

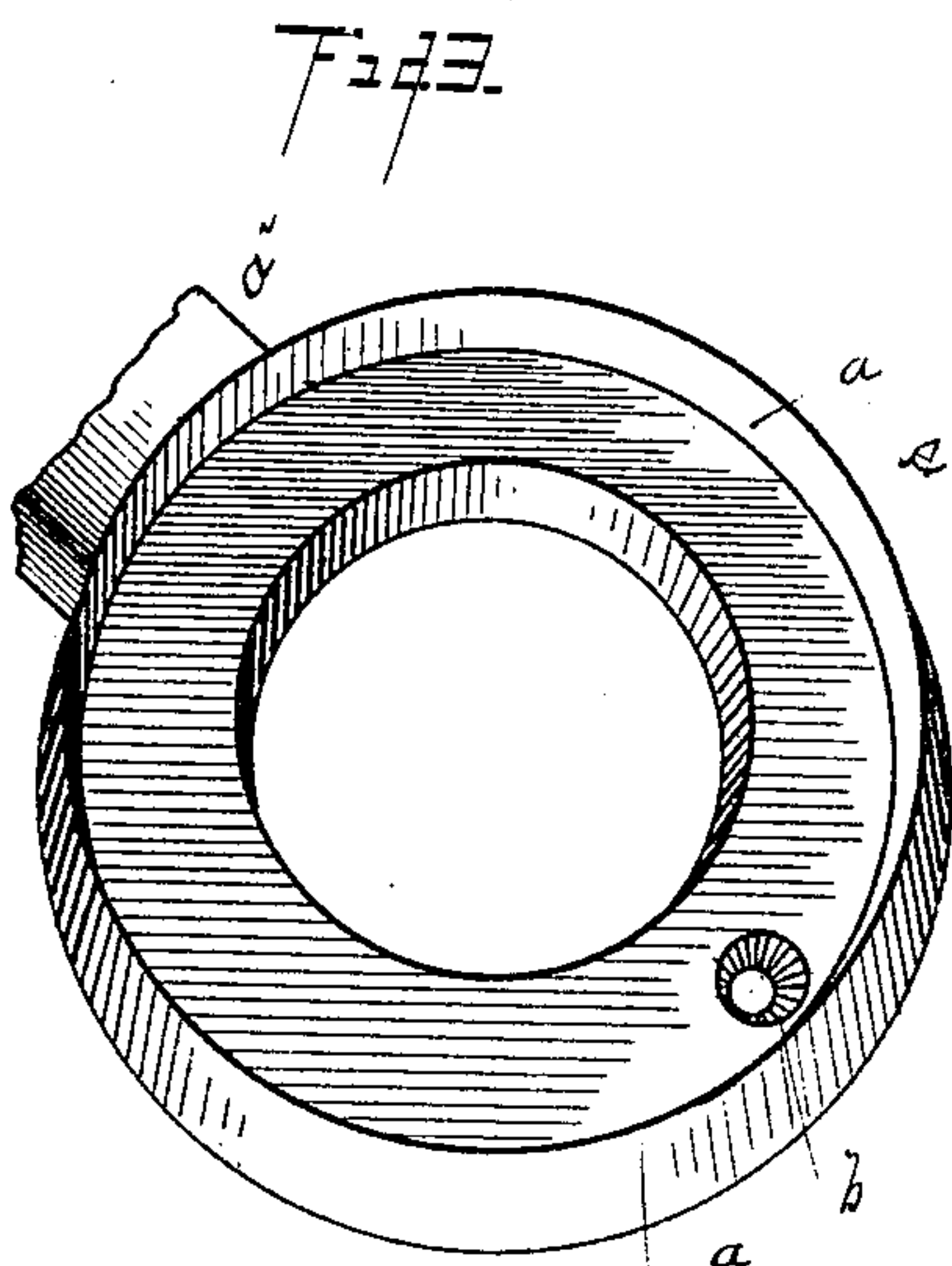
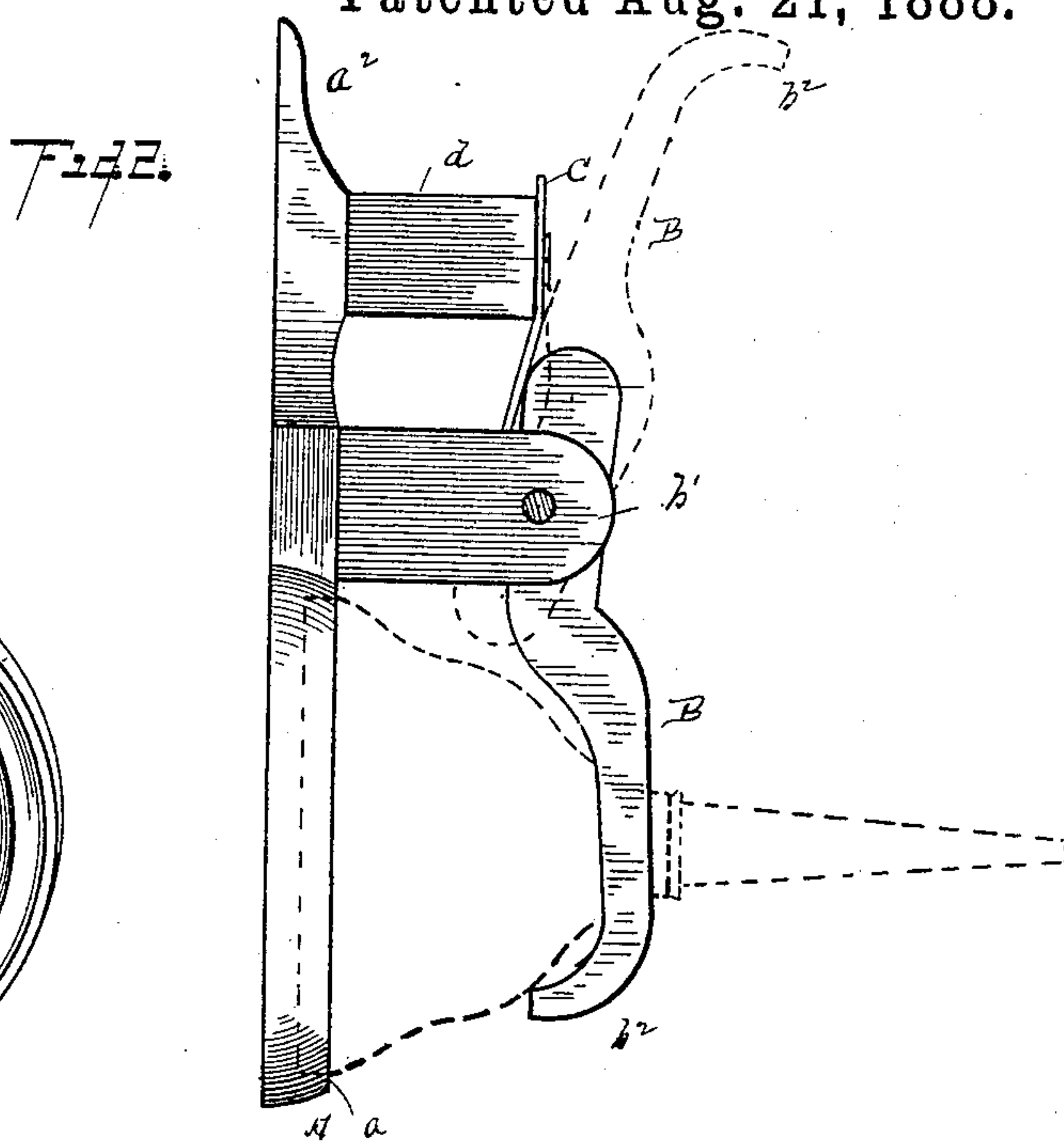
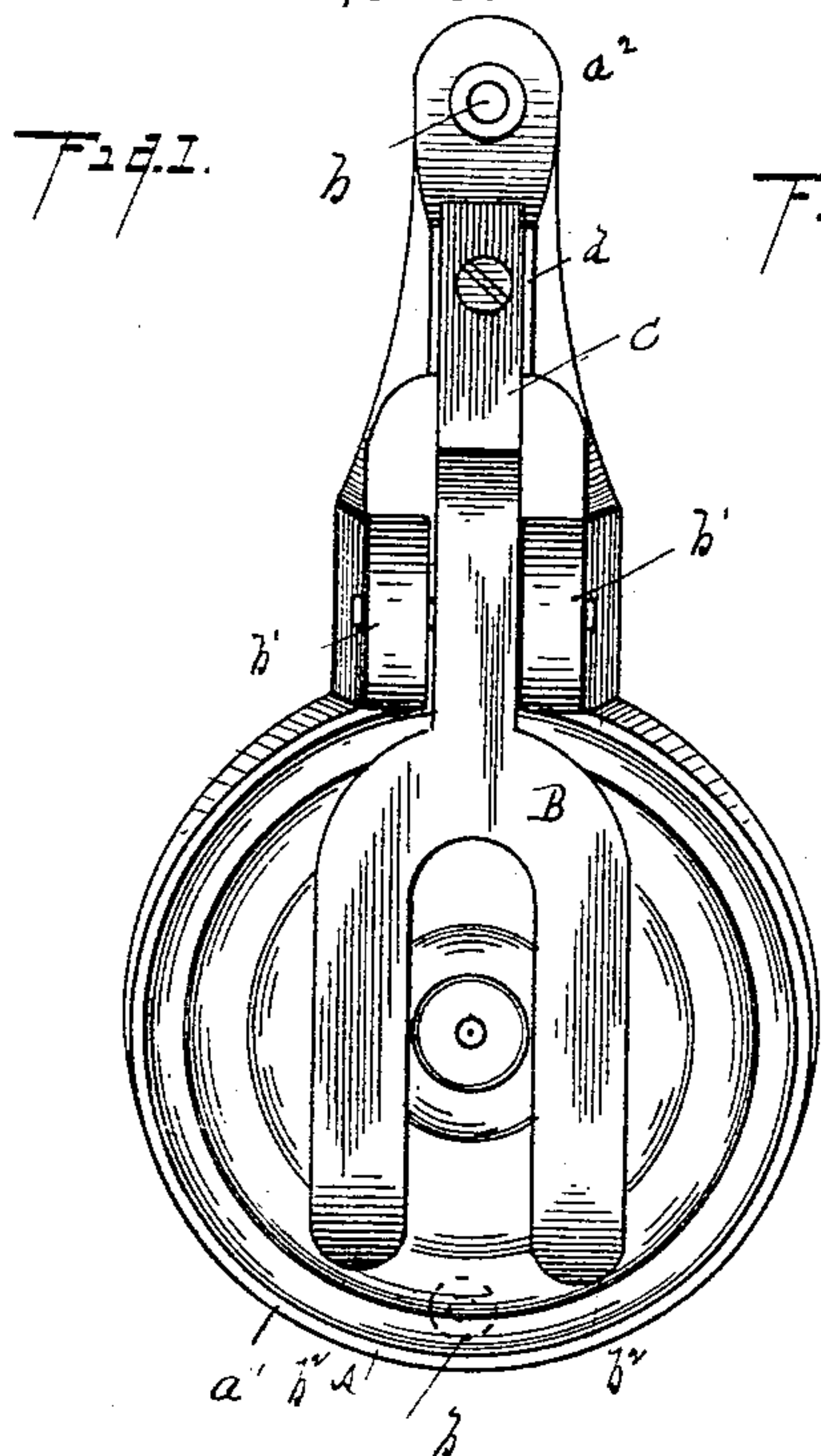
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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ELISHA A. DURFEY, a citizen of the United States of America, residing at Mitchell, in the county of Davison and Territory of Dakota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Oil-Can Holders, of which the following is a specification, reference being had therein to the accompanying drawings.

10 This invention pertains to certain new and useful improvements in oil-can holders or retainers, having for its object the provision of simple and highly efficient means for holding or retaining an oil-can in position when not in use, and to permit of its ready removal from said holder when it is desired to use the same.

15 The invention comprises the detail construction, combination, and arrangement of parts substantially as hereinafter fully set forth, and particularly pointed out in the claims.

20 In the accompanying drawings, Figure 1 is a front elevation of my invention, showing an oil-can in position. Fig. 2 is a side view showing the spring-held arm elevated and the oil-can in dotted lines, and Fig. 3 is a detail perspective view.

25 Referring to the drawings, A indicates a ring or circular bracket provided with an outer peripheral groove, *a*, and with a circular rim or flange, *a'*, as shown. From the upper portion of this ring or circular bracket projects a stationary arm or extension, *a''*, preferably formed with or rigidly secured to the ring or bracket A. In the upper end of this arm or extension *a''* and in the lower portion of the ring or bracket A are formed holes or apertures *b b*, for insertion of screws or nails for holding or retaining the bracket in position.

30 B is an arm pivotally secured between two posts or gudgeons, *b' b'*, and said arm is provided with two downwardly-projecting fingers, *b'' b''*, the outer ends of which are curved, as shown, at nearly right angles to their central portions.

35 C is a spring rigidly secured at one end upon a short post or stud, *d*, projecting from the arm or extension *a''*, and said spring is designed to fit and bear tightly against the inner side of

the pivoted portion of the arm B, whereby said arm is normally held when lowered in the position shown. 50

In practice, to insert an oil-can in position, the operator raises the arm B, together with its fingers, into the position shown in dotted lines, Fig. 2, and after insertion of said can, which fits in the circular groove or recess *a*, the spring-held arm is returned to its normal position, and said can is held by means of the fingers of said arm bearing against the outer curved portion of said can, the tube thereof being permitted to project between the fingers of said arm, as shown. 55 60

From the foregoing description it will be seen that by means of my invention an oil-can is readily and easily secured in position and held as against accident, caused by the same falling, as often occurs, and it will also be seen that said can is readily removed by elevating the spring-held arm. 65

I claim as my invention— 70

1. The combination, with the ring or bracket and the arm or extension, of the pivotally-secured arm having curved fingers, and secured between posts or gudgeons of said arm or extension, and the spring secured to the post or stud and bearing against one side of said arm when the latter is lowered and against the other side thereof when raised, substantially as shown and described. 75

2. The herein-described improved oil can holder, comprising the circular ring or bracket, the stationary arm or extension having the posts or gudgeons, the arm having curved fingers projecting therefrom and pivotally secured between two of said posts or gudgeons, and the spring secured to one of said posts and bearing against one side of one end of said arm when the latter is lowered and against the other side thereof when raised, substantially as shown and described. 80 85 90

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

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