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MEDICINE CASE.

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Fig. 1.

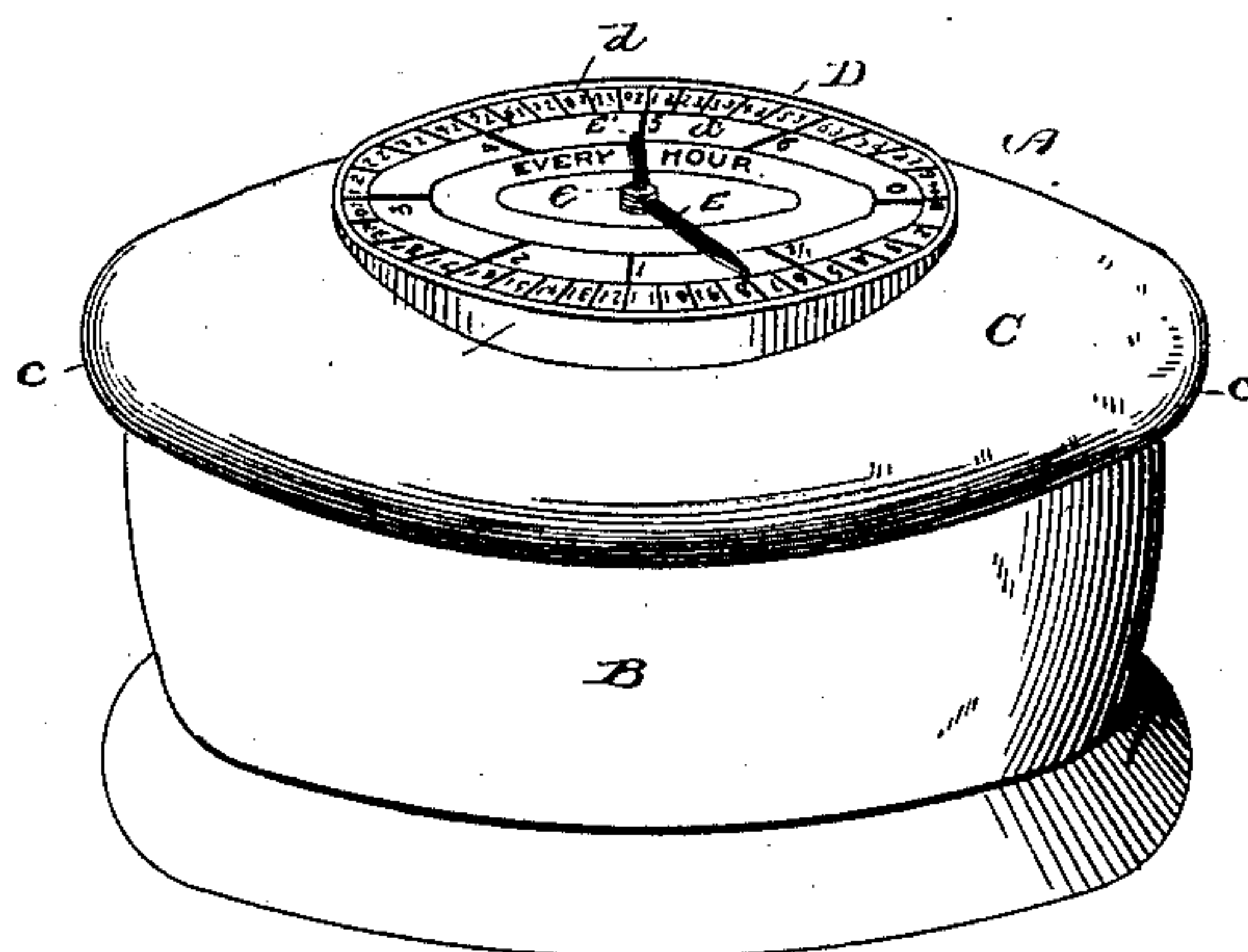


Fig. 2.

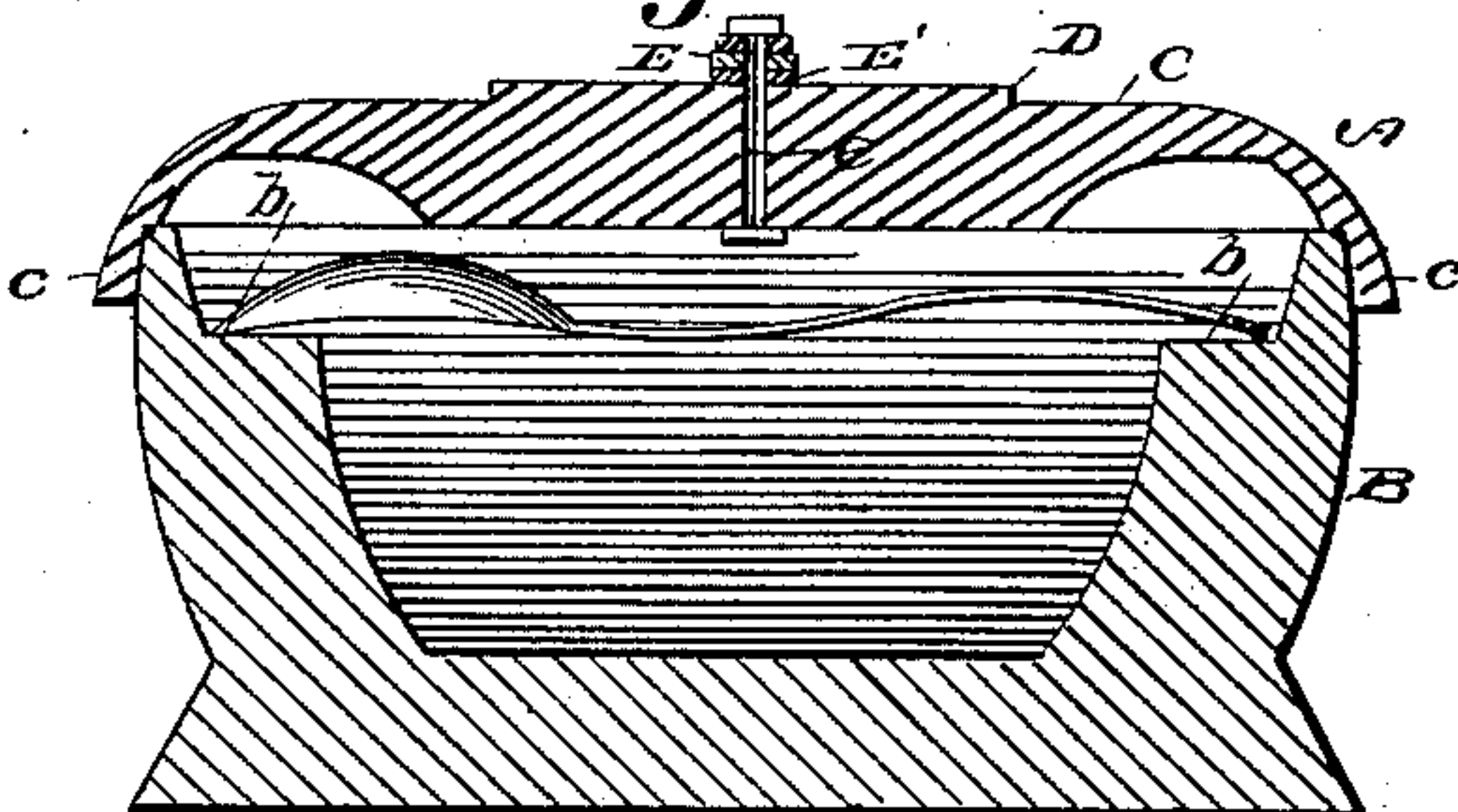


Fig. 3.

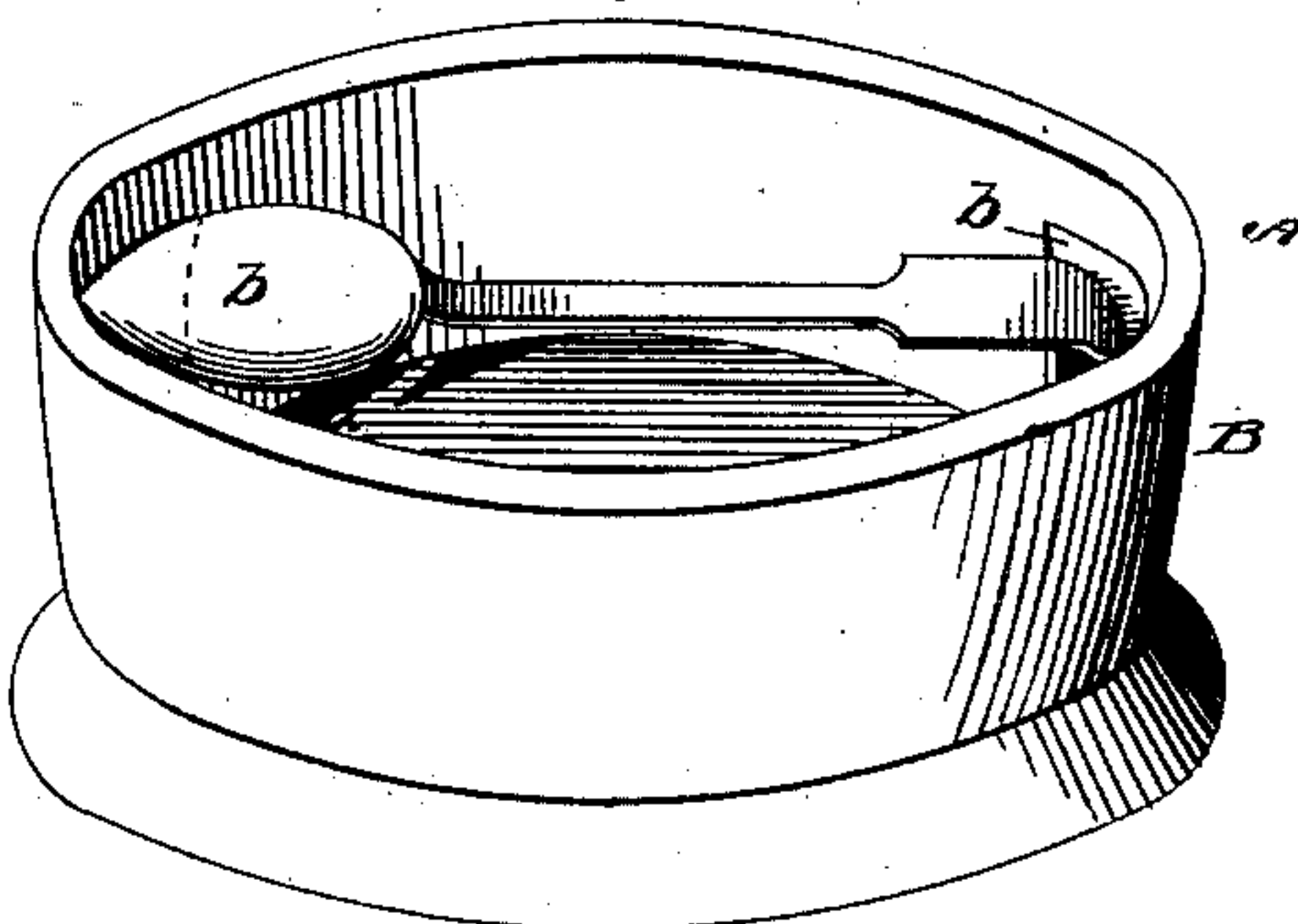


Fig. 4.

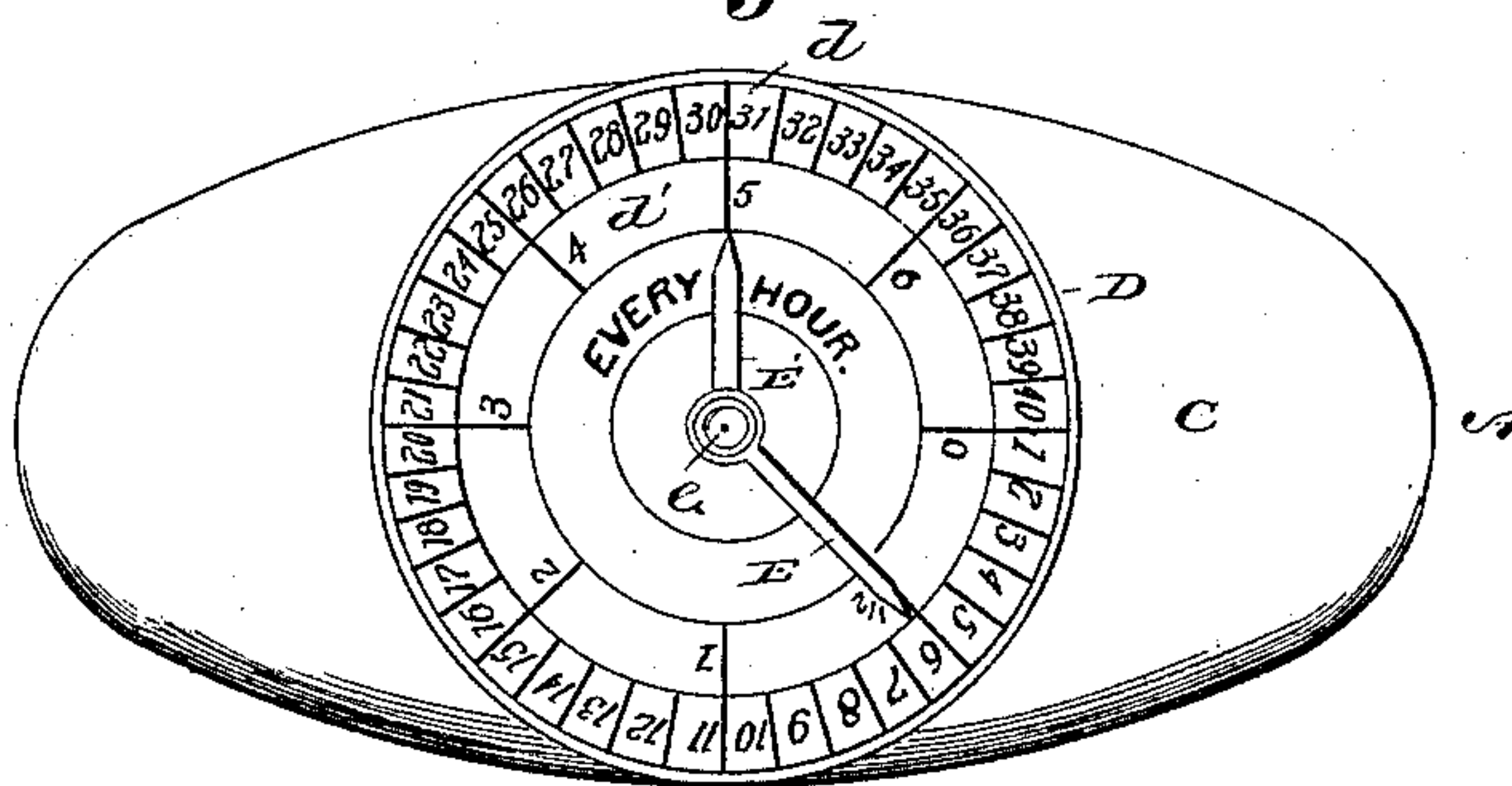
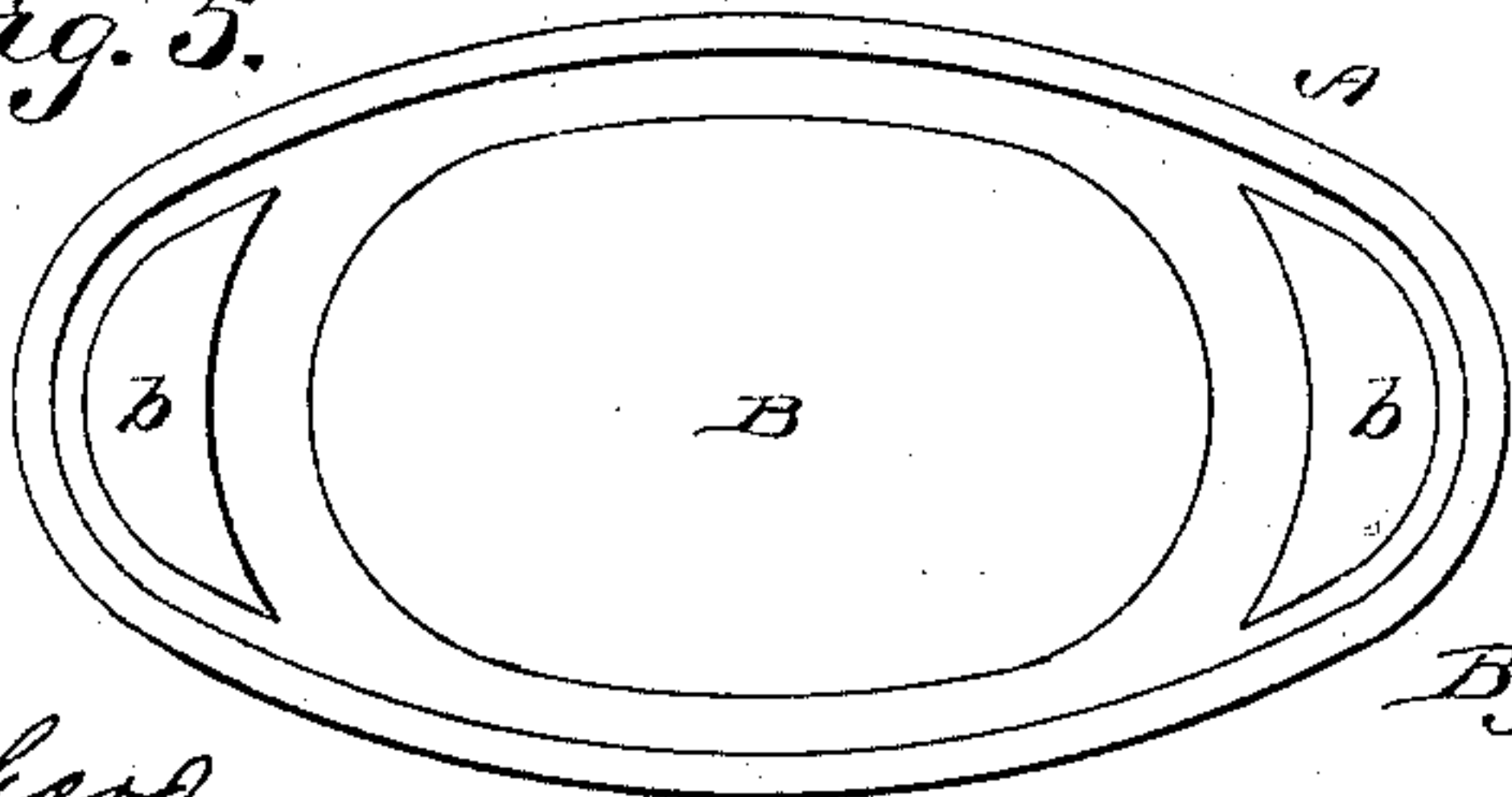


Fig. 5.



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MEDICINE-CASE.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FORTONATO CLEMENTE ZANETTI, a citizen of the United States, residing at Bryan, in the county of Brazos and State of Texas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Medicine-Cases, of which the following is a specification, reference being had to the accompanying drawings.

My invention has relation to improvements in medicine-cases; and the novelty consists in the construction, combination, arrangement, and adaptation of the several parts for service, substantially as hereinafter fully set forth, and specifically pointed out in the claims.

The invention has especially for its object to provide a series of receptacles for the medicine to be taken or administered, said receptacles being of different colors, to avoid mistakes or errors in the distribution of the medicines; to provide means for accurately indicating the medicine to be taken; to indicate the time which said medicine shall be taken; to provide means for holding a spoon or other article within the cases for taking the medicine when in a liquid or powder form, and to provide means which shall be very simple in construction, cheap of manufacture, and easily and conveniently operated.

I have shown an embodiment of my invention in the accompanying drawings, in which Figure 1 is a perspective view of one of my improved medicine cases or receptacles. Fig. 2 is a vertical longitudinal sectional view on the line *x x* of Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view of the receptacle proper, with the cover removed and a spoon in position therein. Fig. 4 is a plan view of the cover. Fig. 5 is a plan view of the receptacle with the cover removed.

Like letters of reference in the several figures of the drawings denote corresponding parts.

Referring to the drawings, A designates my improved medicine case or receptacle, comprising a vessel, B, and a cover, C, detachably and removably fitted together, and made, preferably, oval in shape, as clearly shown.

The improved medicine-case is especially designed for the use of homeopaths; and I propose to provide four of the cases or receptacles, each of a different color from its fellow

case, to receive medicines of different kinds, to avoid errors or mistakes in the distribution of said cases and medicines by the prescribing physician or the pharmacist. The cases may be made of glass or other suitable material in any preferred shape or form and size, and of any colors which are different from each other. The colors employed may be red, blue, green, and white, when but four of the receptacles are used to constitute a set; but it will be understood that I do not limit myself to the number of cases or receptacles employed, nor the colors thereof.

The vessel, case, or receptacle proper, B, is provided with two ledges, *b*, arranged at diametrically-opposite points thereof and at a distance from the upper edge, said ledges adapted to receive and support a spoon or other device for administering the medicines, the position which the spoon occupies in said receptacle being clearly shown in Fig. 3 of the drawings.

The top or cover C is provided at its edges with a depending flange, *c*, which, when the cover is in position on the receptacle or vessel, fits over and below the plane of the upper edges of said vessel. (See Fig. 2.) The top C is also provided with a dial, D, on its upper surface, said dial having two concentric rows of figures, *d d'*, arranged one within the other, and two independently-moving hands or indicators, E E', pivoted on a common center or pin, *e*, passing through the said top. The outer circle or rows of figures, *d*, are numbered, preferably, from one to one hundred, as clearly shown, to indicate the number of medicine to be taken—that is to say, the vial or package contained or inclosed in the receptacle being numbered and the long arm E being set to correspond or register with the number on the outer concentric row of figures, *d*. The inner rows of figures, *d'*, are numbered from one to twelve, to indicate the number of hours to elapse before the medicine is to be taken, the arm E' being shorter than its fellow arm, and indicating or pointing to the figure on the row or circle *d'*. The top is provided with the words "Every Hour," and when the hand E' is set to the figure it indicates that the medicine is to be taken once in every number of hours indicated by the said index or hand—as, for example, if it (the index) points

to the figure 5 it is to be understood that the medicine is to be taken once in every five hours.

It will thus be seen that I provide means for conveniently and accurately distributing the medicines to be taken, to indicate the particular number of the said medicine and the time when said medicines are to be taken or administered without danger or liability of committing errors or mistakes.

The device can be used any number of times, and the index-hands conveniently and easily adjusted, and can be manufactured and sold at a minimum of cost.

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

1. As a new article of manufacture, a medicine-case provided with a removable cover having a dial, said dial being provided with two concentric rows of figures, one row of figures to indicate the number of medicine to be taken, and the other the number of hours that are to elapse before they are taken, and the two

independently-moving pointers pivoted on a pin or shaft common to both, substantially as described.

2. As a new article of manufacture, a medicine-case comprising an open receptacle having ledges *b*, adapted to receive and support a spoon or other device, and a removable cover having a depending flange and a dial, said dial having two concentric rows of figures and a pivoted indicator or hand for each row of figures, one of said hands pointing to one row of figures to indicate the number of medicine to be taken, and the other hand to the other row to indicate the number of hours that are to elapse between the interval of taking the medicine, substantially as described.

In testimony that I claim the foregoing as my own I have hereto affixed my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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