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FAUCET RING.

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fig. 1.

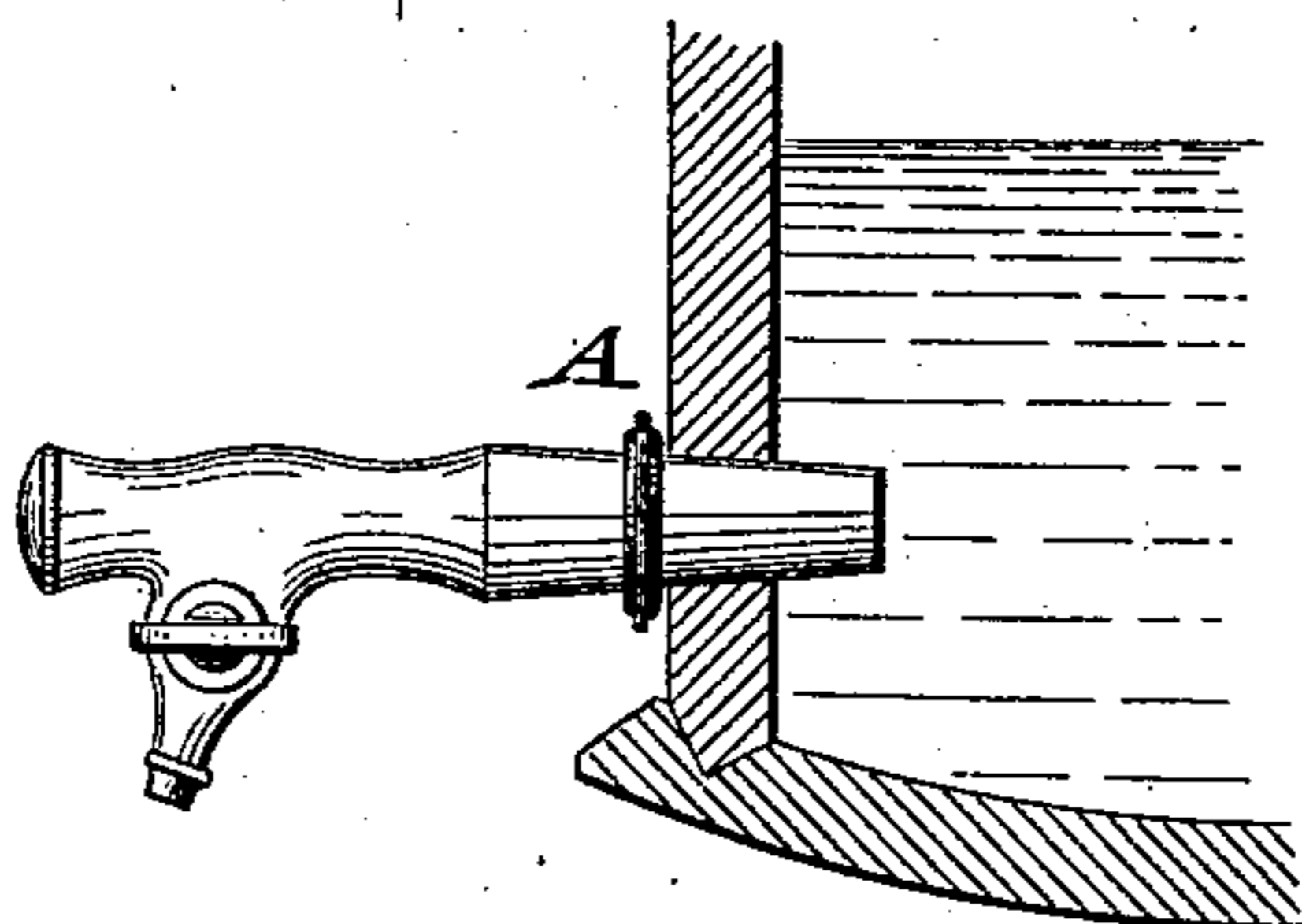


fig. 2.

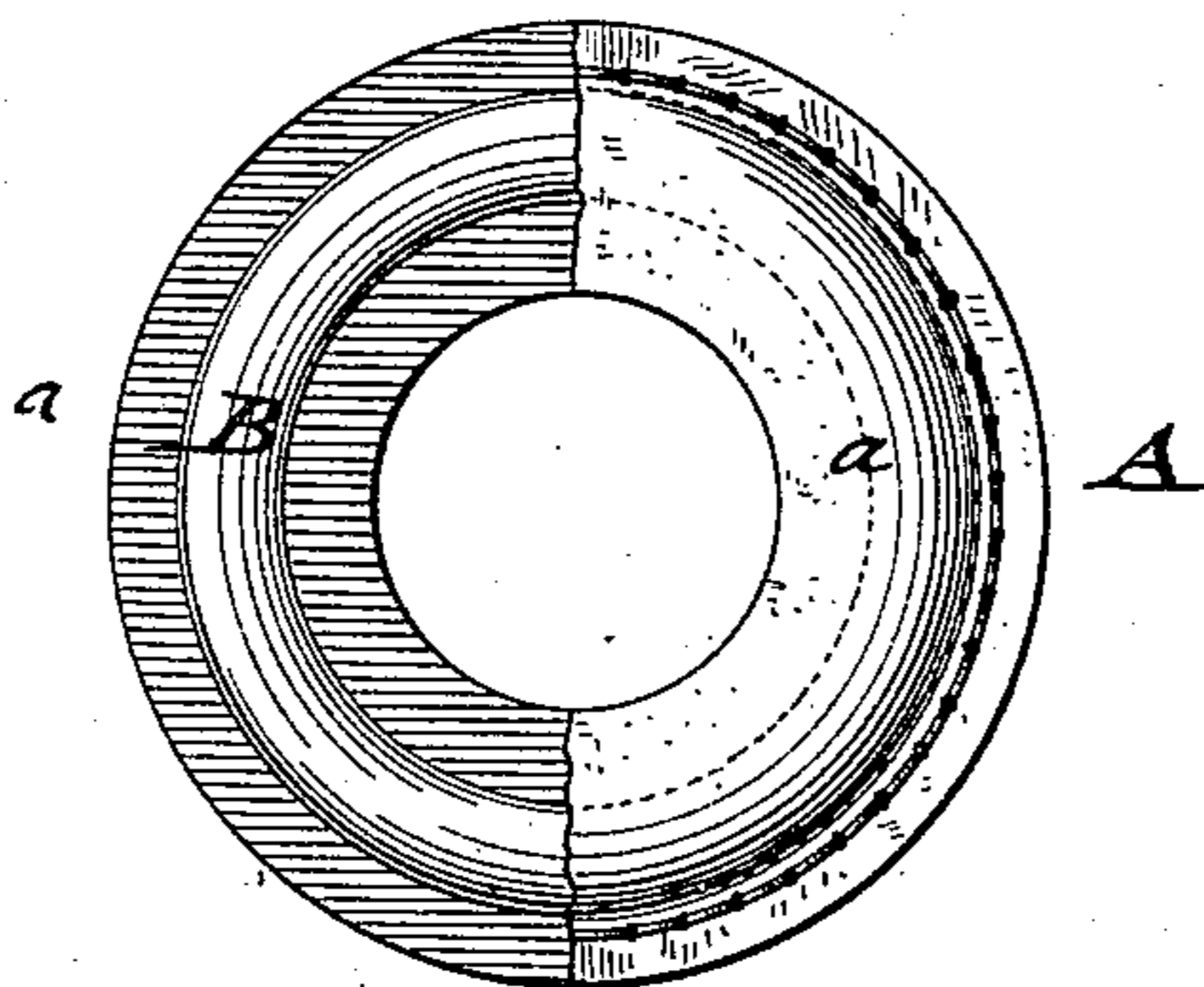


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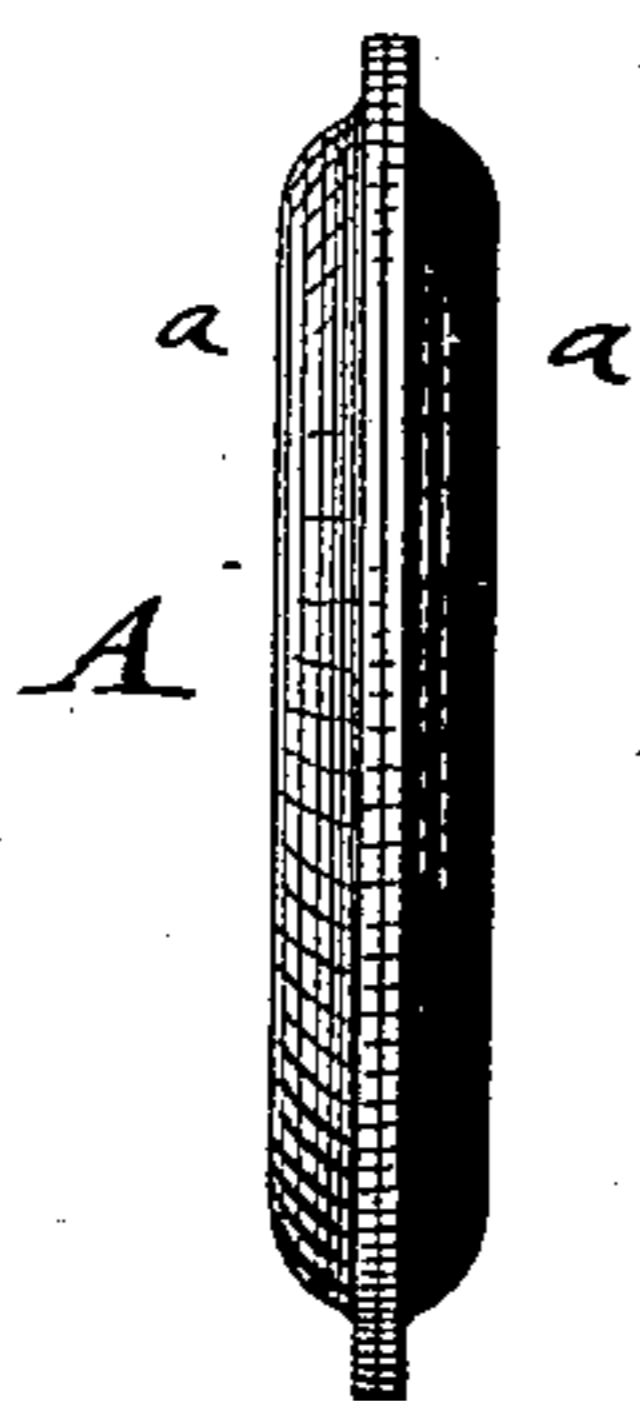
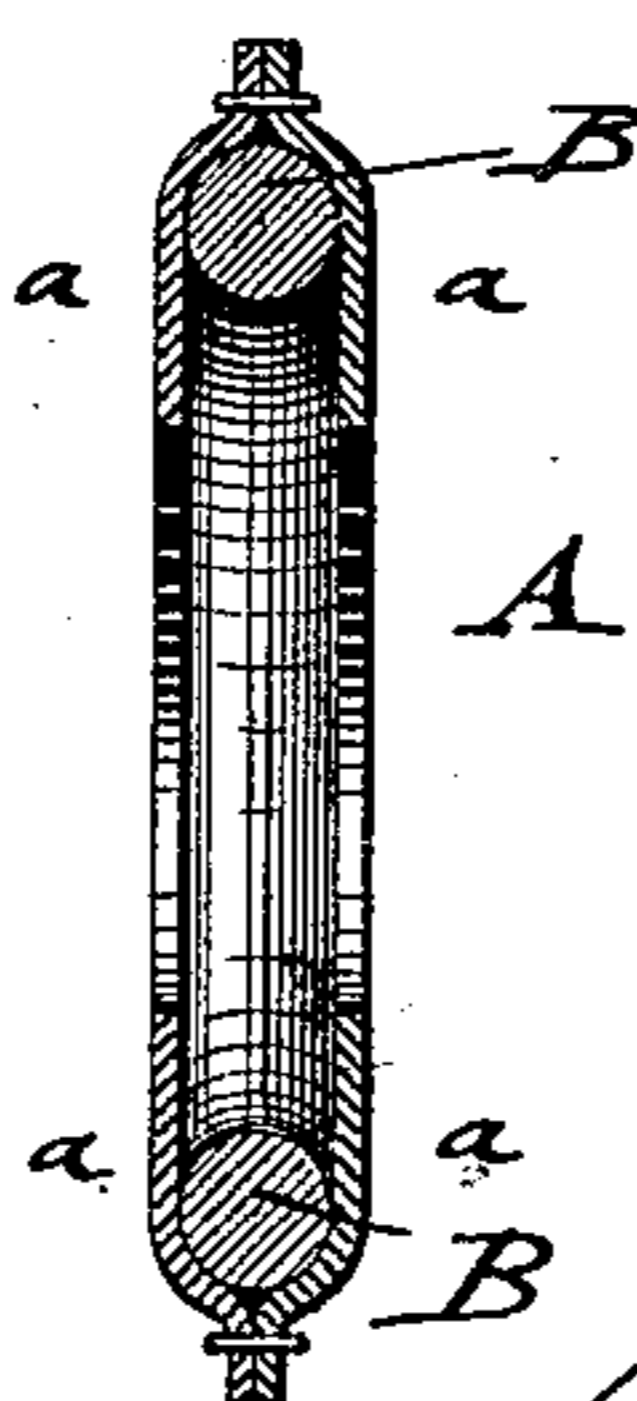


fig. 4.



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## FAUCET-RING.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, JOHN KUSLER, of Newark, in the State of New Jersey, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Faucet-Rings, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improved guard-ring for faucets for beer and other kegs, whereby the annoying spattering about of said liquors on tapping the kegs is avoided; and the invention consists of two centrally-perforated rubber rings, which are connected at their circumferences, and of an interior annular metallic strengthening-ring.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a faucet with my improved guard-ring shown in position on the faucet, which latter is inserted into the faucet-hole of the barrel or keg. Fig. 2 is a front view of the faucet-ring on a larger scale, with a part broken away; and Figs. 3 and 4 are respectively an end elevation and a vertical transverse section of the same.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

A in the drawings represents my improved faucet-ring, which is made of two ring-shaped pieces, *a a*, of india-rubber, that are stitched or otherwise fastened together at their circumference, the central opening of the rings being large enough to fit on the barrels of the faucets generally in use for tapping beer and other kegs containing fermented liquors. Be-

tween the rubber rings *a a* an intermediate annular ring, B, of metal, is placed that is of larger diameter than the barrel of the faucet, and that serves to re-enforce the india-rubber rings *a a*, so as to render the guard-ring more durable. Before tapping the keg the guard-ring A is slipped over the barrel of the faucet, after which the keg is tapped in the usual manner by driving the faucet-barrel into the faucet-hole. The guard ring A fits tightly around the faucet-hole of the keg, as the faucet is being driven in, and prevents thereby the spattering about of the liquor when tapping the keg.

I am aware that a faucet-ring made of a single thick solid ring of soft rubber has been used heretofore, and I therefore do not claim the same, broadly.

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

A guard-ring for beer and other faucets, consisting of two rubber rings fastened together at their circumference, and of an intermediate re-enforcing metal ring, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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