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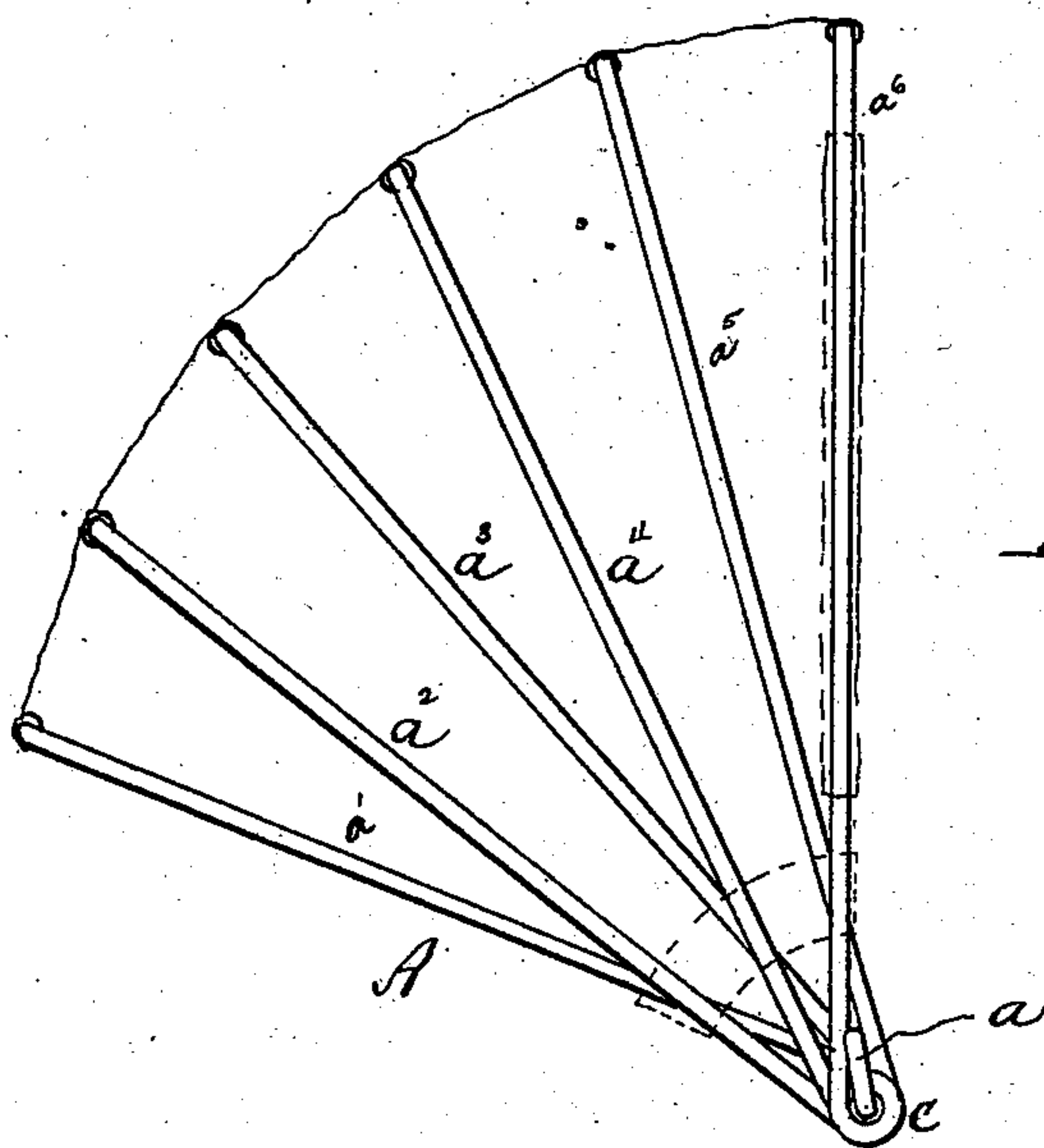


Fig. 1.

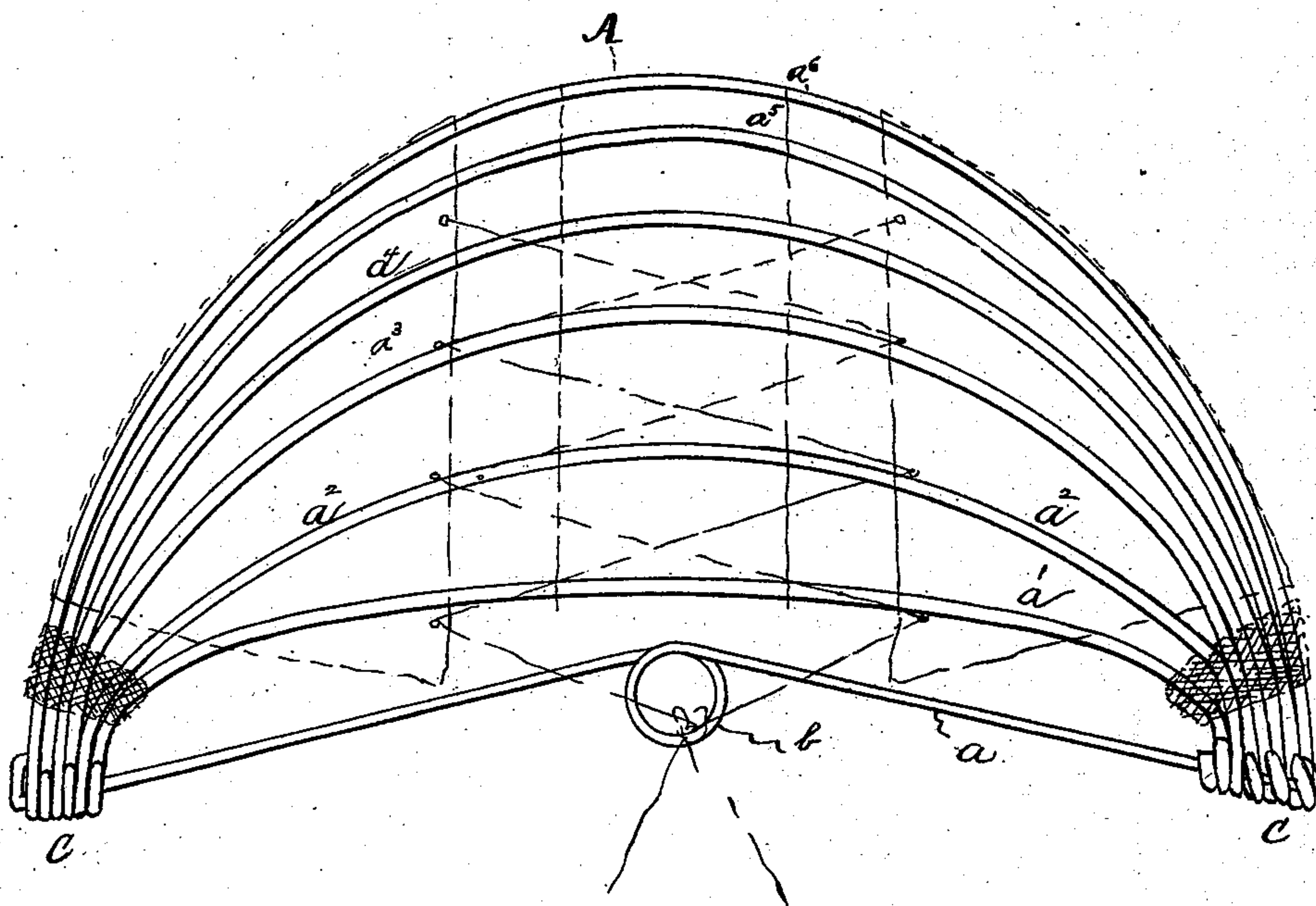


Fig. 2.

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, FRANK E. BENNETT, a citizen of the Kingdom of Great Britain, and a resident of Philadelphia, in the county of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, have invented a new and valuable Improvement in Bustles; and I do hereby declare that the following is a full, clear, and exact description of the construction and operation of the same, reference being had to the annexed drawings, making a part of this specification, and to the letters and figures of reference marked thereon.

Figure 1 is a side elevation of my invention. Fig. 2 is a front elevation of the same, showing my improvements.

My invention has for its object to provide a bustle for ladies' wear which will be suitable both for street and drawing-room wear; and it consists in the novel construction, combination, and arrangement of parts, as hereinafter described and claimed.

The frame-work of the bustle consists of two pieces—the base-wire *a* and a longer piece of continuous wire, *A*. The latter is bent into ribs, *a'* *a*² *a*³ *a*⁴ *a*⁵, of progressively-increasing size, the said wire *a* forming spring-loops *c* in

passing from one rib to another. The base-wire *a* has a spring-loop, *b*, formed in it at its middle point. Textile fabric (indicated at *d*) may be used to cover the frame; but this forms no part of my invention.

The general structure of my bustle-frame resembles that of the frame of a buggy-top. The ribs fold together easily and will yield in every direction to pressure; but the elasticity of the wire, and especially of the spring-loops *b* *c*, will immediately restore the proper shape.

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

In a bustle, the base-wire *a*, having a spring-loop, *b*, formed in it at its middle, in combination with the continuous wire *A*, which is bent to form a series of ribs and wound on the ends of wire *a* to form spring-loops *c* in passing from rib to rib, substantially as set forth.

In testimony that I claim the above I have hereunto subscribed my name in the presence of two witnesses.

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