

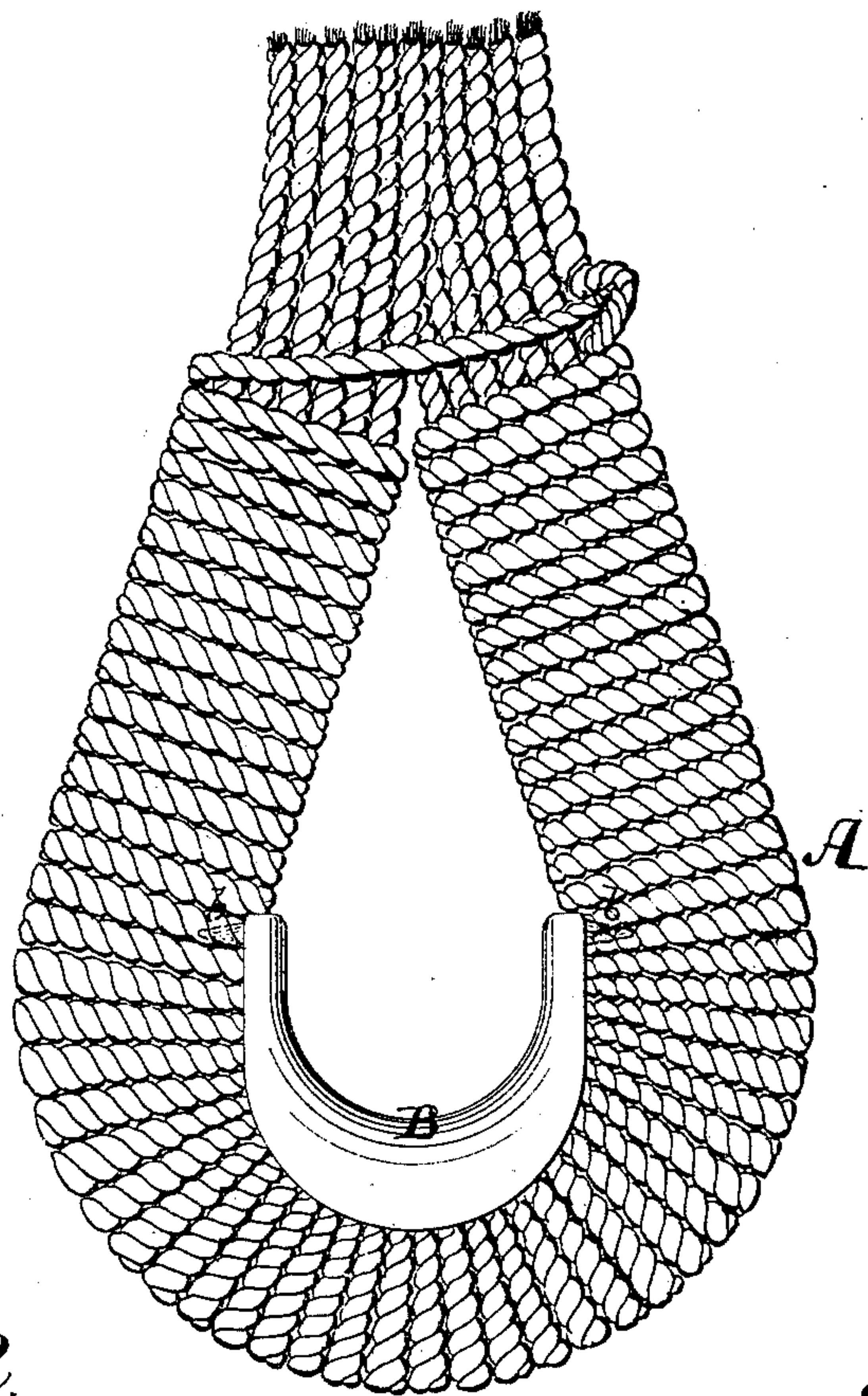
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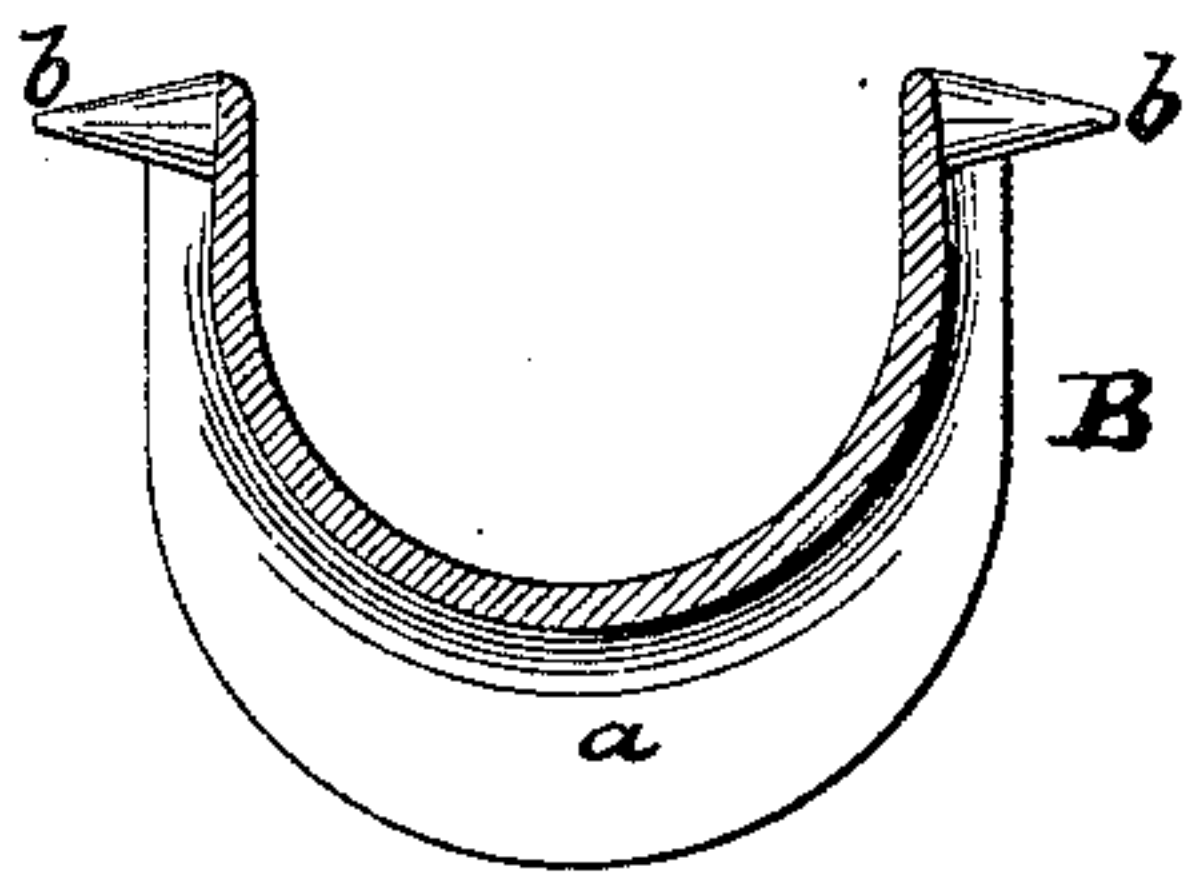
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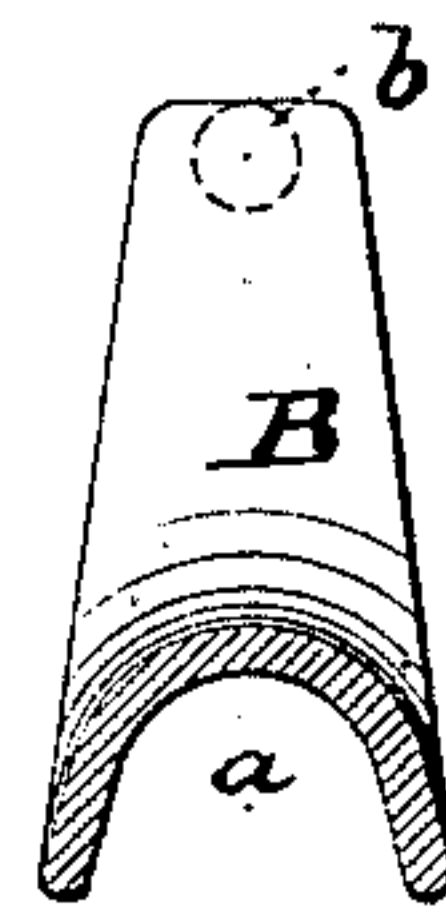
*Fig: 1.*



*Fig: 2.*



*Fig: 3.*



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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, VINCENT P. TRAVERS, a resident of New York city, in the county and State of New York, have invented an Improved Thimble for Hammocks, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description, reference being made to the accompanying drawings, in which—

Figure 1 is a full-size face view of my improved thimble, showing it in the loop that is usually formed at the end of a hammock. Fig. 2 is a longitudinal section, and Fig. 3 a cross-section, of the same.

This invention has for its object to provide the end loops of hammocks with metallic linings, and thereby prevent said end loops from being chafed through by the suspension-ropes that pass through them; and the invention consists of a metallic thimble or lining, of substantially semi-annular form, curved along its outer periphery, which is provided at its ends with outwardly-projecting prongs or pins, that are adapted to enter into the substance of the hammock-loop, thereby retaining the thimble in position and assisting in taking the strain off the end part of the loop, all as hereinafter described.

In the drawings, the letter A represents the end loop of a hammock. B is my improved thimble. This thimble is of substantially semi-annular form, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and curved along the outer periphery, as shown at *a* in Fig. 3. At its ends this thimble has outwardly-projecting pins or prongs *b* which are, by preference, round and pointed, and which, when the thimble is placed in

the loop in manner shown in Fig. 1, enter into the body of the loop, so as to hold the thimble in position. Without these prongs the thimble would be apt to drop out of the loop side-wise.

Before my invention thimbles had already been provided for the lining of hammock ends, which thimbles had at each of their extremities a pair of lips that were intended to embrace the structure of the loop and to be bent around the latter. Such lips required special manipulation for attaching them to the hammock-loop, and required the whole instrument to be made of a metal that would allow the bending of the lips.

By my invention any unskilled person will be able to immediately attach a thimble in proper manner to the hammock-loop by pressing the prongs *b* into the body of the loop in manner indicated by dotted lines in Fig. 1, and no bending or special shaping of the thimble is required. Moreover, the instrument may be made wholly of cast metal and not of a metal that admits of bending, and be therefore also less expensive than a thimble made of flexible substance.

I claim—

The thimble B, provided with prongs *b b*, that project outwardly from its ends, and that are adapted to enter into the body of a hammock-loop which said thimble is to line, substantially as herein shown and described.

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