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SAMPLE EXHIBITOR FOR WALL PAPER.

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Fig. 1.

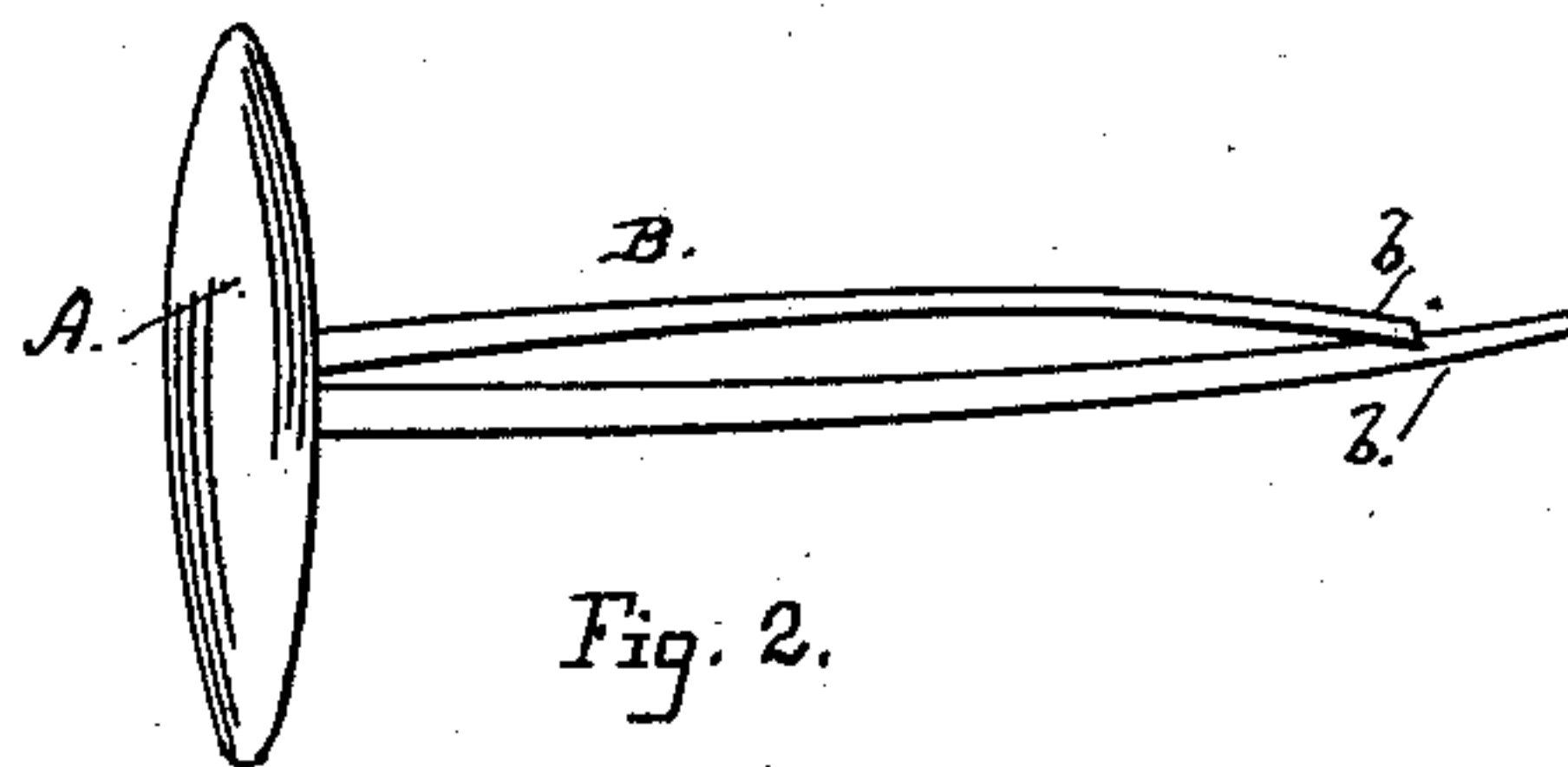
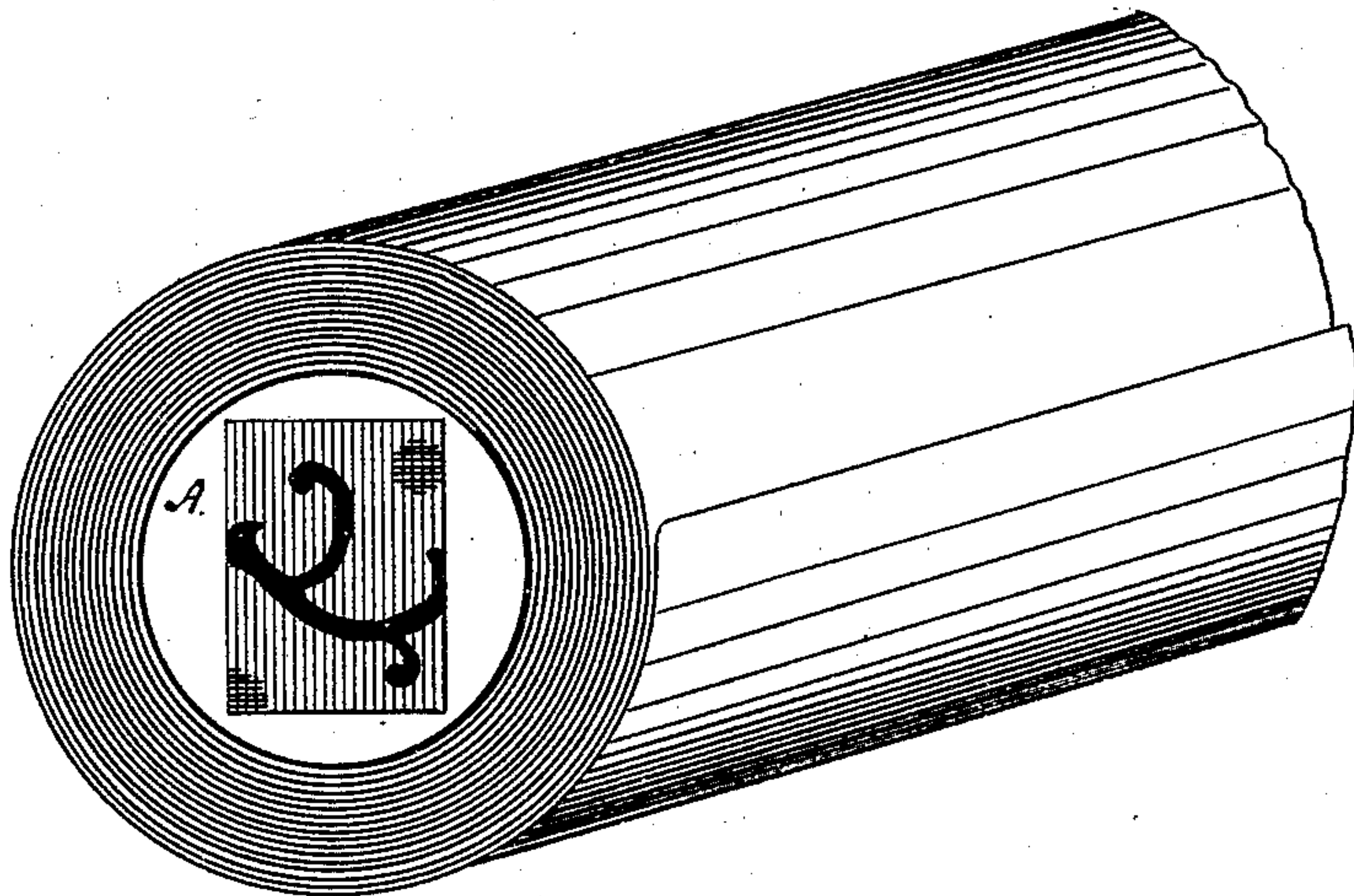


Fig. 2.

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## SAMPLE-EXHIBITOR FOR WALL-PAPERS.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JAMES E. KIDD, a citizen of the United States, residing in the city of Stockton, county of San Joaquin, and State of California, have made and invented an Improved Sample-Exhibitor for Wall-Paper and Other Goods in the Roll; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of my said invention, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

The object of my invention is to provide an inexpensive and ready means of fixing samples on the ends of roll-goods—such as wall-papers—that are commonly piled on shelves and in racks with the ends to view. By the application and use of my device, as will be described hereinafter, the quality and style of goods can be readily determined or ascertained without lifting and unrolling the piece, and considerable time and labor thereby saved to the salesman and the buyer.

The following description fully explains the manner in which I proceed to construct, apply, and use this improved sample-exhibitor, the said drawings being referred to therein by figures and letters.

Figure 1 illustrates the application of my device to the end of a roll of wall-paper, and Fig. 2 is a view of the device ready for use.

A represents a flat plate or disk of convenient size, formed preferably out of thin sheet metal and of circular outline, and B the fastening fixed to its back, for securing it to the end of a roll.

To manufacture this device in large quantities, simply, and inexpensively, I cut or stamp

the plates A out of tin, and then produce the fastening B by soldering a narrow strip of metal at the middle to the center of the back of the plate, and bending the two ends outward to stand out perpendicularly from the back. The ends of these prongs *b b* being turned in or bent to touch each other will form a spring-clip, to engage with one thickness or more of the goods when the prongs are pressed into the end of the goods over the edge of a layer or series of layers. The prongs are made of different lengths, one shorter than the other, so that the ends *b b* will not bear directly against each other. Such is the preferable formation, but the prongs may be of the same length.

The piece or sample to be exhibited is readily attached to the plate by means of gum or other adhesive matter.

The plate A can be cut to any desired shape of outline—circular, rectangular, or oblong.

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

The sample-exhibitor for attachment and use on roll-goods, consisting of the plate A and fastening B, consisting of two prongs having their ends *b b* pressed together by spring-pressure of the prongs, and adapted to take hold of a thickness of the material by pressing it between the ends *b b*, as set forth.

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