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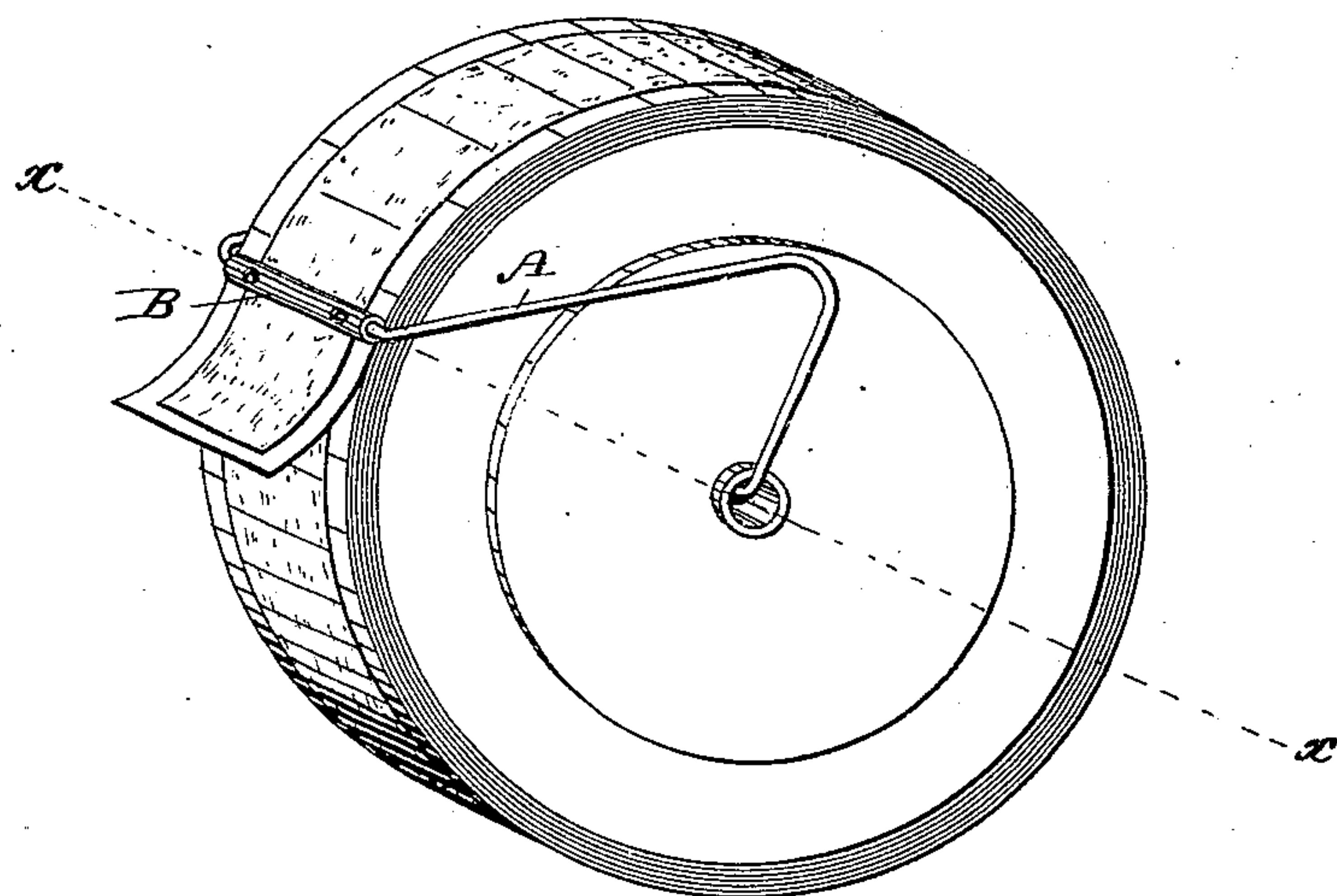
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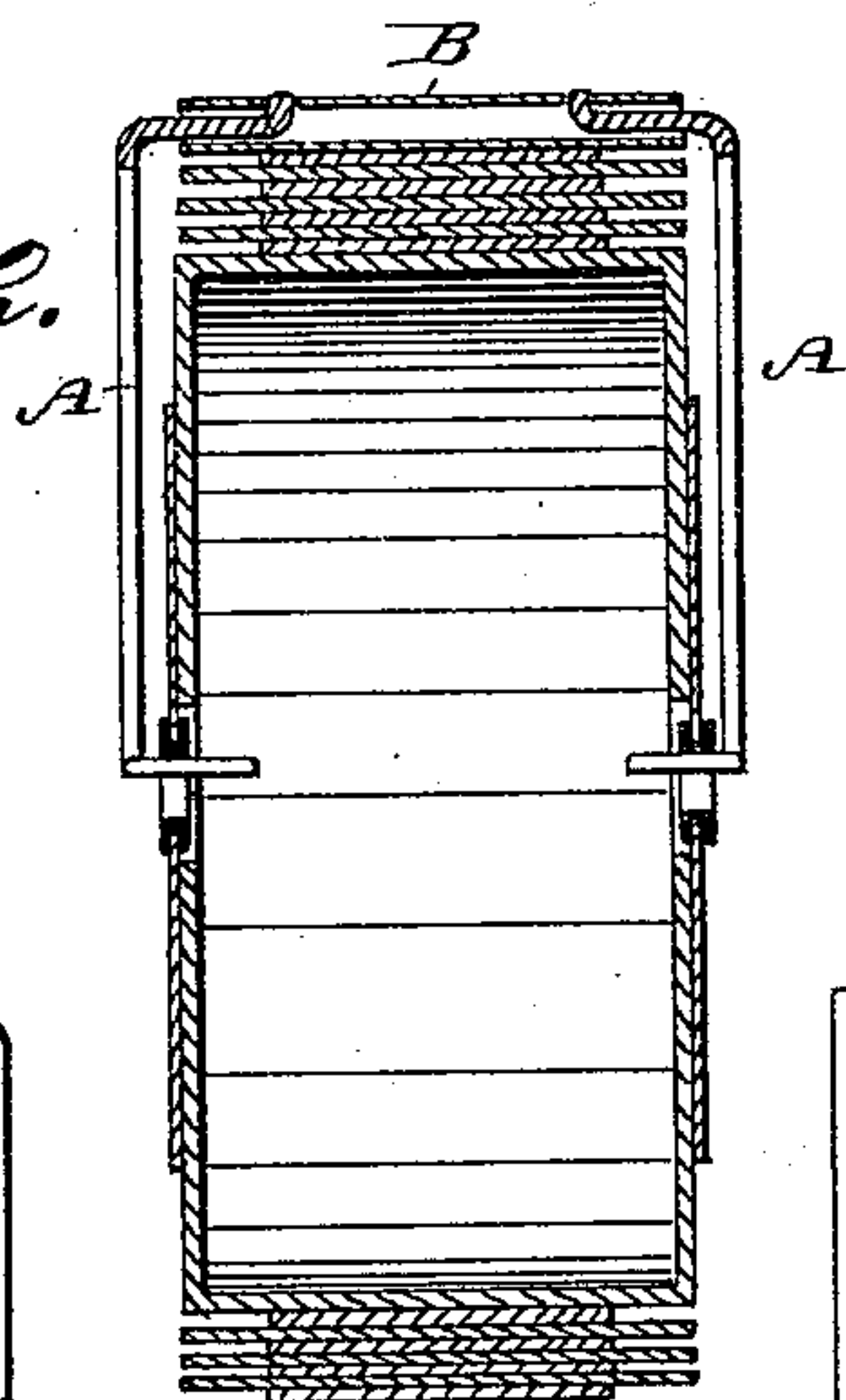
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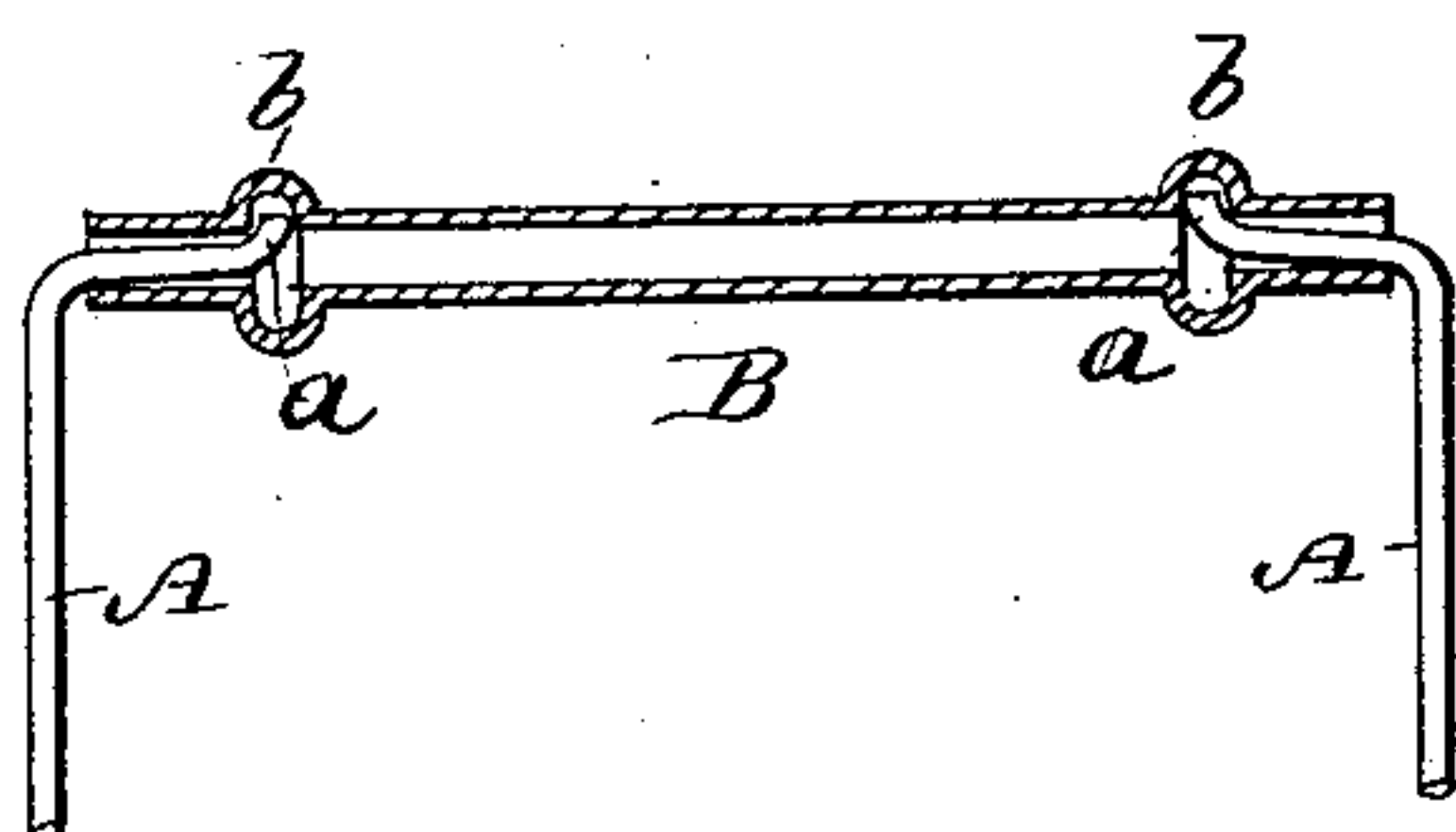
*Fig. 1.*



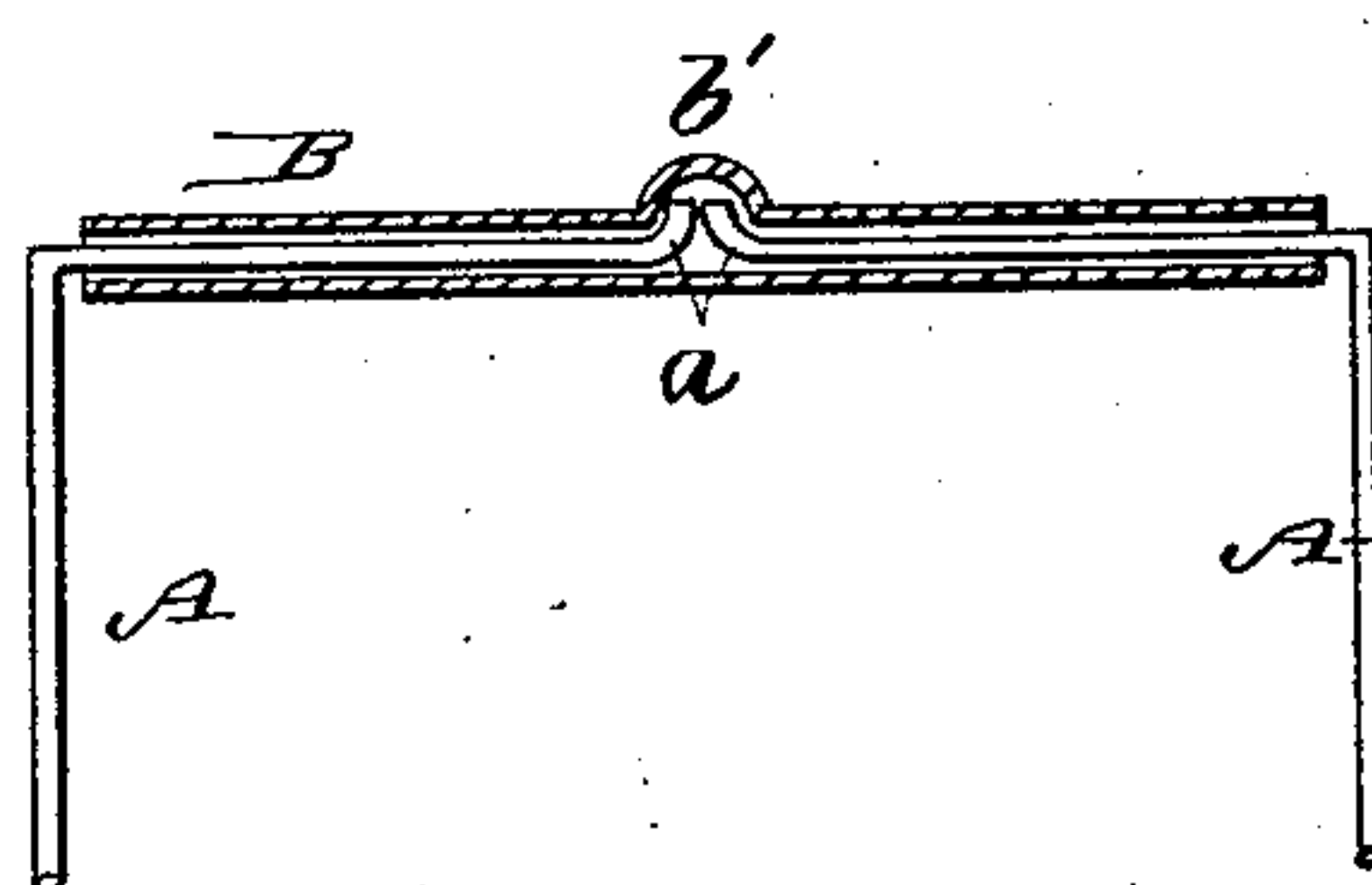
*Fig. 2.*



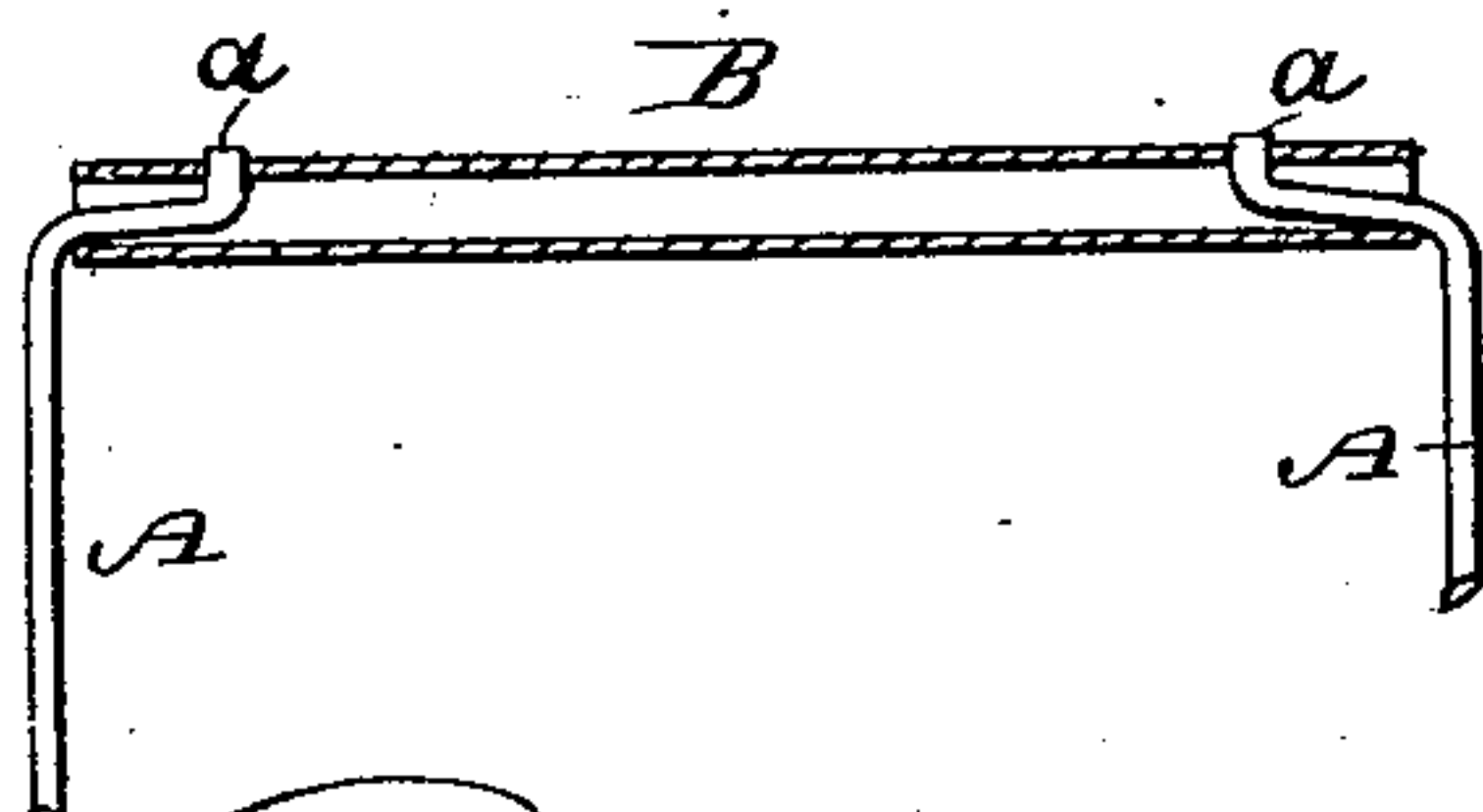
*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



*Fig. 5.*



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## RIBBON-HOLDER.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN MELLETTE, of Winamac, in the county of Pulaski and State of Indiana, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Ribbon-Holders, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

This invention relates to that class of ribbon-holders held to the center of the ribbon-roll and provided with a cross-piece resting on the ribbon and holding it in place on the roll; and the object of my invention is to improve and simplify the construction of the said holders.

The invention consists in a ribbon-holder formed of two spring-prongs having their inner ends bent to pass into holes in the ribbon-roll, and having their outer ends bent and passed into the ends of a tube of the same length as the width of the roll, the ends of the prongs being held in the tube by bending the ends of the bent parts of the prongs, or forming heads or catches on them, which catch in cavities, recesses, or slots in the tube.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in all the figures.

Figure 1 is a perspective view of my improved ribbon-holder, showing the manner in which it is used. Fig. 2 is a cross-sectional elevation of the same on the line *x x*, Fig. 1. Figs. 3, 4, and 5 are longitudinal sectional elevations of different constructions of my improved ribbon-holder.

The ribbon-holder consists of spring-prongs A, having the ends adapted to be passed into the apertures in the middle of the frame, which prongs are united by a suitable cross-piece. According to the width of the ribbon-roll, the cross-piece must be made of a greater or less width. So that the prongs A can be used for rollers of all widths, I pass the outer bent ends of the prongs into the ends of a tube B, which thus forms the cross-piece of the ribbon-holder, and which tube can have a greater or less length, according to the width of the spool. The tube B is pressed on the ribbon and holds the end of the same down on the roll or spool. As the bent outer ends of the spring-prongs

A might leave the ends of the tube B, the said ends are bent upward or sidewise, as shown, or provided with a head or catch in any other suitable manner, and the tube B is provided with a cavity or recess, *b*, near each end, into which cavities or recesses the bent ends or heads *a* of the prong are pressed or snapped, whereby the ends of the said prongs will be held in the ends of the tube B.

In place of one cavity, *b*, for each prong one cavity, *b'*, may be provided at the middle of the tube B, into which cavity the ends of both prongs are passed.

If desired, the bent ends of the prongs A can be passed through slots in the tube B.

In the above described manner ribbon-holders for spools or rolls of any width can be made of prongs A of the same size and shape, the variable part consisting in the tube B, which either can be held to turn on the bent ends of the prongs, as shown in Fig. 3, or can be held fixed, as shown in Figs. 1, 2, 4, and 5.

Having thus described my invention, what I claim as new, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

1. A ribbon-holder constructed of two wire spring-prongs having their outer bent ends passed into the opposite ends of a tube, and adapted to have their inner ends passed into the apertures of a spool or roller, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

2. In a ribbon-holder, the combination, with the spring-prongs A, having outer bent ends, of the tube B, into the ends of which the bent ends of the prongs are passed, which ends of the prongs are held in the tube in such a manner that they cannot fall out, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

3. In a ribbon-holder, the combination, with the spring-prongs A, having bent ends, of the tube B, having one or more cavities or recesses for receiving the upturned bent ends of the prongs, substantially as herein shown and described, and for the purpose set forth.

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