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Fig. 1.

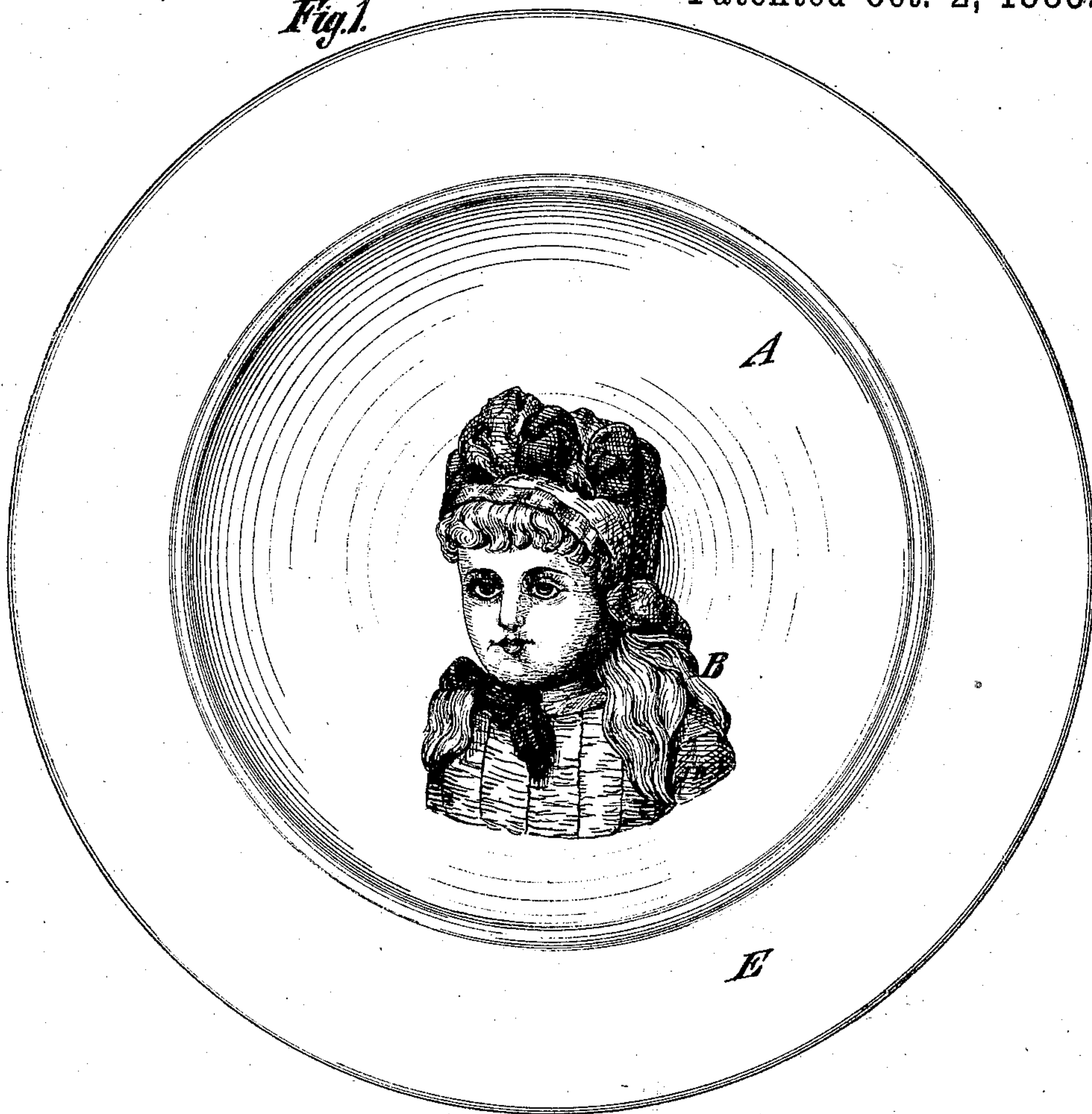
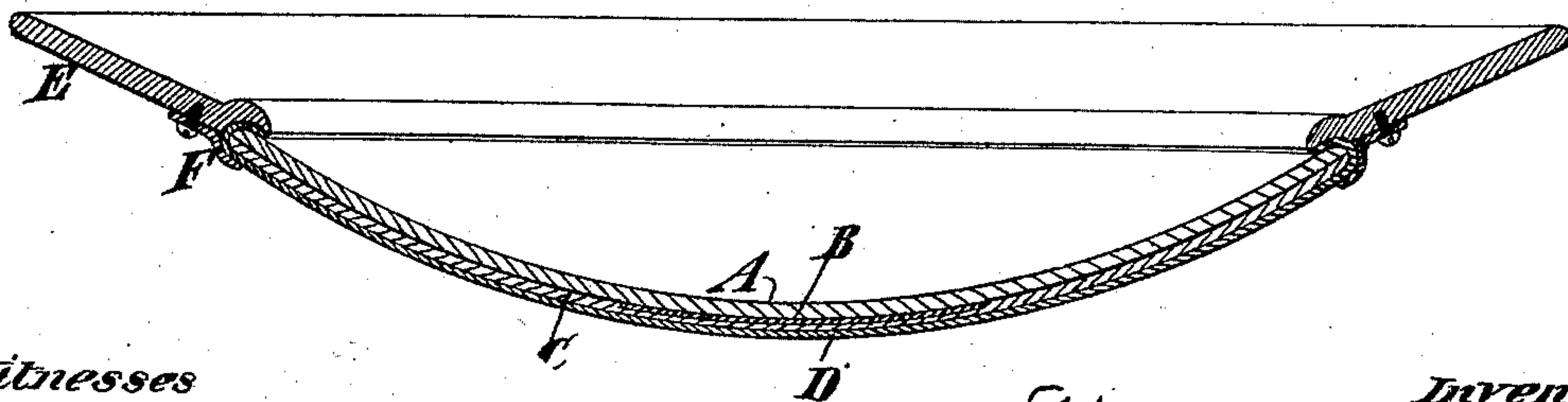


Fig. 2.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, HORACE CRAIGHEAD, of New York, in the county and State of New York, have invented a certain new and useful Improvement in Plaques, of which the following is a specification.

The object of my improvement is to make plaques of various designs in such a cheap manner that they can be purchased by almost all classes of people. To this end I make a plaque by taking a plate or shell of transparent glass, applying to the back of it a picture or design, covering the back of the surrounding portion with paint or like ornamental substance, protecting the back, when finished, by a shell of sheet metal or other suitable material, and then mounting the finished plaque in a suitable frame.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a face view of a plaque embodying my improvement, and Fig. 2 is a transverse section of the same, and showing it as forming part of a card-receiver.

Similar letters of reference designate corresponding parts in both figures.

A designates a piece or shell of transparent glass, which is here shown as dish-shaped; or, in other words, as concavo-convex. To the back of this piece of glass is applied any desired picture, B. This picture may be delineated on paper in colors and stuck, by any mucilaginous or other suitable adhesive substance, to the back of the piece of glass, in which case it will be pressed very close to the glass and rubbed over to force the air out from between it and the glass, as also to cause it to adhere at its edges to the glass. The picture may be transferred from a paper or other suitable backing to the back of the glass, if preferable. After the picture is applied to the back of the glass, I cover the portions of the back of the glass which surround the picture with any desirable backing, C. Preferably I cover the same with a paint of any desired

color, or with any ornamental substance resembling a paint, such, for instance, as a liquid gilt. Such paint or like substance may be applied by dipping the whole of the back of the glass and picture into it; or it may be applied with a brush or other means.

As a protection to the picture and the paint or other backing, I employ a cover, D, of sheet metal or other suitable material, extending over the same, and secured thereto by having its edges turned over the edges of the piece or shell of glass.

The plaque thus made is handsome, exceedingly cheap, and very durable. This plaque may be used as an ornament of any kind.

E designates a frame, which may be made of metal or other suitable material and of any desirable configuration. It extends over the front edges of the plaque, and is shown as being secured to the plaque by means of a ring or bezel, F, of metal, extending over the back of the plaque and secured to the frame by screws or otherwise.

The plaque thus framed may be hung on a wall; or it may form part of a card-receiver or other article. I have shown it in Fig. 2 as forming part of a card-stand, such as is used on a table.

What I claim as my invention, and desire to secure by Letters Patent, is—

In a plaque, the combination of a piece or shell of glass, a picture or design applied to the back, a backing of paint or like ornamental substance for the portion of the piece or shell of glass surrounding the picture or design, a covering of sheet metal extending over the picture or design and backing, and a frame surrounding the whole, substantially as specified.

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