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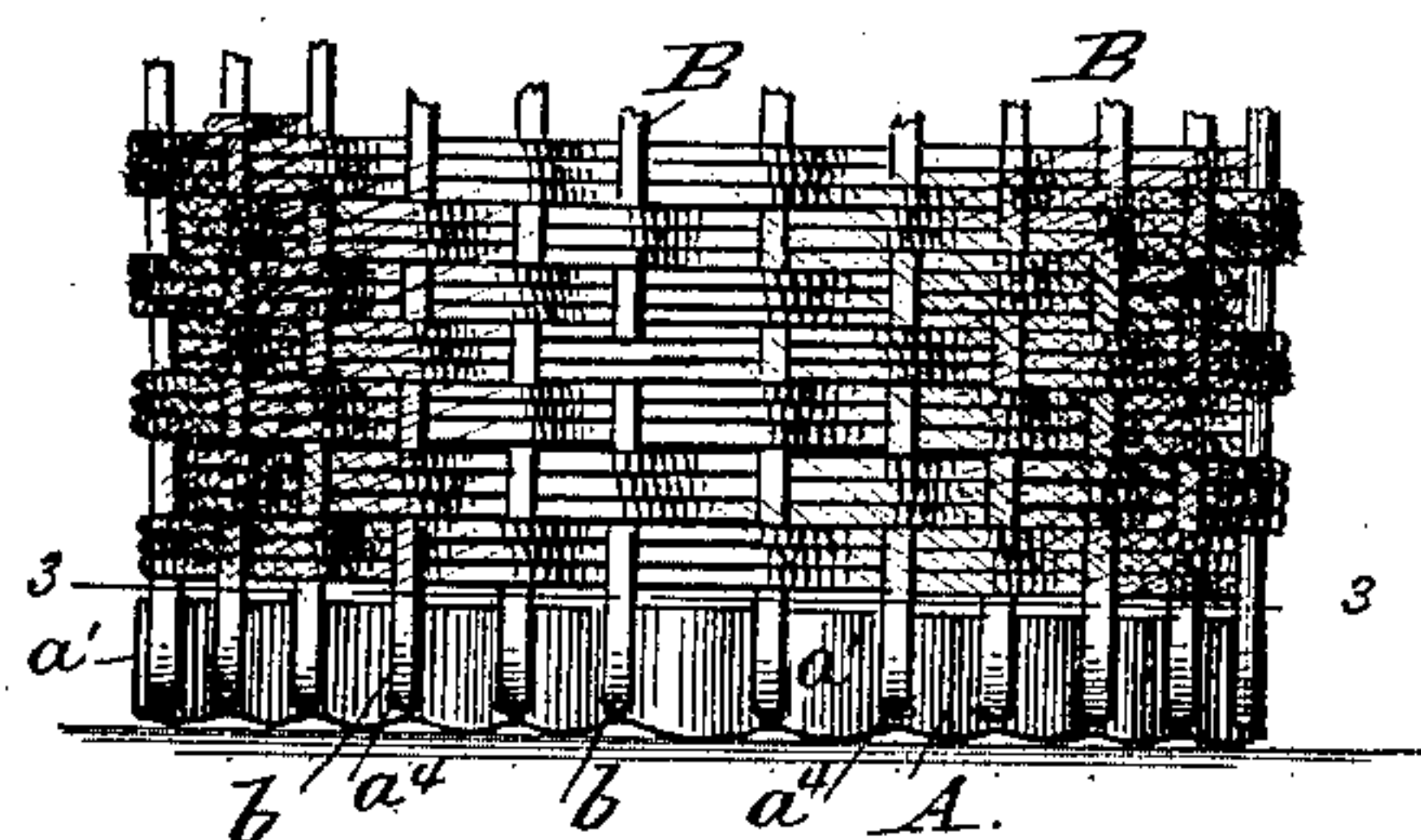
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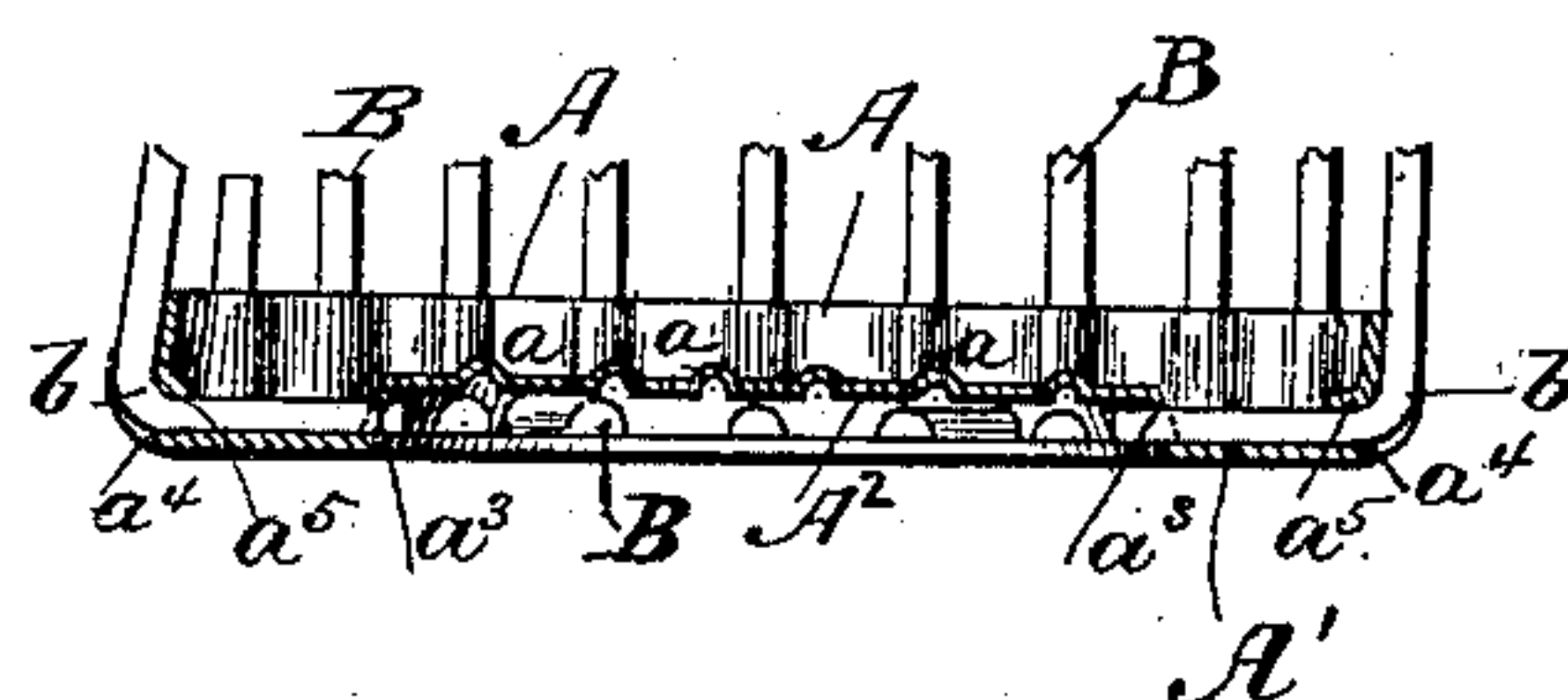
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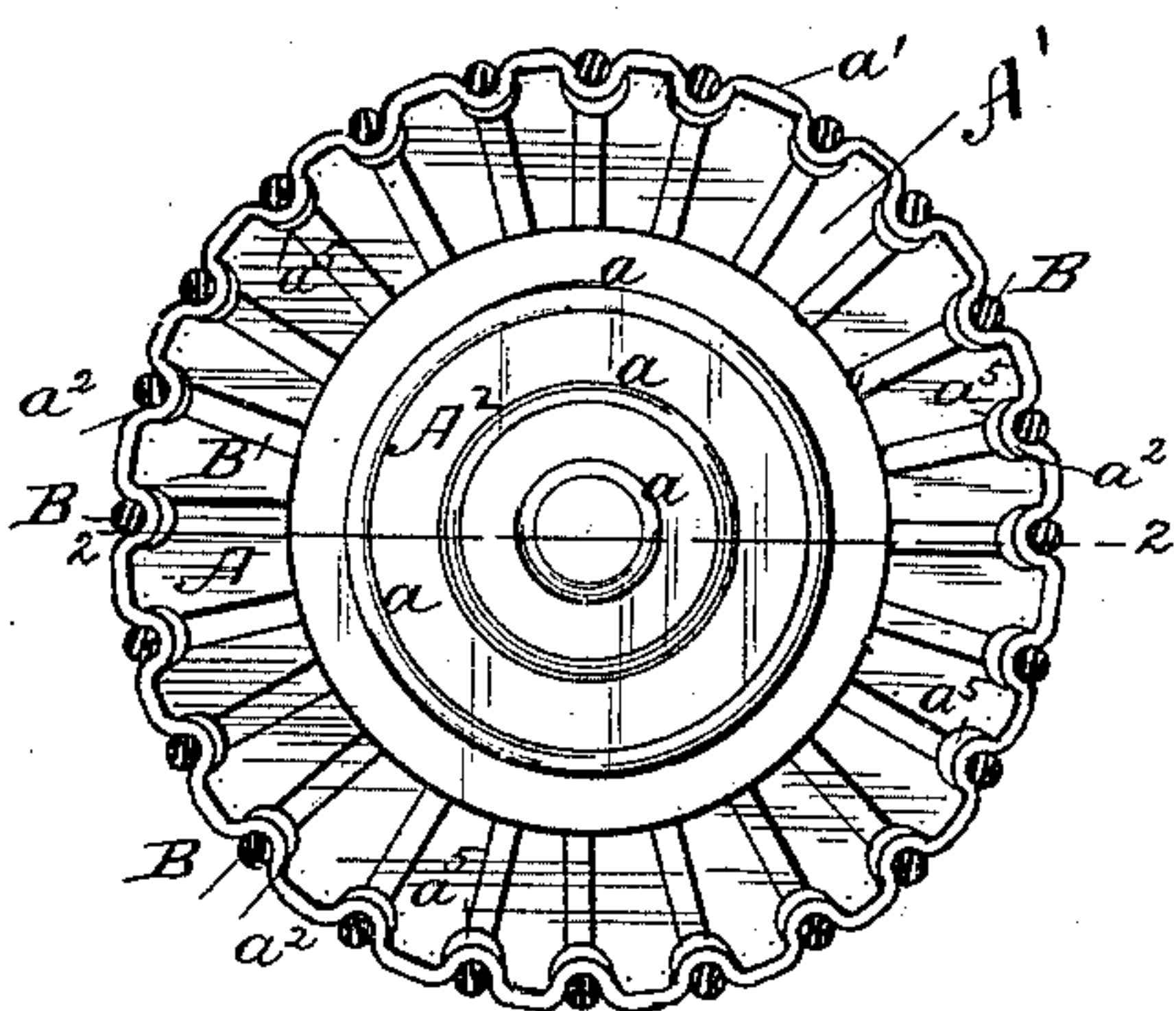
*Fig. 1.*



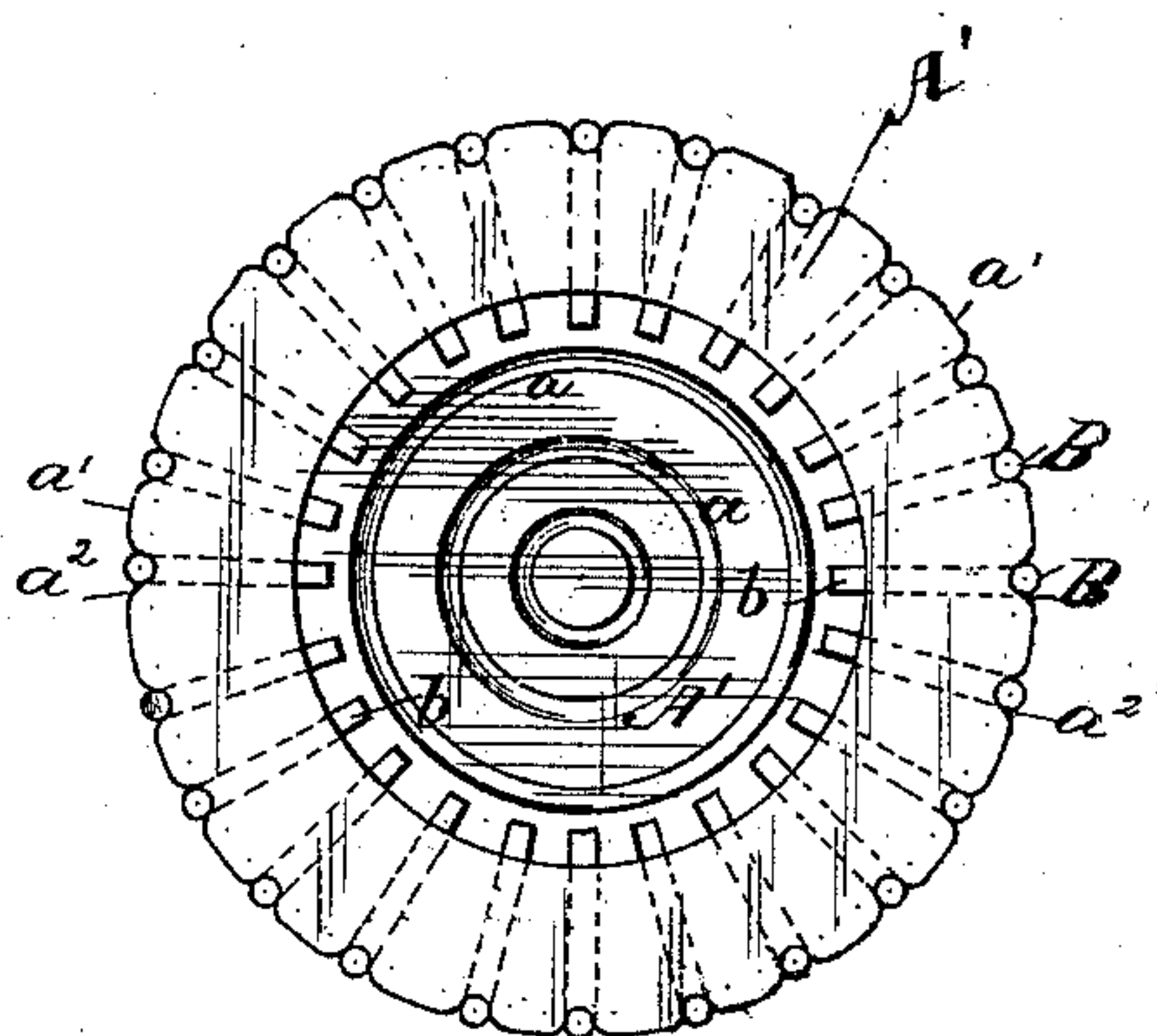
*Fig. 2*



*Fig. 3.*



*Fig. 4.*



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## BASKET-BOTTOM.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, ALBERT W. BECKETT, of St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada, have invented a new and useful Improvement in Basket-Bottoms, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to baskets formed with solid or perforated bottoms and open splint or wicker-work sides.

The object of my invention is to provide a light, strong, and durable bottom, to which the standards of the sides may be readily and firmly secured; and the improvement consists in a bottom stamped up from sheet metal or paper or other suitable material, and provided with base corrugations to give the required strength, and with other corrugations and perforations to receive the side standards.

In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a side elevation of the lower end of a basket having my improved bottom; Fig. 2, a vertical section in the line 2 2 of Fig. 3; Fig. 3, a horizontal section in the line 3 3 of Fig. 1, and Fig. 4 is a plan of the basket-bottom inverted.

The basket-bottom A is preferably made of sheet metal; but paper or other similar composition may be employed with good effect. The bottom A<sup>2</sup> is preferably struck up with suitable dies, and is formed with concentric corrugations *a* to give to it the required strength and lightness. The outer edge of the bottom is turned up or flanged at *a'*, and corrugated at *a''* to receive in each of said corrugations the stakes or standards B. A flat rim-section, A', inside the flange *a'* is depressed sufficiently to receive perforations *a'''* in the inner wall of the said depression, and the outer wall or flange, *a'*, of said depressed portion A' is similarly perforated at *a'''*, at points opposite the perforations *a'''*, to receive the bent ends *b* of the stakes or standards B. The ends *b* of the stakes B are passed through the perforations *a'''* to fit closely against the bottom of the depressed portion A', and are then passed through the perforations *a'''*, and are thus firmly and securely held upon the bottom of the basket. In punching the holes *a'''* part of the metal is turned inward to form a lip or bearing, *a''''*, wider than the thickness of the metal, to prevent the bottom from cutting the basket-stakes or frame.

The bottom of the basket may be of any required shape or size and will be perfectly strong and durable.

The standards, when properly woven with the side wickers, will be held securely in their perforations in the basket-bottom.

By the above-described construction I am enabled to construct a durable basket without having to weave the bottom of the basket.

The corrugations or depressions in the rim of the basket-bottom not only serve to strengthen it, but also provide seats for more firmly supporting the lower ends of the stakes or standards.

I claim as my invention and desire to secure by Letters Patent—

1. A basket-bottom formed of suitable material having a rim provided with corrugations, and perforated, substantially as described, to receive the side stakes of a basket, as specified.

2. A bottom for wicker-work ware having an outer perforated rim, and an annular depression having a perforated inner wall, in combination with the side stakes and wicker-work sides, substantially as described.

3. A basket having a bottom formed of sheet metal or other similar material struck up with corrugations, substantially as described, in combination with the side stakes fitted within said corrugations or standards and wicker-work sides.

4. A basket-bottom having a perforated and corrugated rim, in combination with the side stakes or standards and wicker-work sides, substantially as described.

5. A basket-bottom having a raised center, a circumferential depression, and an upturned rim, perforations in said rim and in the inner wall of said circumferential depression, in combination with side standards and wicker-work sides, substantially as described.

6. A basket-bottom having a raised and corrugated center, a circumferential depression, an upturned rim, and perforations in said rim and in the inner wall of said circumferential depression, in combination with the side standards and wicker-work sides, substantially as described.

7. A basket-bottom, A, having inner corrugations, *a*, a corrugated flange, *a'*, perfora-



tions  $a^4$ , a depressed rim-section,  $A'$ , and perforations  $a^3$  in the inner wall of said rim-section, in combination with the side standards and wicker-work sides, substantially as described.

5 8. A basket bottom,  $A$ , having a flange,  $a'$ , perforations  $a^3$   $a^4$ , and a lip or bearing,  $a^5$ , formed by turning up the metal alongside of

the perforation, in combination with the side standards and wicker-work sides, substantially as described.

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