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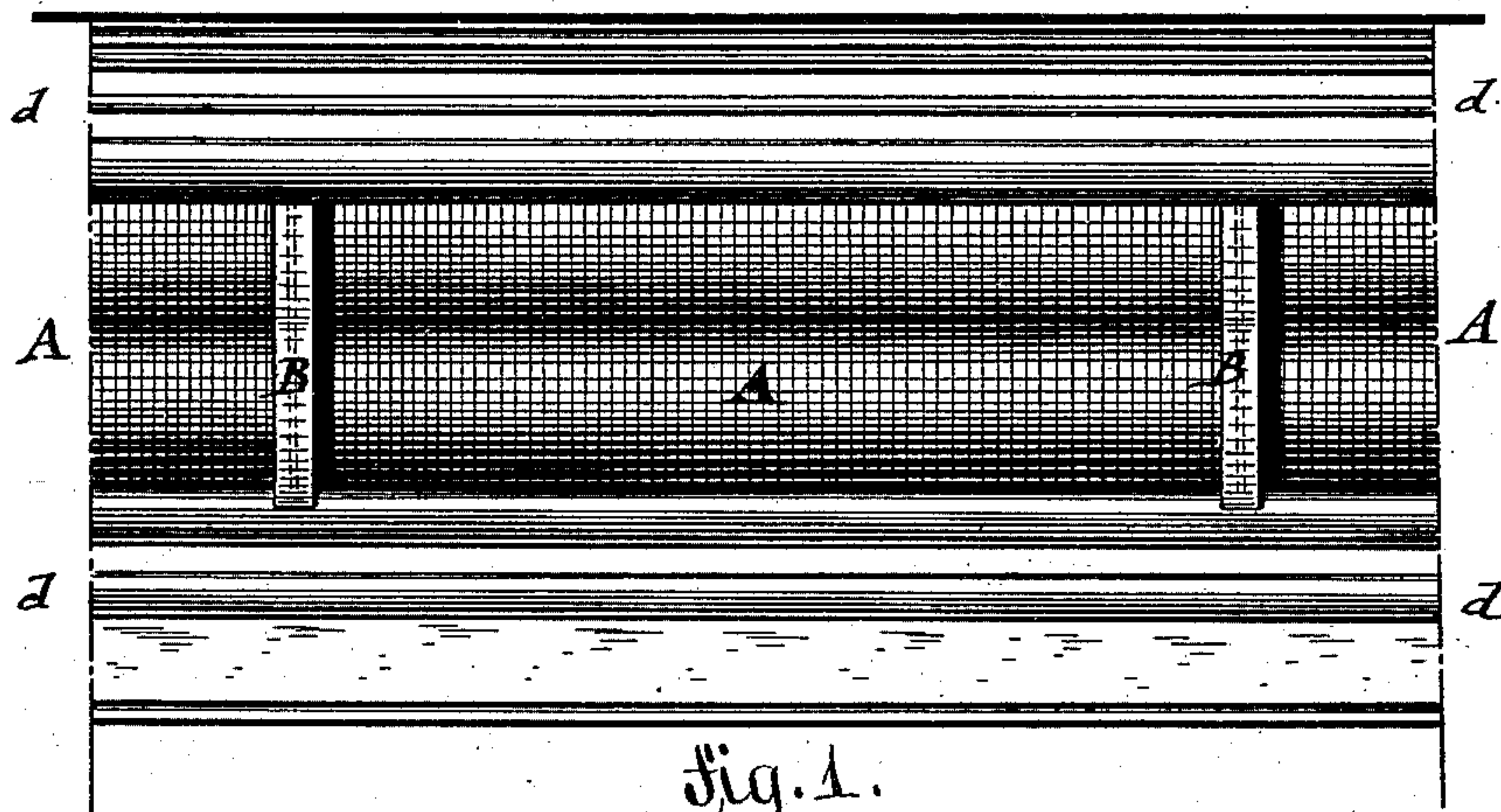


Fig. 1.

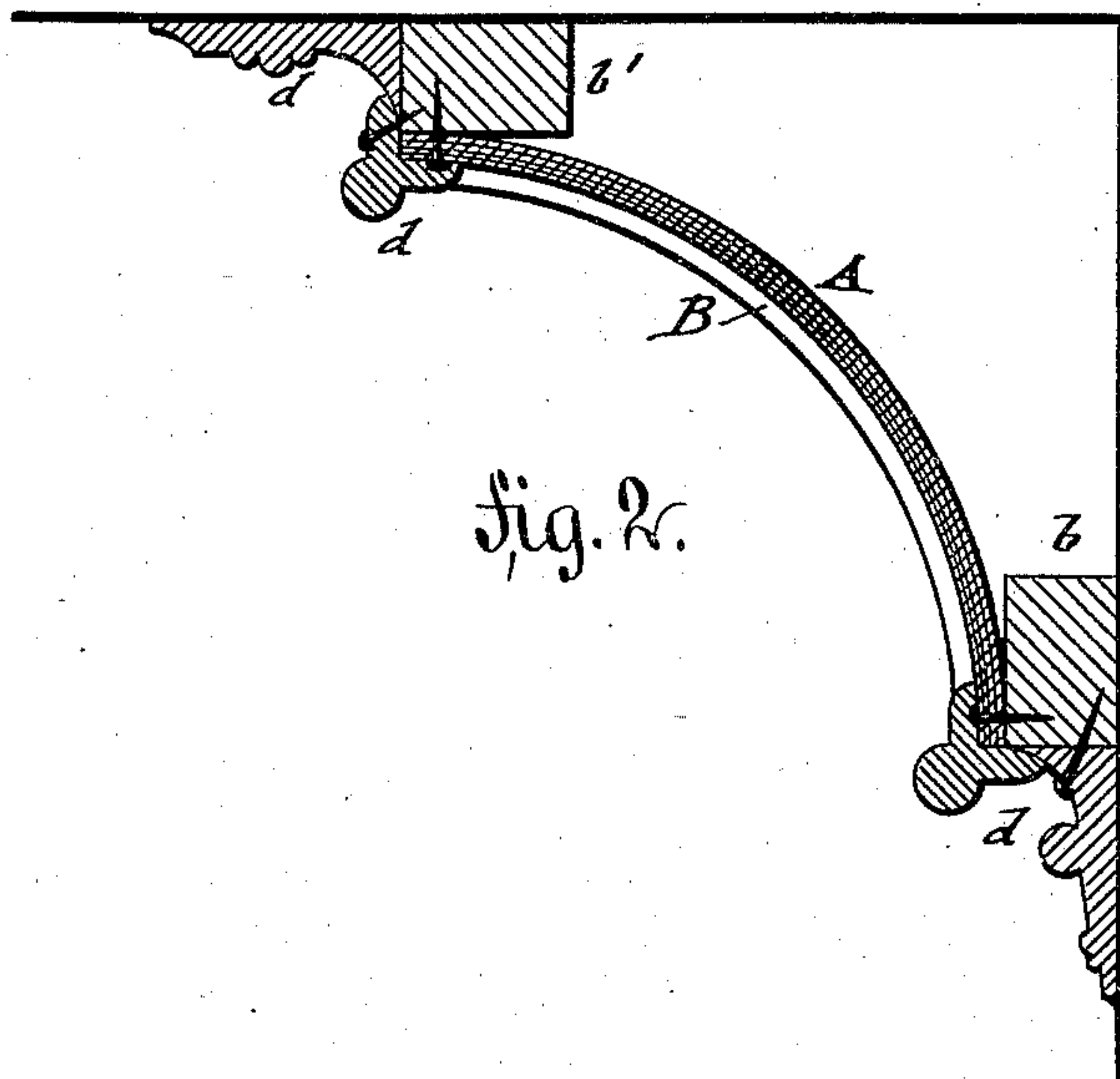


Fig. 2.

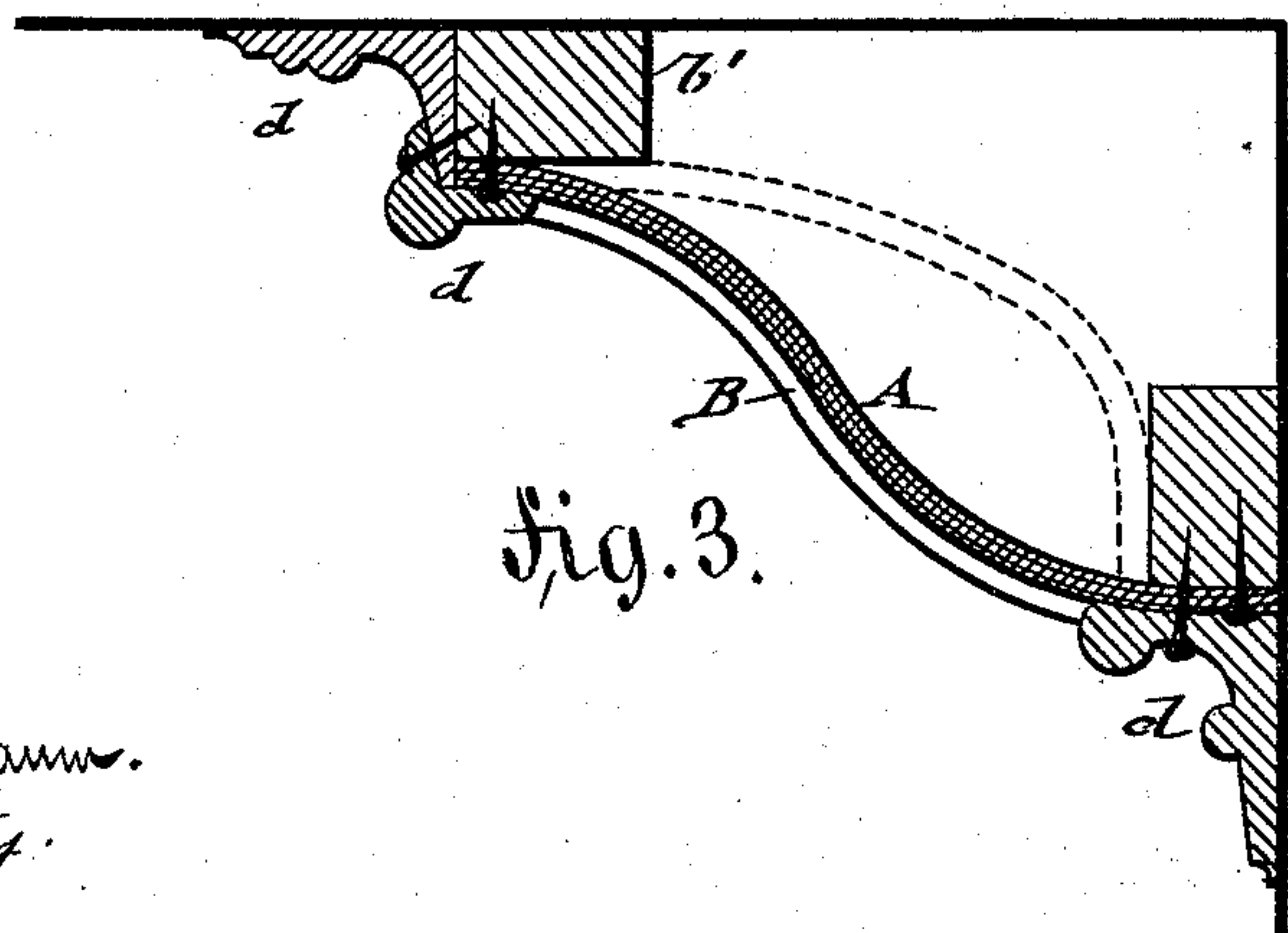


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WITNESSES

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## CORNICE.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, LOUIS WOELFLE, of the city, county, and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improve-  
5 ments in Cornices for Rooms, of which the following is a specification.

This invention has reference to an improved cornice for rooms, that can be made up in separate sections, so as to dispense with the plaster molding, and provide a more ornamental  
10 cornice in keeping with the paper or other ornamentation of the wall; and the invention consists of a cornice for room the cove of which is made of sections of pasteboard or  
15 other suitable material that are covered at the joints with metallic face-strips and attached to strips of the wall or ceiling of a room, which strips are covered by ornamental moldings.

20 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 represents a front elevation, and Figs. 2 and 3 are vertical transverse sections of different forms of my improved cornice.

Similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts.

25 A in the drawings represents the cove of my improved cornice for rooms, which cove is made of sections of pasteboard or other suitable material, which sections are made of  
30 several layers and molded into shape. The sections of the cove A are united at the joints by ornamental metallic face-strips B, whereby the cove is divided into panels separated by metallic strips, which latter serve to greatly  
35 strengthen the cove. The sections of the cove A are attached to one of the exposed faces of strips *b b'*, which are secured respectively to the wall and ceiling of the room, whereby  
40 said paper cove A is kept from direct contact with the wall or ceiling, and discoloration thereof by dampness or other cause is prevented. The edges of the cove A and strips  
45 *b b'* are covered by suitable ornamental moldings, *d d'*, so as to be out of sight. The cove A is ornamented at its front surface with any suitable design in keeping with the pattern of the wall-paper or other covering of the wall, so as  
50 to match properly with the same. The cove-sections are made up ready for use, so that they can be quickly applied in position on the

walls and ceiling, they being conveniently sawed off to the proper length, so as to fit in the corners of the rooms. A very ornamental cornice is thereby obtained in place of the solid plaster molding heretofore in use, and  
55 a space formed back of the cornice which can be used to advantage for gas and water-pipes, electric wires, or other purposes, as access can be had to the same at any time by removing one or more of the cove-sections. 60

The space back of the cornice may also be utilized for ventilating purposes by arranging proper openings in the cove of the cornice.

I am aware that cavettoes have heretofore been supported in moldings attached directly  
65 to the wall and ceiling; but in that case the cavetto cannot be removed without removing the strips from the wall and ceiling, which cannot be done without marring the latter. In my invention the cavetto is supported  
70 apart from the ceiling upon strips attached thereto, and is held by supplemental strips or moldings which are readily detachable for the removal of the cavetto to afford access to  
75 gas or water pipes which may be placed behind the latter.

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

1. A cornice composed of strips *b b'*, secured to the wall and ceiling; a paper cove, A, made  
80 in sections and attached to faces of said strips, and detachable moldings *d d'*, covering the joints between said cove and strips, substantially as described.

2. A cornice composed of strips *b b'*, secured  
85 to the wall and ceiling; a paper cove, A, made in sections and attached to one of the exposed faces of said strips, metallic face-pieces B, covering the joints between said cove-sections, and  
90 their inner faces conforming to the curve of the cove, and detachable moldings *d d'*, covering the joints between said cove and strips, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my invention I have signed my name in pres-  
95 ence of two subscribing witnesses.

LOUIS WOELFLE.

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