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Fig. 1

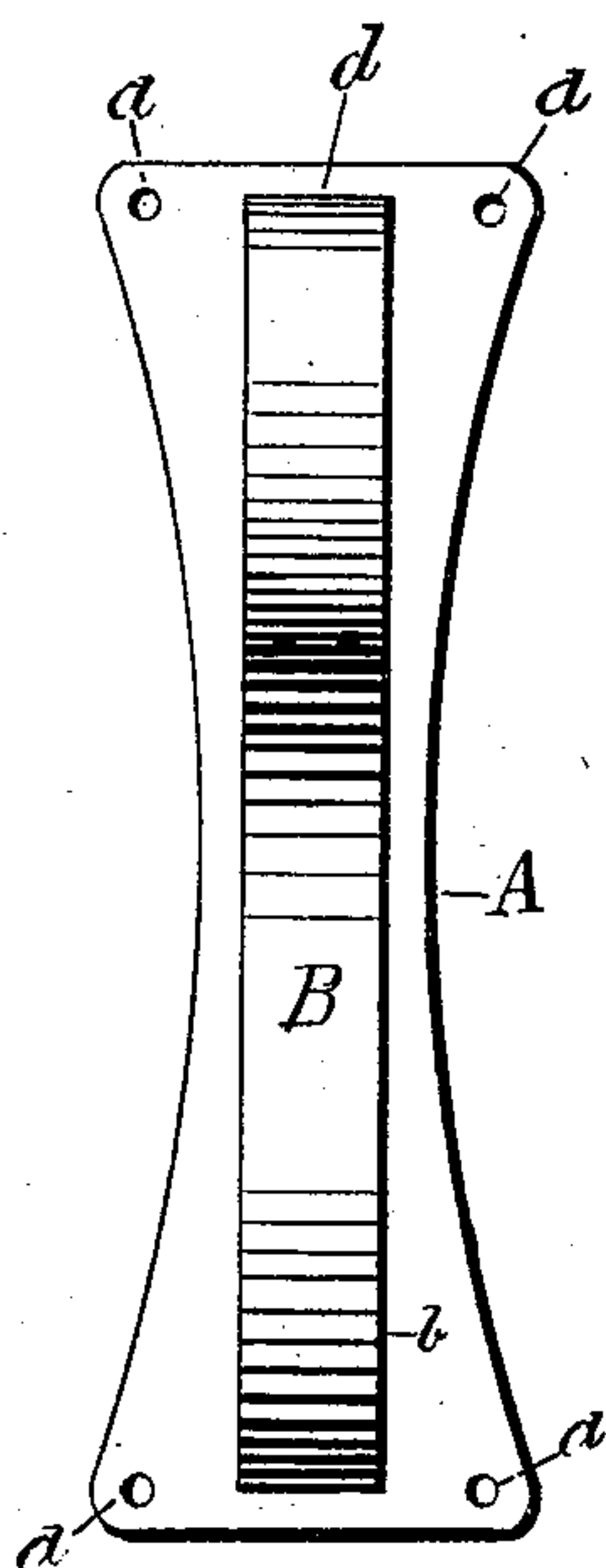


Fig. 2.

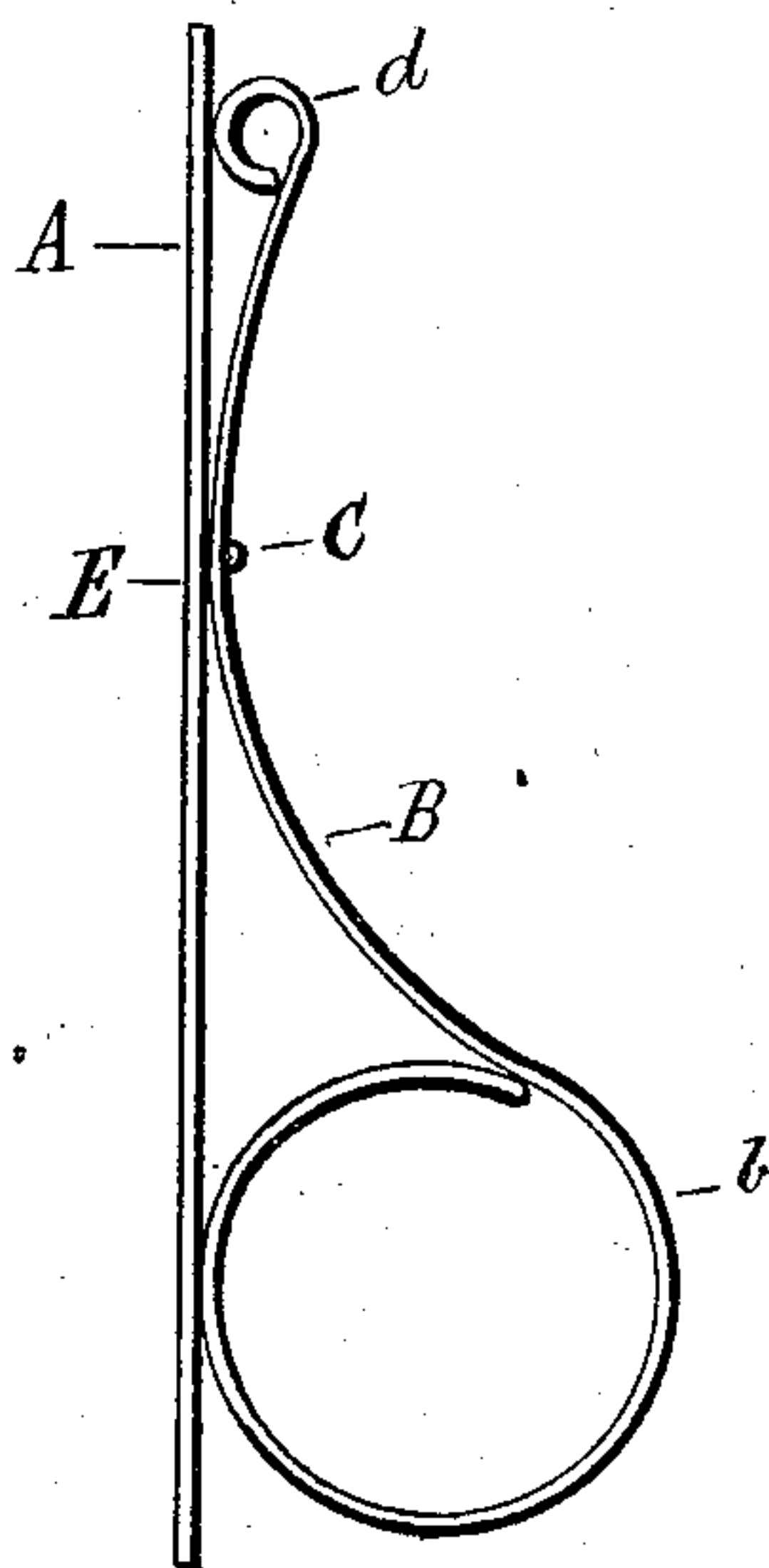
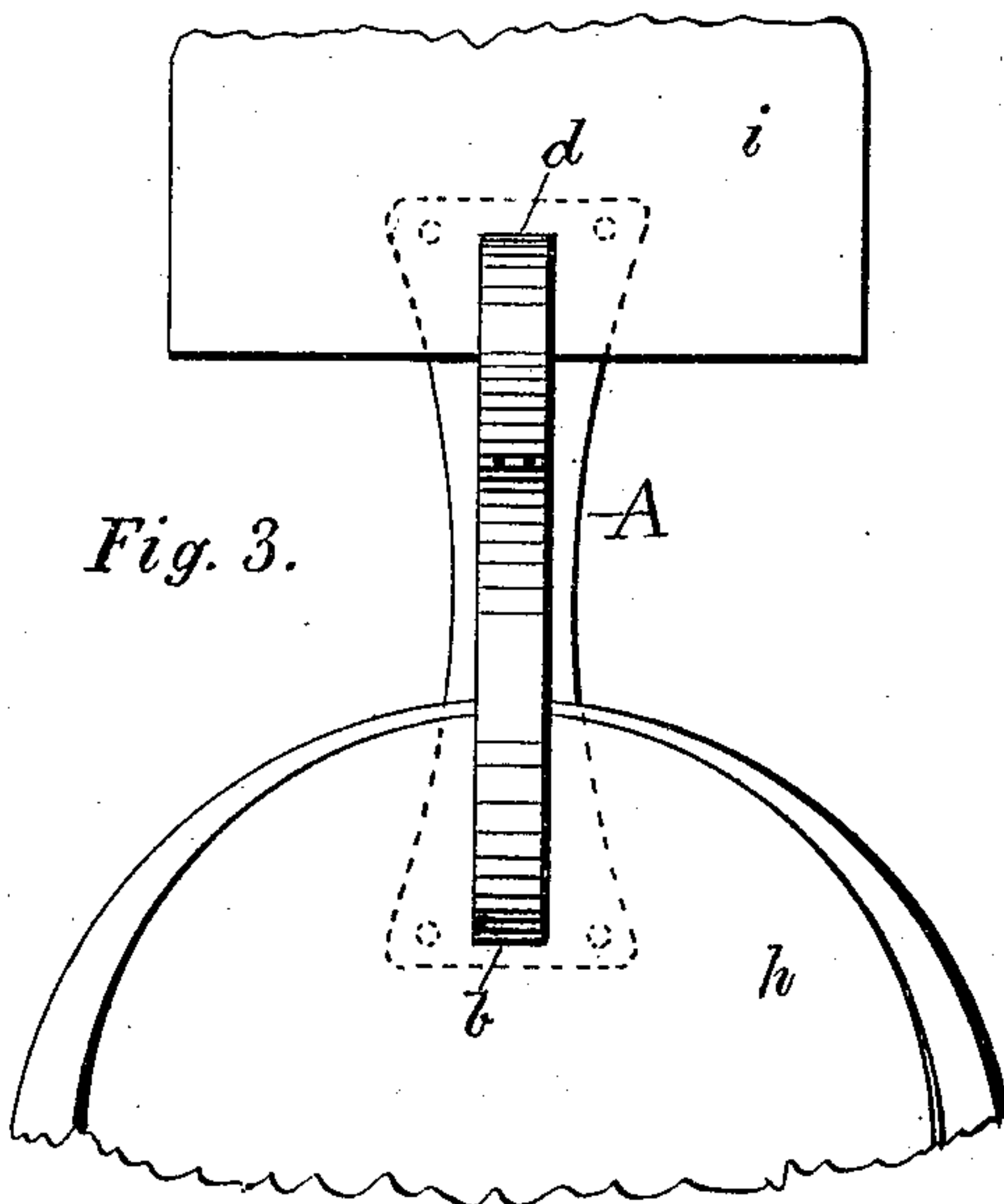


Fig. 3.



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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, JONATHAN BADGER, a citizen of the United States, residing at New York, in the county of New York and State of New York, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Fasteners for Programmes and Hats, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

My invention relates to a novel device for holding programmes and hats for use in theaters; school-rooms, dining-rooms, and other similar places.

The invention consists in a novel construction, arrangement, and combination of two pieces of metal or other suitable material, forming spring-clamps, whereby several advantages are obtained, as hereinafter more particularly described.

My invention is illustrated in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 represents a front view of a device embodying my improvement. Fig. 2 is a side view of the same. Fig. 3 is a front view showing my invention applied to use in holding a programme and hat.

The letter A designates a strip of sheet metal or other suitable material, which is provided with holes *a* on each corner for securing it in position on the back of a theater-chair or other place where it may be desired to use it. In the present example it is shown as substantially oblong, but it may be round, square, or any other suitable shape.

B designates a narrow strip of sheet metal bent to form a circular handle, *b*, at one end, and turned under in approximately circular form, as at *d*, at the other end, the bend last named having a less diameter than the other

bend or handle *b*. The strip B is made of elastic material, so that when it is joined to the plate A by means of rivets *c*, as at E, it has enough inherent elasticity to hold an object—such as a programme—placed between its upper end and the plate A, and a hat, *h*, placed between its lower end and the plate A, as shown in Fig. 3.

My invention is particularly adapted for use in theaters, school-rooms, and other similar places, the device being fastened by screws or nails to the back of the chairs or seats, passing through the holes *a* in the position shown in Fig. 3, each of the parts *b* and *d* forming a clamp adapted for holding a programme in the upper part and a hat in the lower part of the device.

My invention obviates the necessity of holding the programme or hat in the hand while attending a place of amusement, and affords a very simple, cheap, and convenient article for that purpose, or it may be used as a ticket-holder by travelers or others.

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

A programme and hat holder consisting of the supporting-strip A and the elastic strip B, the latter being secured to the supporting-strip intermediate of its ends to form the clamps *b d*, one having a different diameter from the other, substantially as shown and described, for the purpose set forth.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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