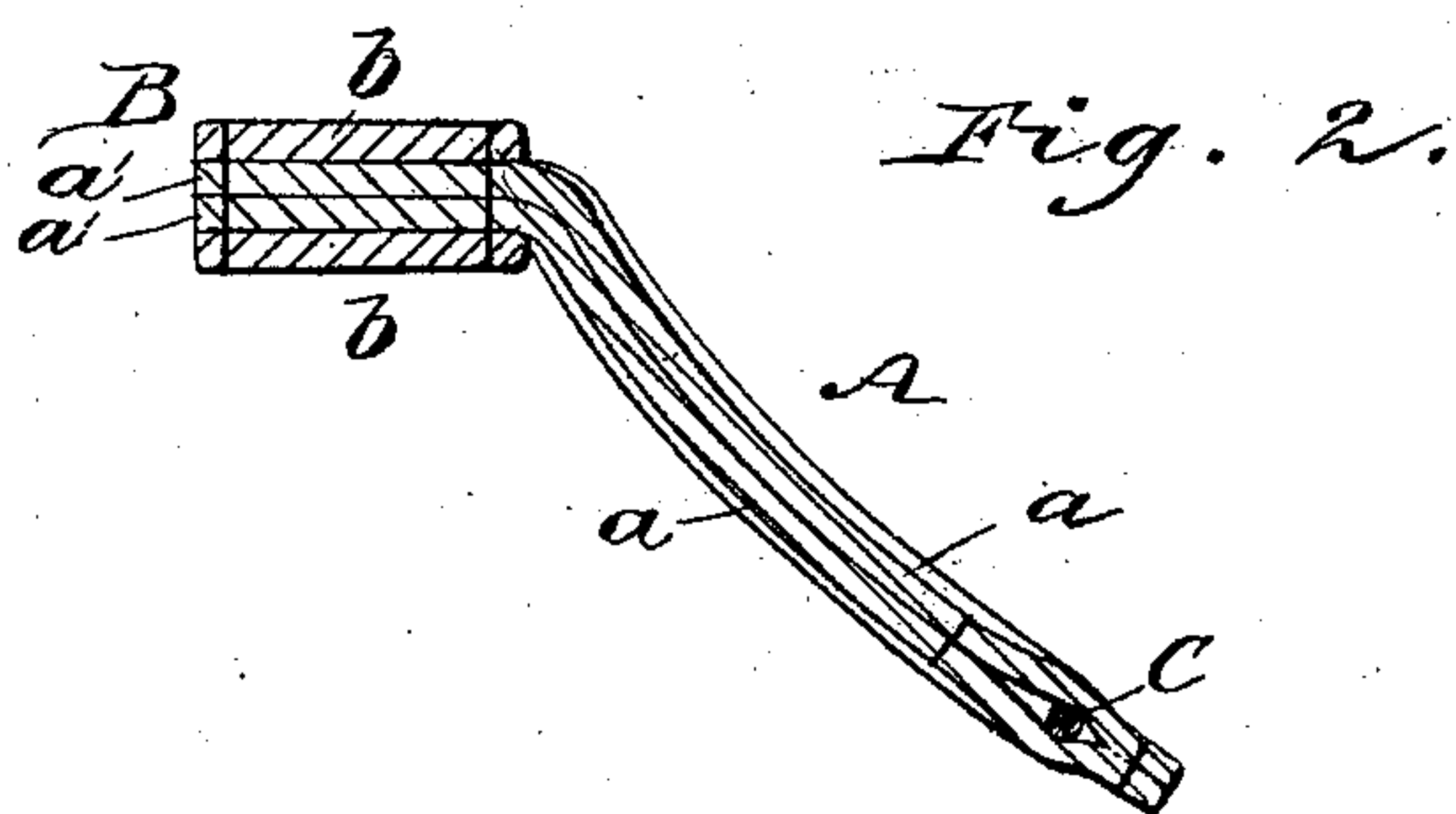
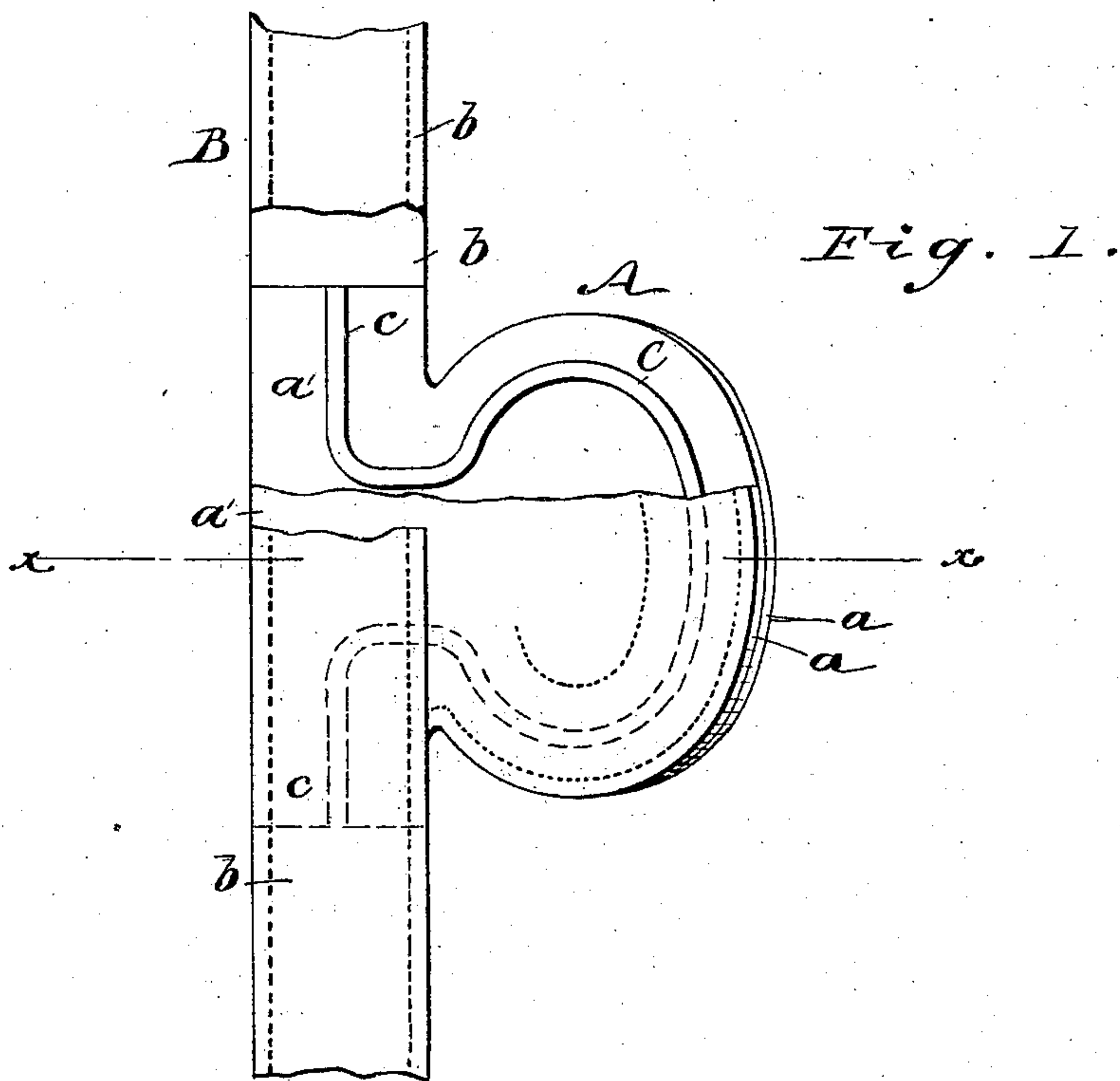


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## BRIDLE-BLIND.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, WILLIAM WALTER ROSS, of Saratoga, in the county of Pratt and State of Kansas, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Bridle-Blinds, of which the following is a full, clear, and exact description.

Reference is to be had to the accompanying drawings, forming a part of this specification, in which similar letters of reference indicate corresponding parts in both the figures.

Figure 1 is a broken front elevation of a part of the cheek-strap of a bridle and a blind attached thereto and made in accordance with my invention, and Fig. 2 is a sectional view taken on the line *x x* of Fig. 1.

The invention will first be described in connection with the drawings, and then pointed out in the claim.

The blind A may be of any desired form, either circular or square, and is attached to the cheek-strap B of a bridle by the extensions *a' a'* of the blind-blanks *a a*, stitched between the straps *b b*, which compose the cheek-strap B. For bracing and stiffening the blind I employ a wire, C. This is bent to conform substantially to the outline of the blind, and also to form the arms or extensions *c c*, which reach up and down in the cheek-strap, and thus brace the blind and prevent it from flapping. The wire is placed between the two blanks *a a* composing the blind, and the wire is given an outward curve to set the blind out from the cheek-strap, as shown in Fig. 2. By the use of the wire the blind is very cheap and light

in construction and will always hold its shape, and the wire prevents the blind from tearing out and fully avoids the use of the sheet-iron bodies in common use, which make the blinds not only heavy, but expensive.

I am aware that it is not new to provide blinds with marginal wires formed with projecting loops to receive the winker-stays and having the ends inserted between the cheek-straps and bent inward, as in the patent to E. Q. Darr, dated October 20, 1885, No. 328,657, and do not claim the same.

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

As an improved article of manufacture, a bridle-blind formed of the side leathers, *a a*, formed with the extensions *a' a'*, for attachment to the cheek-straps, in combination with the stiffening-wire C, bent in a curve and interposed between the leathers *a a*, and formed with the extensions *c c*, which project above and below the curved main portion of the wire and are held between the extensions *a' a'* of the side leathers at their union with the cheek-straps, whereby the wire acts to stiffen the blind and dispenses with the necessity of a stiffening-plate in the body of the blind, substantially as described.

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