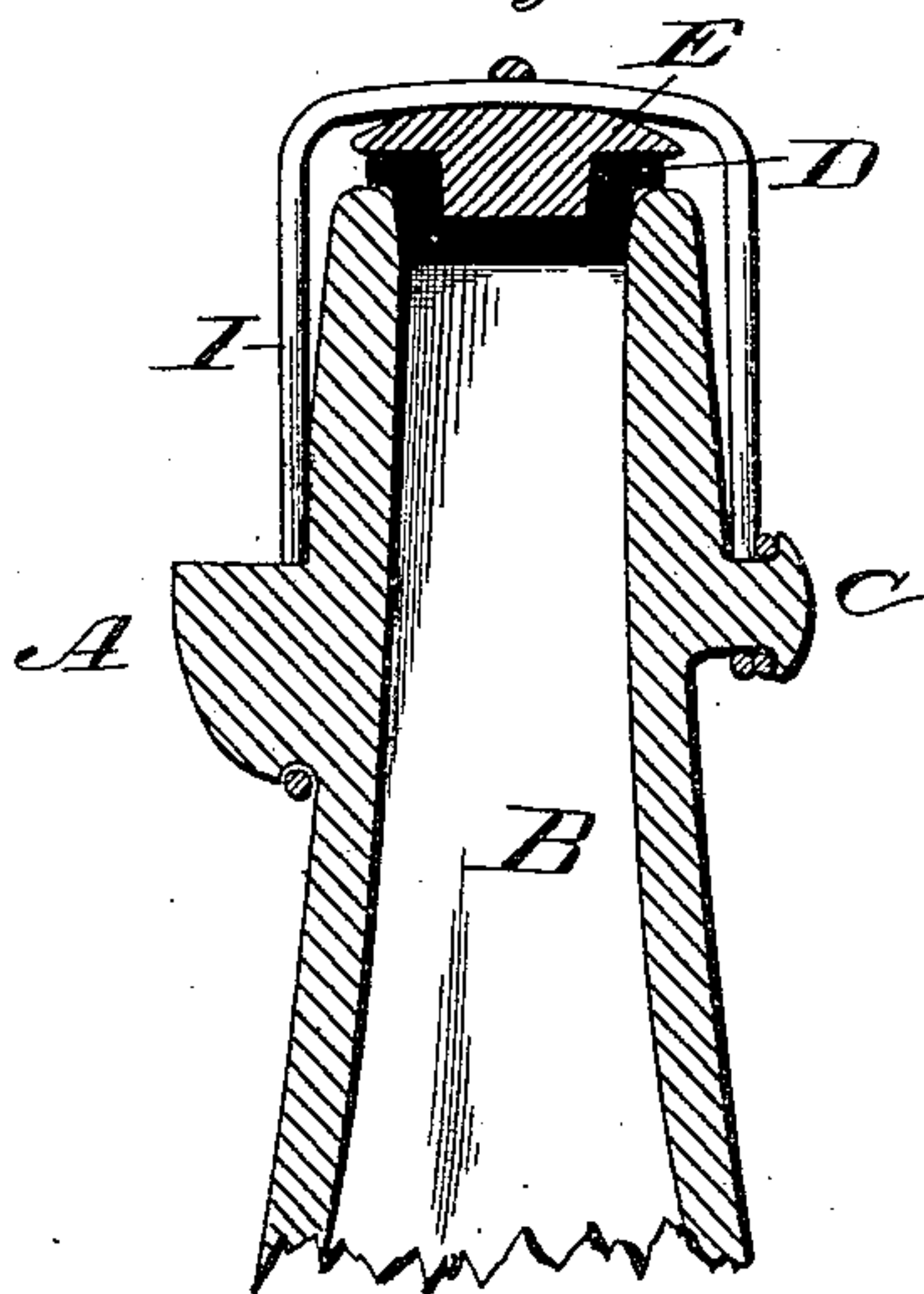
*Fig. 1.*



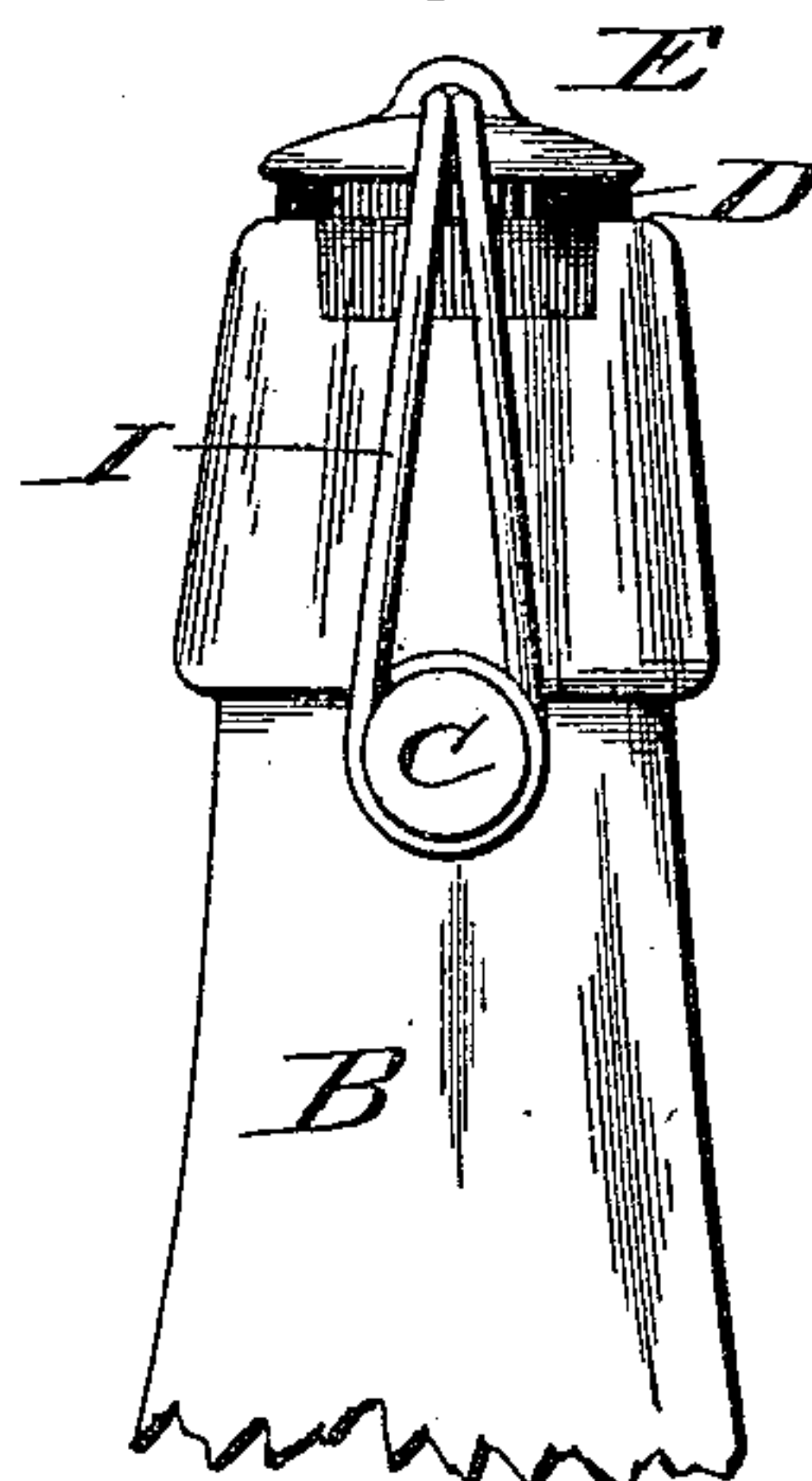
*Fig. 2.*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## BOTTLE-STOPPER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, O. E. MICHAELIS, of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented certain Improvements in Bottle-Stoppers, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to that class of bottle-stoppers used on beer-bottles and the like; and the invention consists in the combination of a lug attached to or made upon the neck of the bottle with an incline on its under surface, with an elastic stopper, and a loop or bail having lateral projections at its free end, all as hereinafter more fully set forth.

Figure 1 is a side elevation showing my improvement, and Fig. 2 is a similar view taken at a right angle to Fig. 1 in order to more fully show the thumb-piece. Fig. 3 is a transverse vertical section, and Fig. 4 a side elevation showing the incline formed integral with the bottle.

The object of this invention is to produce an efficient bottle-stopper that shall be simple of construction and easy of operation. To accomplish these results I use an elastic cork or stopper, which may consist of a metallic cap, E, with a soft-rubber portion, D, attached, as shown, this being a form of stopper well known. This is secured loosely to a wire loop or bail, I, the rear end of which may be secured to the neck of the bottle by means of a wire, *a*, as shown in Fig. 1, while its opposite end is formed into a loop having a lateral projection, *b*, on each side, as shown in Fig. 2. The wire *a* is secured firmly to the neck of the bottle, and on the side opposite to the point where the bail is attached it is so bent as to form an inclined projection, A, as shown in Fig. 1. With the parts thus arranged it will be seen that all that is necessary to secure the stopper firmly in place is to force or draw the loop *b* toward the neck of the bottle, in which case it will be drawn down by the incline until it has passed its lower point, and will rest in a slight recess between the lower edge of the incline and the neck of the bottle, which will lock or hold it securely in place. To release it it is only necessary to take the bottle in the hand and by applying the two thumbs to the projecting ends of the loop *b* shove it out of the recess.

In Figs. 1 and 2 I have shown the bail I as being composed of three parts hinged or hooked to each other; but, if preferred, it may be made of a continuous piece of wire, as represented

in Figs. 3 and 4, and be secured to the wire *a*, which surrounds the neck, the same as in Fig. 1. So, too, instead of forming the incline A, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, of a separate piece of wire or metal and securing it to the neck of the bottle, it may be formed of glass integral with the neck by molding it thereon when the bottle is made. In that case I also propose to form a stud, C, also of glass, on the opposite side of the neck, to which the rear end of the bail I may be secured, as shown in Figs. 3 and 4; or, instead of a round stud, as there shown, it may be made with a hole through it, through which the wire composing the bail may be passed, in the same manner as it is shown passed through the eye of wire *a* in Fig. 1; or either one of these alone may be formed integral with the neck of the bottle, and the other be made separately, of any suitable material, and be secured thereto; or, if preferred, the incline A and the stud or eye for securing the bail may be formed on a flat band of metal, which may then be clasped around the neck of the bottle in a manner similar to the wire *a*. (Shown in Fig. 1.) By making the bail of a continuous piece of wire, as in Figs. 3 and 4, a smaller wire may be used, thus reducing the cost of manufacture, both by reason of the smaller quantity of metal required, and also by reason of there being a less number of joints and bends to make in it, thereby correspondingly reducing the time and labor required to make them.

I am aware that many forms of bottle-stoppers have been patented in which eccentrics and levers in various forms are used to compress the stopper and hold it in place; and I am also aware that a patent has been granted for a device in which there is a lug on the side of the neck which holds the bail in one position while the bottle is being filled, and which holds it down after the filling is completed, and therefore I do not claim such; but,

Having fully described my invention, what I claim is—

In combination with a bottle provided with a lug, A, having its under surface inclined, as shown, an elastic stopper, D, and the loop or bail I, provided with the lateral projections *b*, all constructed and arranged to operate substantially as described.

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