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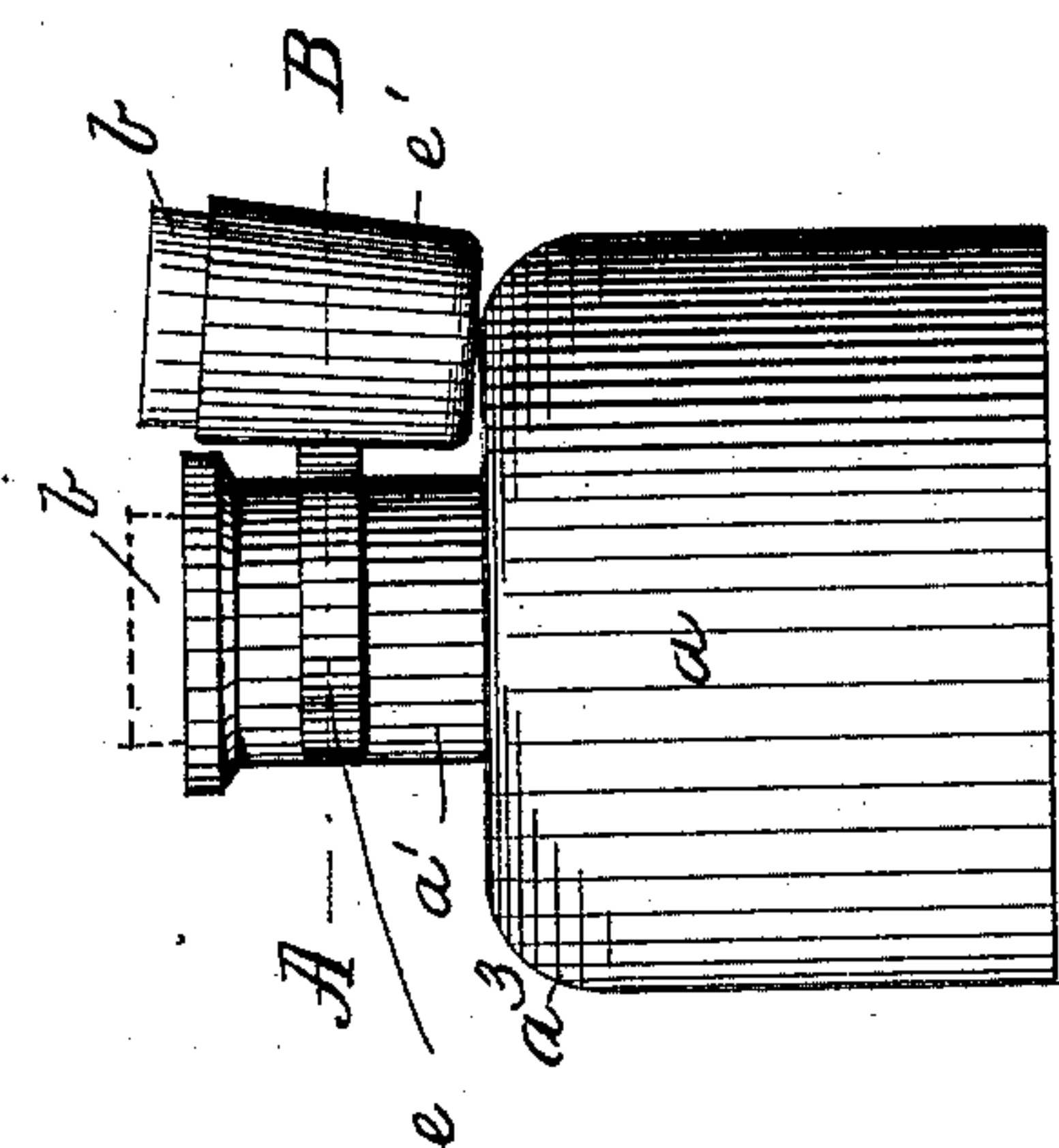
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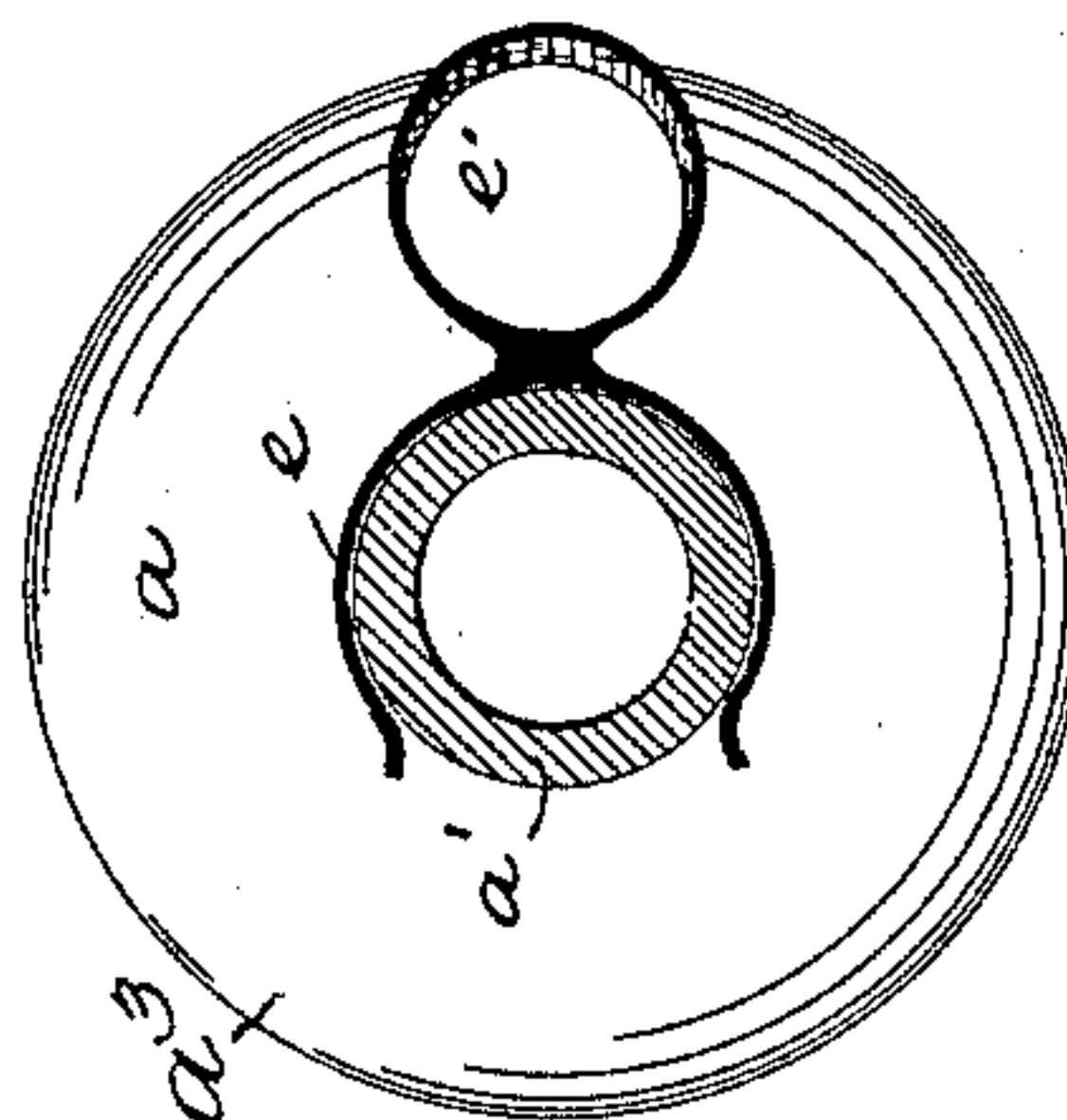
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*Fig. 1.*



*Fig. 2.*



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## STOPPER-RECEIVER FOR BOTTLES.

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*To all whom it may concern:*

Be it known that I, AXEL T. SCHER, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of Salem, in the county of Essex and State of Massachusetts, have invented new and useful Improvements in Stopper-Receiver for Bottles, of which the following, taken in connection with the accompanying drawings, is a specification.

This invention relates to an improved device for holding corks or stoppers on bottles when such cork or stopper is not in use.

The invention is particularly well adapted for ink-bottles or inkstands, although it is equally useful for bottles or cans of other description, as will hereinafter be more fully shown and described, reference being had to the accompanying drawings, where—

Figure 1 represents a side elevation of a bottle provided with my improved cork-holding device. Fig. 2 represents a cross-section on the line A B, shown in Fig. 1.

Similar letters refer to similar parts wherever they occur on the different parts of the drawings.

In the drawings, *a* represents an ordinary ink or other bottle, on which *a'* is the neck, having the outwardly-projecting shoulder or offset *a<sup>3</sup>* at the junction with the upper portion of the body *a*, as usual. *b* is the cork or stopper, which is normally put into the neck of the bottle, as shown by dotted lines in Fig. 1. *e* is a spring-metal clasp or split ring that is adapted to be placed around the neck of the bottle, as shown in Figs. 1 and 2, and to said clasp is secured in a suitable manner the cup *e'*, adapted to receive the cork or stopper *b* when the bottle is open, as shown in said Figs. 1 and 2.

I prefer to use the construction shown in Figs. 1 and 2, as by it any ink or liquid adhering to the cork or stopper is prevented from dropping onto the bottle or table on which the latter is used when the said cork or stopper is temporarily placed in said cup *e'*.

The clasp *e* may be made of flat spring metal or wire, as may be desired, without departing from the essence of my invention.

The device is easily attached to or detached from the neck of the bottle whenever so desired, and consequently the device may be made and sold in the market independent of the bottles, which latter may therefore be of any ordinary or well-known shape or size.

I am aware that bottles have been made heretofore with a stopper-holding device blown or made in one piece with the bottles; but this is objectionable, as it requires a particular mold or molds for making such bottles, and it leaves on the bottle-neck an unsightly projection that is liable to breakage in transportation, handling, or use.

My device being detachable and very light, it can readily be secured to a bottle whenever so desired, and in case the bottle should get broken it can instantly be detached and placed on another bottle for the same purpose.

By having the cup *e'* adapted to rest on the shoulder or offset *a<sup>3</sup>* of the upper end of the body portion *a* the said cup is prevented from sagging down on the neck *a'*, and by this arrangement said cup is held in close proximity to the neck of the bottle, thereby preventing the dripping of the ink from the bottle onto the table or other furniture or object when the cork is removed from the bottle-neck and placed in the cup *e'*.

Having thus fully described the nature, construction, and operation of my invention, I wish to secure by Letters Patent and claim—

The bottle *a*, having neck *a'* and projecting shoulder *a<sup>3</sup>* at the junction of the neck and body of the bottle, in combination with the spring-clasp *e* and its cup *e'*, supported on the said shoulder or projection *a<sup>3</sup>* of the bottle, substantially as set forth and described.

In testimony whereof I have signed my name to this specification, in the presence of two subscribing witnesses, on this 20th day of February, A. D. 1888.

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Witnesses:

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